

MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer



April/May 2023

CDPH Lifts Mask Mandate

Universal masking is no longer required in Providence's California health care settings (with the exception of LA County), per an order by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). At Providence St. Joseph Hospital masking will continue to be required:

- For caregivers and visitors for patients who are COVID-19 positive or patients under investigation (PUI).
- For caregivers who did not receive their influenza vaccine (until April 30, 2023), per Caregiver Health Services policy.

Anyone (caregivers/visitors) with signs and symptoms of illness should refrain from entering the facility. Caregivers who are COVID-19 positive should stay home and notify your supervisor and Caregiver Health Services through the Call Center at 949-534-4450. If there is a surge of COVID-19 in the community and/or an outbreak in the ministry, masking may be needed based on state, local health department or other regulatory authority guidance.

You may choose to continue wearing a face covering (procedure mask or respirator) based on your personal level of risk or preference. Current Cal/OSHA exposure masking requirements are unchanged. Follow the workflow provided by the Call Center (949-534-4450). Caregivers should comply with Standard and Transmission-based Precautions and use of the appropriate PPE for the task, and continue to perform proper hand hygiene.

Kidney Transplant Program Celebrates 50th Anniversary



This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Kidney Transplant Program. Since launching, we have performed more than 1,230 kidney transplants. We recently gathered to celebrate this lifesaving feat with a butterfly display on our lawn, featuring a butterfly for every transplant patient who has had their life transformed at SJO.

With the dedicated work of Yasir Qazi, MD, Robert Naraghi, MD, Ervin Ruzics, MD, and the team of nurses, dietitians, social workers, clinical program assistants and our quality coordinator, we expect to continue to grow and provide life-giving, life-enhancing opportunities to patients. Very soon we'll add pancreas transplants to our program. Simultaneous kidney-and-pancreas transplant can be truly life-changing. Dialysis and insulin therapy are no longer needed and effectively, these patients are no longer diabetic—a transformative moment for our program and our patients.

New Training Requirements for (DEA)-registered Practitioners

On Dec. 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. All DEA-registered practitioners must satisfy this training requirement.

As of June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form affirming they have completed the new training requirement. The deadline for satisfying it is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission.

There are multiple ways that practitioners can satisfy this new training requirement. Additional information can be found at the DEA website: deaddiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/index.html. All questions should be directed to the DEA, Diversion Control Division, 1-800-882-9539 or DEA.Registration.Help@dea.gov, or the DEA Field Office in Riverside, 888-415 9822.

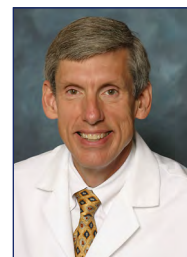
Medical Staff WINS



This month we congratulate Ashok J. Kar, MD, a former Chief of Staff, and Preston Flanigan, MD, on their Emeritus status.

Dr. Kar was the first medical director for St. Joe's Robotics Program and now teaches surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Dr. Kar was instrumental in the hospital's acquisition of its first robot via his grateful patient. He performed St. Joseph's first robotic case – a prostatectomy to cure prostate cancer.

Dr. Flanigan has practiced at SJO since 1988. He served as our medical director of the Vascular Services, and is a past president of the Southern California Vascular Services Society.



It's not a win to see colleagues retire from Active Staff, but long-time partnerships with them were a win for our hospital and community.



National Hospital Week and National Nurses Week in May provide opportunities to Thank You for all you do to safeguard our community. See the back page for celebration details.

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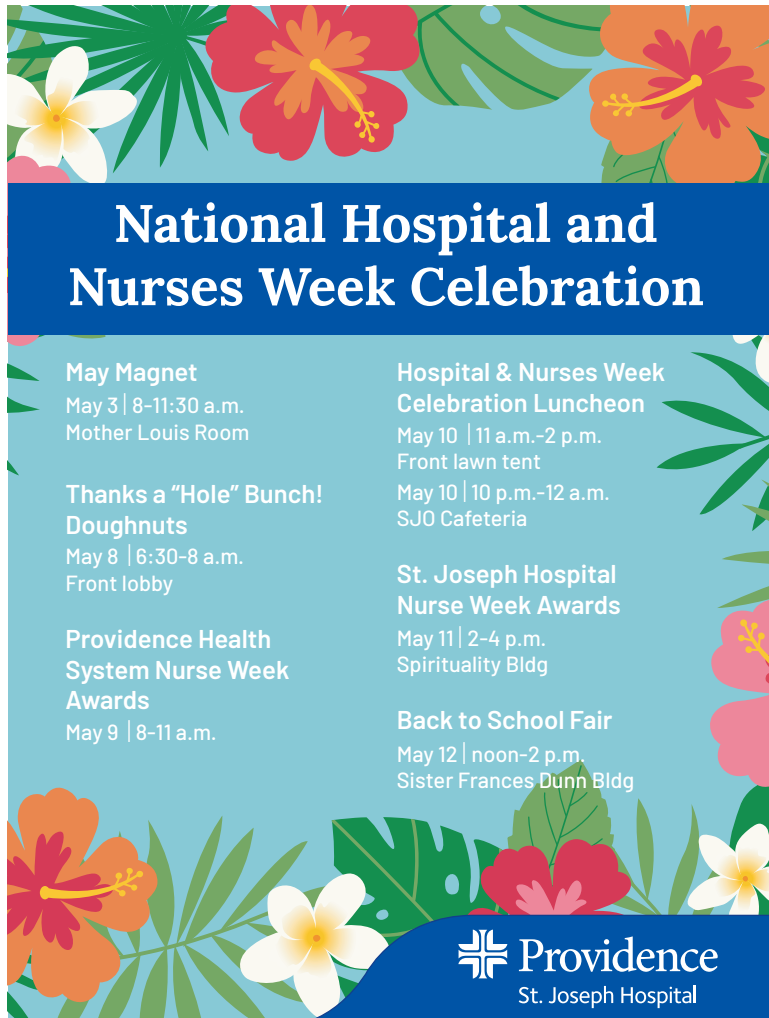


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SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 20, 5 p.m.
Doctor's Day Luau
at The Met
in Costa Mesa



National Hospital and Nurses Week Celebration

May Magnet May 3 8-11:30 a.m. Mother Louis Room	Hospital & Nurses Week Celebration Luncheon May 10 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Front lawn tent
Thanks a "Hole" Bunch! Doughnuts May 8 6:30-8 a.m. Front lobby	St. Joseph Hospital Nurse Week Awards May 11 2-4 p.m. Spirituality Bldg
Providence Health System Nurse Week Awards May 9 8-11 a.m.	Back to School Fair May 12 noon-2 p.m. Sister Frances Dunn Bldg





Art in the GARDEN

Saturday, May 6, 2023
3:00 - 6:00 pm
ST. JOSEPH CENTER GARDENS
440 S. Batavia Street, Orange, California

You're invited to join us for an afternoon of friends, appetizers, beverages, music and more.

- Celebrating the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange's 100 years of service to the world from Orange. Art in the Garden is the final event recognizing this milestone.
- Art in the Garden is *the* event supporting Sisters' ministries.
- Honoring Sr. Ellen O'Leary, CSJ Resident Artist and Sr. Theresa LaMetterey, CSJ Resident Musician

Art in the Garden Event Ticket: \$60
Enjoy the Silent Auction with Art and More, Wine Pull, Fund a Need, Lacemaking Demonstration, Tours of the Welcoming Center

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