

MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

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L to R: Honoree **Adrian Vizcarra, RN, Clinical Informaticist**; **Carolina Vizcarra, Dr. Rajesh Mittal**, honoree **Josephine Zarnegar, RN, Emergency Care Center**; **Dr. Peter Smethurst, Chief of Staff**; honoree **Lisa Muller, NP, Supportive Care Medicine/Palliative Care Team**; **James Muller and Dr. Brian Boyd, Past Chief of Staff**.



Honoree **Melvin Sy, RN, MICU and Radiology**, is congratulated by **Drs. Amir Ghiassi, Peter Smethurst, Kim Driscoll, RN, manager of MICU, and Dr. Joseph Preston**.

Friend of Physician Awards Honor Difference Makers

The Medical Executive Committee recognized four St. Joseph Hospital nurses with the 2022 Friend of Physician Award. This award honors individuals who have worked in earnest to support the qualities physicians have sworn to uphold through the Hippocratic Oath,

including dedication to patient care, medical ethics, and supporting the art and science of medicine. The Medical Staff appreciates their leadership and dedication to making a significant difference in the lives of patients, physicians and their health care colleagues.

In Memoriam: John Cleary, MD



Dr. John Patrick Cleary, an esteemed neonatologist and physician leader, has peacefully passed away. Dr. Cleary was a respected physician, treasured friend, and passionate defender of childhood, particularly for our smallest, most vulnerable patients in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

At CHOC and St. Joseph Hospital since 1995, Dr. Cleary cared for thousands of patients, served

on multiple committees, and held several leadership roles, including as medical director of the NICU Extracorporeal Life Support Program (ECLS) for more than 20 years. With more than 35 publications to his name, Dr. Cleary was prolific in research, with interests including synchronized mechanical and high-frequency ventilation, pulmonary hypertension and non-invasive monitoring. Equally impressive was Dr. Cleary's work outside of CHOC, all anchored by a devotion to children. He served as president of the California Association of Neonatologists from 2014-16 and served on the executive committee of the Children's Subspecialty Coalition. He was a founding member and board member of the Neonatal Cardiac Society and co-creator of the international conference NeoHeart. We know that the keynote address at NeoHeart was especially important to Dr. Cleary and moving forward it will be called the John Patrick Cleary Keynote Address.

Dr. Cleary was also a passionate golfer and to honor him at the CHOC Golf Classic, the John Patrick Cleary Award will be presented to the first-place winning team.

Dr. Cleary leaves an inspiring legacy for each of us, as well as the thousands of patients and families whose lives he has impacted. Our thoughts are with Dr. Cleary's wife, Joyce, his four children, new grandson, grandniece and his entire family.



L to R: **Timothy Byun, M.D., John Maurice MD, Amy Daugherty, Stavroula Otis, MD, Marsha Moeller, Michele Carpenter, MD, Kathy Berger and Jeremy Zoch**.

A Sensational Celebration 2022

After two years of loyal supporters hosting in their homes, Celebration returned to the City National Grove of Anaheim. The premier black-tie event was an incredible success, raising more than \$1.95 million to support The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment.

A special thank you to co-chairs Michele Carpenter, MD, and Stavroula Otis, MD; honorary co-chairs Timothy Byun, MD, John Maurice, MD, and Marsha Moeller; as well as sponsors, supporters, and volunteers for their generous support. All helped make this event such a success and furthered world-class care close to home for family, friends and neighbors, who will have access to the latest technology, clinical trials, genetic testing and research.

