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MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS



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## Welcome to new Medical Staff

**Elizabeth Bales, MD**.....Anesthesiology  
**Devin Binder, MD**.....Neurosurgery  
**Jane Hong, MD**..... Obstetrics/Gynecology  
**Michael Klein, MD**..... Teleradiology  
**Richa Lal, MD**.....Pediatrics  
**John Lin, MD**.....Anesthesiology  
**Truongson Nguyen, MD**. Internal Med-Hospitalist  
**Reza Shafee, MD**..... Obstetrics/Gynecology  
**Tony Yang, MD**..... Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

## What's new from Burlew

Literature searches now arrive in PDF format in your email, with links to full text articles. New Resource areas on the library website include: H1N1 Flu Resources, links to articles by SJO and CHOC authors, and Going Green in Healthcare. An instructional PowerPoint can assist you in setting up alerts to new articles in your favorite journals.

In FY '09, the library staff conducted nearly 1,500 research projects for the staff of SJO and CHOC. Please contact Burlew Medical Library if we can assist you with your informational needs.

**Julie L. Smith, MLS, AHIP, Library Manager,**  
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## Cardiac & Vascular screenings

Although the St. Joseph Hospital Wellness Center recently closed, Cardiac and Vascular Screenings are going strong. For details on cardiovascular screenings please visit [www.sjo.org/screenings](http://www.sjo.org/screenings) or call (714) 744-8791. - **Sue Henke, RN, BSN, Manager, Cardiac and Vascular Program**

## And the winner is...the St. Joseph Hospital patient!

In 2009 St. Joseph Hospital was one of two hospitals in the St. Joseph Health System receiving the SJHS Quality Award, reflecting these achievements by Medical Staff and hospital personnel striving for Perfect Care:

- **Evidence Based Care:** In June, for the first time ever, SJO achieved top decile in each of the five clinical conditions. CABG had zero failures; Heart Failure improved by 33% (64% in two years); pneumonia outcomes improved by 30% in the past year (60% in two years); Orthopedics improved 53% in Total Joint Surgery (80% over the past two years).
- **Ventilator Associated Pneumonia:** SJO achieved Perfect Care by preventing infections in 100% of our ventilator patients for the past 13 months.
- **Reducing Mortality:** SJO surpassed the exceptional target for this SJHS Perfect Care goal by reducing risk-adjusted mortality by 12% from a baseline of 0.83 in FY '08 to 0.72 in FY '09. This is a direct result of a focus on improving care at the end of life (more referrals to Palliative Care and Hospice) and on work through the Clinical Institute on early identification and treatment of sepsis.
- **Patient Satisfaction and Physician Satisfaction** (based on PRC audit results) also factored into the SJHS Quality Award.

## Right patient, right med, right time

Help your patient receive the right medication in a timely manner and decrease clarification calls:

- Date and time all orders.
- Write legibly and use pre-printed order sets if available.
- Always include: drug, dose, route (including RT drugs), frequency (SIG), indication
- Do not use unapproved abbreviations.
- Do not use dose ranges.
- Do not write over doses on pre-printed order forms. Cross out the dose and write the dose on a new line and initial.
- One medication order per line. Do not write medication orders in double columns or write in the margins of the order form.
- Never go back to add orders to a previously written order. Always start a new order sheet.

### Treatment Strategies for Breast and Prostate Cancer

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 6:30 - 8 pm  
**Lawrence D. Wagman, MD, FACS;**  
**Matthew L. Greenberger, MD, Brian B. Norouzi, MD, Jay Harness, MD, FACS**

### Educational opportunities

#### Bipolar Symposium

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 7:30 am - 3 pm  
**Himasiri De Silva, MD, Hanaa Fam, MD, Geoffrey Phillips, MD, Vinayak Shanbhag, MD, and Dan Kraft, LCSW**

### Diabetes and Atherosclerotic Disease

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 6:30 - 8 pm  
**Samuel Mayeda, MD**  
For details visit [www.sjo.org/Physicians\\_Only](http://www.sjo.org/Physicians_Only).  
Call (866) 714-1777 to register.

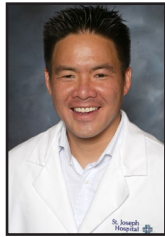
# In the trenches with Michael Chan, MD Interventional Cardiologist

## How has your first year been at St. Joseph Hospital?

It's been a very rewarding experience so far. My transition to St. Joseph Hospital has been made relatively seamless by the tremendous support of the Medical Staff, Cath Lab team, nurses and Administration. The hospital has flown under the radar somewhat on a national level, but deserves recognition for its excellence. St. Joseph's Hospital has the feel of a small academic center in a community hospital environment. I've been impressed by the strong sense of camaraderie across disciplines, even in traditionally antagonistic fields, in the interest of delivering high quality patient care. Many of my patients have commented on how warm and friendly everyone here is, from the parking lot attendant when they arrive to the person sending them home. I have to make particular mention of the Cardiac Catheterization staff who have been the best I've worked with so far, bar none.

## Tell us about your practice.

I'm the newest member of Cardiology Specialist of Orange County and specialize in interventional and general consultative cardiology. I am



thrilled to be working alongside gifted physicians such as Drs. Warren Johnston, Donald Mahon and Thomas C. Kim. As an interventional cardiologist, I treat a wide range of patients who may present with acute heart attacks, congenital heart problems, or valvular heart disease. As a general and preventative cardiologist, I provide consultative services for both office- and hospital-based patients who may present with a diverse range of cardiovascular issues ranging from arrhythmias to congestive heart failure to pregnancy-related hypertension.

I am excited about contributing to the research community at St. Joseph Hospital and have had the privilege to serve as a principal investigator for a cath-lab based randomized trial on acute coronary syndrome. We've been evaluating a novel intravenous drug cangrelor in a randomized controlled trial in patients with unstable angina or non-ST elevation myocardial infarctions. Cangrelor's ability to reversibly bind to the platelet receptors offers distinct advantages that, if proven efficacious, would significantly augment our armament of treatment options for acute coronary syndromes. I've also begun collaborating with outstanding investigators such as Drs. **Mahmood Razavi**, **Shalizeh Shokooh**, and **Maged Azer** on new clinical studies.

*What other cardiovascular advances excite you?* One is percutaneous valve replacements, a non-surgical catheter-based approach to management of valvular heart disease. Now under intense development, this minimally invasive procedure has the potential to treat patients previously considered ineligible for open heart surgery.

The opening of our hybrid OR early next year is also exciting. Procedures previously done in stages over days can now be combined into one. It will allow for increased collaboration, drawing on the expertise of cardiologists, diagnostic and interventional radiologists, and cardiac and vascular surgeons. It should open opportunities for all the groups here and enable us to do more high-risk cases safely and efficiently.

*Upland native Michael Y. Chan, MD, graduated Magna Cum Laude from UCLA and received his medical degree from Stanford Medical School. He did an internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. At Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, he completed fellowships in both Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology. In 2006 he joined a practice in Santa Monica and concurrently served as an Asst. Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA Olive View. Dr. Chan joined the SJO Medical Staff in the fall of 2008. He was inspired to become a doctor by his mother Marlan, a recently retired OR nurse.*



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