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What facts should the Medical Staff know about our "behind-the-scenes" pathologists? We're unique in that every one of our pathologists is triple board certified, by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic Pathology (surgical pathology), Clinical Pathology (laboratory medicine) and a subspecialty. The subspecialties within our group are Dermatopathology, Cytopathology, Pediatric Pathology and Hematopathology. Three of our pathologists have done an additional fellowship in surgical pathology. Most of us trained at UCLA or Stanford University. Because of the knowledge and expertise within our group, we're able to provide the highest level of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology services in Orange County.

I'm very proud to be in Orange County Pathology Medical Group, Inc. (OCPMG), which is like a second family. We all get along and work in a collaborative way. Each of us serves as a resource for others in the group. For example, we promote the practice of intradepartmental consensus on diagnostic malignant biopsies. It's not required by the College of American Pathologists, but we do this in order to provide the highest quality of patient care.

While most of our work is done here in the basement at a microscope, we're also found in the Lab or the OR, and doctors in the hospital also see us participating in over 40 meetings a month including tumor boards, clinical conferences and hospital meetings. We're a very approachable group. Physicians can always call us with questions and if they want to see cases they can call ahead and we'll have the multi-headed scope set up for them. We're always available - someone is on call 24/7.

Tell us about your Pathology family.

Dr. Bijan Haghghi is the Director of Dermatopathology Services and Director of Pathology for The Melanoma Program at SJO, and Director of Pulmonary Pathology Services. He has remained a clinical instructor at Stanford.

The only pathologist I didn't know when I came here is **Dr. Shu-Yuan Liao**, and I'm grateful we have her. She has been my mentor and is a very talented surgical pathologist. Dr. Liao has published extensively in Gyn pathology. She is our Director of Breast and Gyn Pathology and maintains her clinical professorship at UCI in the Department of Epidemiology.

Dr. Mark Lones, who I met while a UCLA resident, recruited me to SJO. He is the Director of Hematopathology and GI Pathology Services.

Dr. Aaron Sassoon and I became friends

during our residencies at UCLA. We were very fortunate to recruit him away from St. John's Hospital. He is the Pathology Liaison for The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, Director of Urologic Pathology and serves as head of our National Community Cancer Center Pilot Biospecimen Repository. Dr. Sassoon was recently named National Cochairman for the Biospecimen Repository Project.

I met **Dr. Michael Schoen**, SJO Laboratory Medical Director, while I was a fellow at Stanford. His subspecialty is Cytopathology and he is the Director of this service. He is also Director of Head and Neck Pathology Services.

I did my residency at UCLA, surgical pathology fellowship at Stanford and pediatric fellowship at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles before coming here 14 years ago. In addition to being SJO and CHOC Pathology Chair and President of OCPMG, I'm Medical Director of our outpatient laboratory, Pathology Diagnostic Consultants, Inc., a division of OCPMG, and serve as the Director of Pediatric Pathology at SJO and CHOC. My husband, Larry, and I enjoy spending our time away from work with our 17-month-old son, Joshua, who was born at St. Joseph Hospital.



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