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St. Joseph Hospital, CHOC relationship evolving

St. Joseph Hospital and Children's Hospital of Orange County are moving forward with new initiatives that will provide our community with the finest healthcare available. Both hospitals are actively engaged in expansion plans to ensure that we have the capacity to serve the patients who need us – today and tomorrow.

After careful consideration of Orange County's projected future pediatric health care needs, CHOC has recognized the need to build a new patient care tower on the existing CHOC campus. The majority of pediatric services will be provided by CHOC in this tower, including operating rooms, emergency, laboratory, pathology, imaging and radiology services. CHOC must take this critical step in order to meet the growing demand for its services and reach the full potential and vision of its master campus plan.

To allow both hospitals adequate time to prepare for this transition, CHOC recently advised St. Joseph Hospital that in five years, CHOC will begin to provide most pediatric services currently provided by St. Joseph Hospital through the two hospitals' Shared Services Agreement. CHOC will provide those services upon the opening of its new patient care tower. Both hospitals have been

contemplating this issue and will spend the next five years actively planning and implementing a safe and positive transition of care for children who currently are treated through shared services.

CHOC and St. Joseph Hospital share a long and successful history, beginning nearly 50 years ago with the inception of CHOC thanks to the foresight and dedication of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Since CHOC's opening in 1964, the two hospitals have worked side by side to nurture, advance and protect the health and well-being of Orange County's children.

SJH has projected significant growth over the next 30 years. The new Patient Care Center and soon-to-open Cancer Center are part of a master plan that will enable SJH to meet the growing demands in adult medicine. We expect both hospitals to thrive as a result of this transition, which has been the experience nationally for adult and pediatric providers who have become independent. Our goal is to create two excellent hospitals that are well positioned to serve the healthcare needs of our community.

-Larry Ainsworth, President & Chief Executive Officer, St. Joseph Hospital
Kimberly Cripe, President & Chief Executive Officer, CHOC

Kidney Transplant Center's 35th

This year, the St. Joseph Hospital Kidney Transplant Center celebrates the 35th anniversary of its first kidney transplant. Over 800 transplants later, St. Joseph Hospital kidney transplant patients now benefit from success rates among the best in the nation.

Although St. Joseph Hospital performs more kidney transplants than any other facility in Orange County, there is an especially great need in our area to do more, according to **Ervin Ruzics, MD**, Medical Director of the program. He explains, "On average, people who have chronic kidney disease are on a waiting list for six to eight years before a kidney becomes available. Until then, patients require kidney dialysis three times a week just to survive, often while their conditions deteriorate. Their life expectancy and quality of life improves dramatically with a new kidney, but there are simply not enough donated kidneys to meet the need."

From 2000 to 2006, the number of people in Orange County on dialysis grew by 6,000. St. Joseph Hospital provides 40,000 dialysis treatments each year, yet still has a waiting list. In response, this July the hospital will open a satellite dialysis center in Santa Ana on Fourth Street near Tustin Avenue.

You are cordially invited to celebrate 35 years of kidney transplantation at St. Joseph Hospital. This milestone celebration will include transplant recipients, donors, friends and colleagues.

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

California State University, Fullerton - Arboretum

Lunch will be served! Casual attire is suggested.

Our celebration will include stories of recipients and donors. To volunteer or RSVP (by April 18) please call (714) 771-8037.

One of the first, one of the best

Arthur Goldstein, M.D., was one of the first physicians in the U.S. to be a board-certified perinatologist, 31 years ago in 1977. He was honored earlier this year for his professional longevity at the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine's annual meeting in Texas. Dr. Goldstein is a specialist in high-risk pregnancy and genetics. He serves as the SJH Director of the Department of Perinatology.

A reception in Dr. Goldstein's honor will be held on Wednesday, April 23, from 1 to 3 pm in the new suite for Maternal Fetal Testing, Suite 805 of the Outpatient Pavilion.

St. Joseph Hospital makes top 10

For the second consecutive year, St. Joseph Hospital was named one of America's Top Ten Healing Hospitals by the Baptist Healing Trust in Nashville, Tenn., a foundation dedicated to promoting, supporting and recognizing radical loving care. The Healing Hospital designation is made by the leadership team of the Baptist Healing Trust based on an evaluation of the organization's commitment in promoting and implementing a culture of compassionate, patient-centered care.

MediCal jumps the gun

As of April 1, 2008, MediCal began requiring tamper-proof prescription pads. This regulation applies to all written, non-electronic prescriptions (for non-controlled drugs and OTCs) for Medicaid recipients (MediCal, CalOptima, MediMedi). It does not apply to drugs provided in nursing facilities and other specified institutional and clinical settings. It does not apply to prescriptions faxed or phoned into the pharmacy; or to refills of written prescriptions presented at a pharmacy before 4/1/08. New tamper-resistant pads are not to be used for controlled substances which already require a tamper-resistant (multiple security features required) prescription pad. At SJH, we are converting the current blank prescription pads to a different look (a full page that contains two perforated blanks) as we comply with the security requirement. The first phase (April - Oct) allows you to choose one of three security features. Within six months the law requires three security features. For your convenience, tamper-proof pads can be ordered at http://www.sjo.org/For_Physicians_Only.aspx.

Sy Amirpoor, Pharm.D., Director of Pharmacy Services

SJH named Overall Best Performer

St Joseph Hospital was named a National Award Winner for Exemplary Service, Overall Best Performer, 2007, by Avatar. This award is based on the results of the hospital's 2007 patient surveys. It is given to those hospitals with the highest overall combined score for Inpatient, Outpatient, Emergency Department, and Ambulatory Surgery.

Avatar International Inc. provides in-depth patient satisfaction survey results to drive improvement in hospital care. In surveys delivered at random to former patients' homes, the patients are asked to rate their experience, including the environment, safety and quality of physician and nursing care. Results are compared to hospitals nationally.



Approximately 300 physicians attended the Doctors' Day 2008 celebration on Monday, March 31, at St. Joseph Hospital. The Medical Staff was treated to an "Escape to the Islands"-themed luncheon, music and hula dancing. Nearly 700 staff physicians ordered and received Doctors' Day gifts of appreciation. Physicians pictured above are Allan Akerman, M.D., OB/Gyn, and Sterling Mutz, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgery.

COUNTDOWN TO THE CANCER CENTER OPENING: 97 DAYS



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