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America's Best Hospital for Orthopedics - again

For the second consecutive year, St. Joseph Hospital was named one of "America's Best Hospitals" for Orthopedic Care by *U.S. News & World Report*. St. Joseph Hospital was the only hospital in Orange County named to the orthopedic "best" list, and one of the few community hospitals selected. Congratulations to Department Chair **Jeffrey Deckey, M.D.**, and the entire Orthopedic department on this phenomenal achievement!

And, a Bronze Medal for CAD treatment

Also in the July 18, 2008, issue, St. Joseph Hospital was recognized as a Bronze Medal Winner for Coronary Artery Disease ((CAD) treatment. The award from the American Heart and American Stroke Associations recognizes hospitals achieving three consecutive months of adherence to its "Get with the Guidelines" performance measures.

Protect yourself & your patients

What should you do to protect your patient's privacy?

- Log off of Meditech and PACS before walking away from a computer. (Note: You can suspend an EMR screen by clicking the little "lock" picture found at the bottom right hand corner of the screen. Then you only need to enter your password to return to the EMR.)
- Be familiar with the necessary precautions related to the inclusion of patient information in an e-mail message.

If you have any questions regarding HIPAA sanctions, you can contact Shirley Reusch, HIPAA Audit Analyst, ext. 13140. If you have any questions regarding Meditech or any other computer related issues, please contact Vira Estrada, BS/M, CIS Physician Liaison/Educator, ext. 17870 .

An international man of medicine

Jay K. Harness, MD, traveled to Spain, mainly to gain knowledge of the IORT domain. He attended the 5th annual Conference of the International Society of Intraoperative Radiation Therapy in Madrid, June 10 – 13. The SJO breast surgeon joined 200 radiation oncologists and surgeons from around the world with an interest in intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT), hearing 100 scientific abstracts from 13 countries. In addition to papers on breast, IORT applications for early-stage head and neck, rectal, pediatric, prostate, rectal, lung, gastric and pancreatic cancers were discussed.

At The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment (CCPT), opened July 21, 2008, a new *Mobetron* mobile unit will make IORT procedures possible without the requirement of additional shielding in the OR. Breast cancer will be the initial focus when the *Mobetron* begins operation. It is one of three in the state. Dr. Harness will work closely with **Robert Ash, M.D.**, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology, in leading the Center's IORT efforts in breast cancer management.

IORT consists of a high, single-fraction radiation dose precisely delivered during a surgical procedure to an exposed tumor or tumor bed. It can be performed as a boost with either whole breast (conventional) external beam radiotherapy, or as sole treatment (partial breast radiotherapy), which has been the standard of treatment at SJO for the past three years. New studies suggest that there are no differences in the results between post-partial mastectomy whole breast irradiation, and single-dose IORT during partial breast surgery. ***In addition to high efficacy, IORT during partial breast surgery has demonstrated good tolerability and a low incidence of complications, contributing to high patient satisfaction.***

"The value of an IORT boost in the OR using *Mobetron* for breast cancer management was well demonstrated," adds Dr. Harness, who made the trip to hear firsthand about prospective trials and discuss emerging IORT applications with colleagues. "The advantage is in having the ability to pull vital structures out of harm's way. It results in a shorter treatment time and better cosmetic results. *Mobetron* appears to be the most modern unit made for IORT applications."

Written in Russian

Ultrasound in Surgical Practice: Basic Principles and Clinical Applications, a textbook edited by **Jay Harness, MD**, and published by Wiley and Sons, Inc., in New York, NY, in 2001, was recently published in Russian. The book is one of the few textbooks covering all aspects of ultrasound for the general surgeon. "I was thrilled and floored when I received a copy," says Dr. Harness, who admittedly can only decipher the book's photographs and unique, accompanying line drawings.

Reaching The Center for Cancer Prevention & Treatment

The Center for Cancer Prevention

and Treatment main number: 734-6200

Cancer Genetics Program: 734-6229

Clinical Trials: 734-6220

Colorectal Program: 734-6235

Comprehensive Breast Center*: 744-8601

Head & Neck Cancer Program: 734-6238

HPCT/Bone Marrow Transplant Program:

..... 734-6233

Infusion Center: 734-6240

Melanoma Program* 800-973-MOLE

Prostate Cancer Program: 734-6237

Radiation Oncology: 734-6250

Thoracic Oncology Program*: 800-441-0110

* Numbers are unchanged

From within the hospital the prefix "734" can be replaced with a "4". For example, to reach the CCPT main number dial ext. 46200.

If any of your patients need directions to the new Center at 1000 W. La Veta Ave., please invite them to visit www.sjo.org. They can click on Clinical Services, The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, then Directions.

Joint Commission's visit

During the Joint Commission's unannounced visit, July 14-18, surveyors were very complimentary of the hospital and found very few deficiencies. Their comments were especially positive regarding interactions with the hospital and medical staff. Findings to keep in mind: Please be sure to sign and date all entries in the medical record, and co-sign verbal/telephone orders

Thank you for your commitment to excellence delivered at St. Joseph Hospital!

Where's the money?

In between "fixing" the economy and voting for the Iraq war, Congress found time to pass the Stark Law. As a result of that law, a hospital cannot compensate physicians without an agreement on file. Therefore, those of you who have completed Crew, Leadership Academy & Advisory Council training and have not gotten your stipend now know why. So pass the word – the agreements must be signed before the checks can be cut. If you have questions contact Physician Relations Manager Mary Mertes at (714) 744-8829.

Santora & colleagues take to the airwaves

Cardiologist **Larry Santora, MD**, is hosting 10 Health Matters programs in July and August on public television's OC Channel (On Time Warner Cable, Broadcast Basic channel 236), and subsequently on KOCE (Ch. 50 - times TBA). The programs will run at various times and consistently at 8:30 a.m. Sundays. His first show featured Family Practitioner **Bruce Hoyle, MD**, on varicose vein laser therapy; football Hall of Famer **Dick Butkus** on heart bypass and steroids; and claims the Mediterranean diet reduces the risk of dementia. Other St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff members set to appear on the show include: **Michael Gilbert, MD**, Family Practitioner; **Jeffrey Johnsrud, MD**, Genl. & Bariatric Surgeon; **Jay Lee, MD**, Cardiologist; **Kelly Tucker, MD**, Cardiologist; **John West, MD**, General Surgeon; **Jack Chen, MD**, Orthopedic Surgeon; **Howard Dorne, MD**, Interventional Radiologist; **Raymond Casciari, MD**, Pulmonologist & CMO; **Ivan Turpin, MD**, Plastic Surgeon, and **Bill Murphy, MD**, Emergency Medicine.



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