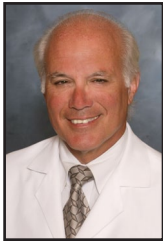


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**Colorectal Surgeon,
2010-11 Chief of Staff**



Tell us about your practice.

It covers the broad aspects of purely colorectal surgery, from simple anal rectal disease to incontinence, constipation, inflammatory bowel diseases such as colitis and Crohn's disease, and benign and malignant tumors. I frequently perform laparoscopic surgeries and sphincter-sparing techniques.

How did you become involved in Medical Staff affairs?

I wasn't involved until I was told it was "my turn" to be Chief of Surgery. On my second day there was major controversy with credentialing and privileging and I had to mediate for competing groups. Although I had no aspirations, physician leaders thought I would be good in leadership roles and encouraged me to pursue them.

What are your greatest hopes and fears concerning healthcare reform?

My greatest hope is that changes would be made in an equitable and reasonable fash-

ion – that lawmakers will address the need to have healthcare for all citizens, and recognize that the true costs don't lie with physicians and hospitals. I would hope that they recognize that citizens bear responsibility for overall health and utilization of healthcare. My greatest concern is that through shortsightedness we would end up with a system at a level below Canada and some European countries, where care is regularly delayed.

What potential do you see in the Medical Staff?

We have an extremely strong Medical Staff with respect to the quality of our doctors and the efficient, effective and compassionate care they render. While forces have driven some doctors apart, I believe we can get back on the same page in an organized fashion to deliver the best care in Orange County, bar none. When I came here in 1988 I found great collaboration – friends working together to make this the best place to practice. In spite of the difficulties in medicine today, I'd like to see us build on that.

How do you plan to communicate with the Medical Staff and achieve transparency?

I encourage the Medical Staff members to send written inquiries or feedback to the

Medical Staff Office, c/o the Chief of Staff. I would prefer messages be mailed rather than emailed. I will review all correspondence, ask questions and research the issue. If it's a matter of interest to the general Medical Staff I will respond to the general Medical Staff.

How can the Medical Staff be supportive of you and the MEC?

Listen to all opinions, be open-minded and think critically. Be aware of what's going on, and validate that what is said isn't just hearsay; consider the source and insist on proof. Also, come to and participate in department, section and General Medical Staff meetings. When the Hospital and Health System boards see 50 doctors show up for a General Medical Staff meeting out of a 930-member staff, they think we don't care. If we're going to have a say, it's essential to show up.

Tell us about favorite pastimes.

My wife, Laura, works in my office with me. My son is 24 and a chef de cuisine at Tradition by Pascal in Newport Beach. My daughter is 28 and in the second year of her OB/Gyn residency in San Francisco. For recreation I enjoy taking out my boat, docked at Shoreline Marina in Long Beach.



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