

**BRIAN PALAFOX, M.D., APPOINTED MEDICAL DIRECTOR
OF LUNG CANCER PROGRAM AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL IN ORANGE**

ORANGE, Calif. (February 00, 2008) – Brian Palafox, M.D., was recently appointed Medical Director of the Lung Cancer Program at St. Joseph Hospital.

In addition to his new position at the hospital, Dr. Palafox is an assistant clinical professor of Surgery at University of California, Irvine and a Colonel in the US Army Reserves.

“We are certain that Dr. Palafox’s extensive experience and dedication to providing quality care to all types of people will enhance the Lung Cancer Program’s goals of providing individualized lung care,” said Dr. Raymond Casciari, Chief Medical Officer of St. Joseph Hospital of Orange. “It is a true honor to have someone of Dr. Palafox’s caliber as the head of our excellent lung cancer team.”

Dr. Palafox received a bachelor’s of science degree in biology from the University of Hawaii and went on to earn a medical degree from the University of California, Irvine. He completed an internship in pathology at the Orange County Medical Center as well as an internship and residency in surgery at the University of California Irvine Medical Center. In addition, he served as the Chief Resident in Surgery at the University of California Irvine Medical Center where he earned the Sterling Staph Award.

Dr. Palafox has volunteered his time providing medical care to villagers in the jungles of Panama through Operation New Horizons, as a surgeon and lecturer for the Trust Territory of the Pacific-Majuro in the Marshall Islands with the United States

Public Health Service, providing medical care in Alaska to the native population with USPHS, and as an Advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor for the US Army Joint Medical Readiness Training Command.

Dr. Palafox is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the California Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Fellow of the College of Chest Physicians, Southwest Surgical Congress and Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He has authored a chapter of the textbook Operative Laparoscopy: The Master's Techniques, edited by RM Soderstrom as well as several articles in the Archives of Surgery, Journal of Trauma, Surgical Rounds, and the Annals of Thoracic Surgery.

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