

**St. Joseph Hospital Breast Surgeon Appointed
President of American Society of Breast Surgeons**

Orange, Calif., June 21, 2007 – The American Society of Breast Surgeon welcomes Jay K. Harness, MD, as its 2007-2008 President. Dr. Harness currently serves as Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, CA.

Founded in 1995, The American Society of Breast Surgeons represents nearly 2500 members in the United States and in 35 countries throughout the world. The leading surgical society in the treatment of breast disease, it was formed to encourage the study of breast surgery, promote research and development of advanced surgery techniques, improve standards of practice for breast surgery and serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas. Dr. Harness is the Society's 11th president.

Dr. Harness has been a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons since shortly after its inception and has been actively involved in many facets of the organization. He served two terms on the Board of Directors from 1999 through 2005, was Chair of the Board (2003-2005), and represents the Society on the Commission on Cancer since 2005. He also has been actively involved in Society educational programs, serving as Chair and faculty member for multiple courses.

Dr. Harness now serves as president and chief executive officer of the American Society of Breast Surgeons and is primarily responsible for the implementation of policies of the Board of Directors. He will also be responsible for the general management and direction of the business and operations of the society and its several

divisions. In addition, Dr. Harness is a Founding Member and Member of the Board of Directors of Breast Surgeons International.

He is also currently serving as Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at St. Joseph Hospital of Orange, CA. As medical director, he oversees activities, participates in the strategic planning process and represents the breast center to public. Dr. Harness is instrumental to clinical plans and program development, research and technology.

Dr. Harness received his medical degree and surgical training from the University of Michigan. As a surgical oncologist he has established multidisciplinary breast centers in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Boston, Massachusetts, and Orange, California. Dr. Harness has held faculty positions at several medical schools: the University of Michigan, Tufts University, and the University of California (UC Davis, UC San Francisco, UC Irvine). He has also been active in the field of endocrine surgery, has a major focused on ultrasound for general surgeons, as well as new approaches to minimally invasive breast surgery. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons National Ultrasound Faculty. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the American Society of Endocrine Surgeons.

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