

**RESEARCHERS AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL IN ORANGE TESTING
VACCINE THAT LOOKS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF LUNG CANCER**

Hospital is the First of Two in Orange County to Conduct Trial

ORANGE, Calif. (April 00, 08) -- St. Joseph Hospital is enrolling lung cancer patients in a randomized clinical trial testing a new vaccine intended to prevent the recurrence of the cancer. The vaccine will be tested on patients who have undergone surgical removal of the tumor and have tested positive for MAGE-A3, a protein that promotes the recurrence of cancer.

The lung cancer vaccine aims to help “train” the immune system to recognize and fight the cancer in the same way that it fights an infection by germs or viruses. Participants in the trial will be injected with MAGE-A3, the protein that is found in the tumor.

“The findings of this clinical trial can prove to be revolutionary,” said Timothy Byun M.D. “If proven effective, this vaccine could lead to disease-free survival for many lung cancer patients who would otherwise likely suffer a recurrence.”

St. Joseph Hospital is the first of two hospitals in Orange County to conduct the trial and one of 105 hospitals nationwide. In order to be eligible to participate in the study, patients must be 18 years of age or older and the tumor should have tested positive for MAGE-A3 protein.

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