

***The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital
Awarded \$3.1 Million to Expand Cancer Services and Support***

**The Cancer Center Received Stimulus Funding as part of the National Cancer Institute
(NCI) Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP)**

Orange, CA, April 21, 2010 – The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital will use its \$3.1 million dollar funding for 12 projects that will enhance outreach efforts in the community; improve effectiveness in managing access to care; improve access to clinical trials, improve overall quality of care, promote assurance of high quality biospecimens for research; and expand support for implementation of cancer electronic health records. The funding will also allow for greater collaboration with various community and regional cancer organizations including WINCART (Weaving an Islander Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training) at California State University, Fullerton and the American Cancer Society Orange County Region.

“We are thrilled about the funding from NCI,” said Nancy Harris, Administrator for The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital. “This funding will advance the coordination of cancer care and support services through out all of Orange County.”

“The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment is an outstanding community partner and American Cancer Society Orange County Region is delighted to continue and deepen our many collaborations with The Center. This new funding will provide vital staffing support for our Orange County Cancer Coalition and will allow for more

outreach to our diverse communities,” commented Paula Dal Pont, Director of Health Promotions for American Cancer Society.

Using \$80 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), 14 new sites will join The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital and 15 other established members of the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP).

“After three years of significant progress, we are happy to expand our partnership with NCI,” said Jay Harness, M.D., Co-Principal Investigator and Breast Surgeon at The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment. “It is clear that one of the greatest determinants of cancer mortality in the years ahead will be access to evidence-based, quality cancer care and participation in innovative research initiatives.”

The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital was selected by NCI in 2007 and remains the sole California participant in the NCCCP, a network of community-hospital cancer centers working to provide research-based cancer care spanning the full cancer continuum – from prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship through end-of-life care. The NCCCP is a community based program designed to offer more Americans access to cancer care in their home communities through supporting broad clinical and programmatic research initiatives and support for comprehensive multi-disciplinary care.

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