New Leadership Role for Paul Beck, MD

The Southern California Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinical Institute recently named Paul Beck, MD, as medical director for the Orange County/High Desert. In his new role, Dr. Beck provides administrative and clinical management of the Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinical Institute. As a physician leader, he provides coordination for physician engagement strategies and leads the implementation of evidence-based, best practice clinical protocols. He works in collaboration with local clinical and executive teams to improve health outcomes across the continuum. Dr. Beck is also working to align the acute care facilities with the physician enterprise for orthopedic and sports medicine services. He will help to redesign clinical services to enable providers and facilities to be successful in health care 2.0 and value-based care medicine.

Dr. Beck is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and has practiced in Orange County since 1989, currently with Orange Orthopedic Medical Group. In addition to his practice, Dr. Beck has held many leadership positions, including as chair of St. Joseph Hospital’s Department of Orthopedic Surgery and president of the Western Orthopedic Association, Orange County Chapter. He has also served as secretary/treasurer, vice chief of staff and chief of staff for SJO’s Medical Staff. From 2014 to 2017, he was interim chief medical officer at SJO.

Please congratulate Dr. Beck on his new role.

Doctor’s Day Event: April 16 on Teams Live

Please join us for a virtual celebration via Teams Live featuring our keynote speaker, Zubin Damania, MD, also known as ZDoggMD, on Friday, April 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. The event will be accessed via the link. Please note: do not use Citrix. There is no phone number for attendees—you can join via smartphone or tablet but will need to download the app, or you can join by computer. For information and the Teams Live link, please check your emailed invitation, or call the Medical Staff Office at 714-771-8056. To learn more about this very special St. Joseph Hospital Doctor’s Day guest, please visit zdoggmd.com.

EpicCare Link: Connecting You and Your Office Staff to Epic’s Electronic Health Record

Starting May 15, 2021, you and your office staff will access your patients’ health records in our new Epic EHR system through a platform called EpicCare Link. It is a secure, online, read-only portal that is easy to access with no software or hardware to maintain.

The good news is each medical office/group need only sign up once. Please register your “primary point of contact” at: appsor.providence.org/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=9l3H85lK&Preview=true#

Medical Staff Compliance with COVID-19 Related Workplace Requirements

Medical Staff members are now responsible for checking their own temperatures and taking note of any symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the hospital. Members are encouraged to begin utilizing staff entrances and are no longer required to go through the patient/visitor main entrances to be screened.

We are still required to always wear a face mask except when in a private office and six feet from the nearest person, or while eating. All staff entering the acute care campus must wear a hospital-provided face mask. You may obtain a hospital grade face mask at the respiratory etiquette station located near staff entrances. As guidelines are updated from the CDC, we will send out further communication.

Nominate OCMA Physicians of Excellence

Nomination forms are needed by April 30! Visit ocma.org/Portals/13/2022%20POE%20nomination%20form.pdf
It's time to vote for U.S. News best hospitals and subspecialty recognition! This ranking is important for St. Joseph Hospital and our specialty programs. In 2020, SJO was ranked 11th in the LA/OC region and ranked as ‘high-performing’ in nine areas. Our goal for 2021 is to rank into the top 10 hospitals in our region. With your help, we can. To vote, log in to your Doximity.com account.

In Memoriam

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of two individuals close to the hearts of the St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff:

E. Michael Linzey, MD, passed away on March 14. He joined St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff in 1977 as an OB/GYN physician, retiring to Emeritus status in 2017. During his almost 40 years in practice, he delivered thousands of babies in Orange County and served on several Medical Staff committees and as Vice Chair of the OB/GYN Department. He also assisted in the establishment of the LivingWell Clinic, the Sweet Success Program, and the Maternal Fetal program at SJO. Dr. Linzey was a man of great faith and integrity, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The family is creating a family project to honor his legacy and for his 12 grandchildren. They invite you to share your pictures, stories and special memories of Dr. Linzey. Please send them to Dr. Linzey’s daughter, Kimber at kimber.linzey@gmail.com with the subject “Dr. Linzey.” To donate in his memory, please visit sjofoundation.org/DrLinzey.

Josephine F. Collins, beloved wife of Emeritus staff physician William Collins, MD, and mother of Active staff physician Julie Motherway, MD, passed away on Feb. 26 from congestive heart failure. Dr. and Mrs. Collins were married for 54 years, moving to Orange County in 1973. Josephine had several lifelong friends from SJO and throughout the medical community. Josephine even sponsored a young Vietnamese woman who immigrated to the U.S. following the Vietnam War who became an SJO internal medicine physician (Huong Duong, MD), and is in the same practice as Dr. Motherway. Those wishing to make a donation in Josephine’s memory may do so by contributing to the ALS Association in Tustin. Her obituary appeared in the OC Register.

Donations in memory of a physician or family can also be made to St. Joseph Hospital Foundation at 714-347-7900 or at sjofoundation.org. Please note who you wish to honor, and the family will receive a formal acknowledgement letter that a gift was made in honor of their loved one.

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Brian Norouzi, MD, urologist and robotic surgeon, was quoted in several national television stations in a news story on “Doctors say delaying screenings could lead to a wave in cancer cases.”

Palliative Care physician and Chief of Staff Brian Boyd, MD, was featured on the front page of the Los Angeles Times in a March 7 article titled, “The conversation you don’t want to have is the one you need most — especially with COVID.” The piece dealt with establishing a Goals of Care Program in the Emergency Care Center for COVID patients.

In a press release from Marquis Who’s Who®, colorectal surgeon and Medical Director of the Colorectal Cancer Program Anita Gregory, MD, was celebrated for “dedication to the field of colorectal surgery.” (Since 1899, Marquis has chronicled the most accomplished individuals and innovators from every significant field of endeavor.)