Since April, Elaine Lee, MD, has served in the new role of Medical Director of Care Management at Providence St. Joseph Hospital. Previously practicing as an emergency medicine physician, she is highly sensitive to the ever-increasing demands physicians are burdened with on a day-to-day basis.

“In addition to work on readmissions, length of stay, documentation and utilization management, I have a personal goal of diverting excess work away from our physicians and to help streamline workflows so our providers can focus on patient care. I hope to be of service to the Medical Staff,” says Dr. Lee. “If I can be of any assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact me Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Elaine.Lee@providence.org or 1-657-546-5519.”

In Memoriam: S. Laverne Eng, MD

With great sadness we announce the passing of Dr. S. Laverne Eng, Emeritus Staff, OB/GYN. He passed away peacefully at home on July 24 at age 91 after developing acute leukemia.

Dr. Eng was an active member of the Medical Staff from 1962 to 1997. He completed medical school at Loma Linda University and residency in OB/GYN at the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital, where his program director described him as a man of integrity and whose “patients love him.” These traits certainly carried on into his long career at SJO.

The family welcomes donations in Dr. Eng’s memory to St. Joseph Hospital Foundation at sjofoundation.org, check payable to St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, or by phone at (714) 347-7900. Please note “In Memory of Dr. Eng” on your check or in the comments field online so the family can receive a formal acknowledgment of donations made.

New Policy for CPR Classes

Effective Oct. 1, 2022, Providence hospitals will transition to a new CPR skills program called Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program (RQI). RQI is only available to employed caregivers; therefore, SJO will no longer offer on-site classes for BLS, ACLS or PALS certification or renewal to non-employees, including physicians and non-employed Allied Health and Advanced Practice Staff. You may find courses near you by going to the American Heart Association website at cpr.heart.org/en and click on “Find a CPR Course.”
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Join us for Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 15, featuring entertainment, a gourmet dinner and more. Proceeds support cancer services at The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment. Questions? Contact the Events team at 714-347-7900 or email sjofoundation@providence.org.

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Symposium

Thursday, October 27, 2022
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Dinner provided

Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Daniel Clayburgh
Dr. Bartosz Chmielowski
Dr. Dekker Deacon

Congressman Lou Correa congratulates Ophthalmologist Aisha Simjee, MD, for receiving the Orange County Eye Project (OCEP) and Retina Global Lifetime Achievement Award at a Sept. 10 reception at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center in Irvine. The award recognizes her many global medical missions and aid as an OCEP eye care provider “since day one” for the underserved in the Lestonnac Free Clinic, where she volunteers every Saturday. A recognition award was also given to Director of Community Health Investment Cecilia Bustamante-Pixa at SJO and St. Jude Medical Center. Both ministries were among the reception sponsors.

On Oct. 1, Dr. Simjee leaves for an international, multi-specialty medical conference in Tehran, Iran, presented by the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America.