

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer



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## Best Wishes to Departing Members of Our Leadership Team



**Dr. Scott Rusk**, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), departed St. Joe's on Jan. 12 to pursue other career opportunities. Scott has been with us for over five years. We are very grateful to have had his service and leadership through the pandemic. His attention to detail, scientific understanding, desire to help people, stability, and perseverance helped us through an incredibly challenging time. In addition, Scott helped us transform from a 2-star to a 4-star CMS hospital and positioned us well as we strive to be a CMS 5-star rating.

We are working closely with Dr. Peter Smethurst, Chief of Staff, Dr. Susan Huang, Division CMO, and an interview team in our search for a new SJO CMO and to ensure the team has the support needed. We wish Scott much success as he continues forward in his career.



Best wishes to **Kevin Manemann**, Chief Executive for the South Division who, as of Jan. 31 and after 20 years of dedicated service to our ministry, will leave Providence to join City of Hope. We're fortunate to have a talented, experienced divisional team under Kevin's leadership for a smooth transition to interim leadership as we begin the process of selecting Kevin's successor. Regional board members, physicians and administrative leaders are involved in the process. Laureen Driscoll, Regional Chief Executive for

Northern California, will serve as Interim South Division Chief Executive. Brian Helleland, South Division Chief of Acute Operations and Programs, will have an expanded role as Interim South Division COO.

## Welcome to SJO's New Program Director of Vascular Neurology



Providence St. Joseph Hospital has broadened the Stroke Program's neurointerventional care to treat patients experiencing a hemorrhagic stroke, in addition to the care we provide for ischemic stroke. Neurointerventional care for hemorrhagic stroke requires a specialty-trained physician and team that can perform advanced procedures (including coil embolization). With the addition of **Dr. Wled Wazni**, Program Director of Vascular Neurology, we now provide this care in addition to other advanced procedures.

Dr. Wazni is board certified in vascular neurology and fellowship trained in interventional radiology, vascular neurology and neurocritical care.

## New Year, New Notice to Patients Required as of Jan. 1, 2023

Recently approved regulations amended Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations section 1355.4 to require physicians licensed by the Medical Board of California to provide a notice to their patients about the role of the Board. The license can be checked and complaints against the licensee made by contacting the Board or through its website.

The notice shall include a quick response (QR) code to the Board's Notice to Consumer web page, [www.mbc.ca.gov/licensing/Notice-to-Consumers.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/licensing/Notice-to-Consumers.aspx) and contain:

### NOTICE TO PATIENTS

**Medical doctors are licensed and regulated by the Medical Board of California.**

**To check up on a license or to file a complaint go to**

**[www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov), email: [licensecheck@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:licensecheck@mbc.ca.gov), or call (800) 633-2322.**

Physicians are in compliance with this requirement by doing one of the following:

1) Posting the notice in an area visible to patients on the premises where the physician provides services in at least 38-point type in Arial font; or 2) Including the notice and an acknowledgment of receipt and understanding in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient or the patient representative and retained in that patient's medical records; or 3) Including notice in a language understood by the patient or patient representative in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions or other document given to a patient/patient representative where it is placed immediately above the signature line in at least 14-point type.

## Medical Staff WINS

**Refining Dining** – We are pleased to share that, after hearing concerns from our Medical Staff, we had multiple meetings with the Food Service and Administration to improve physician dining. Several upgrades have been made, including:

- Overnight availability of prepackaged items in the Doctors Dining Room M-F, 8 p.m. - 6 a.m.
- Improved night owl service/options, and
- Adjusted meal cards to “per day” instead of “per meal”

As feedback comes in we will continue to partner on adding improvements wherever possible.

**Providence physicians comprise over one-third of this year's**

**OCMA Top Doctors** – Congratulations to the 256 Providence physicians recognized this year by the Orange County Medical Association for their excellence. The listing of 738 “Top Doctors” in Orange County appears in the Jan. 2023 *Orange Coast* magazine.

The OCMA Executive Committee's selection criteria includes board certification; good standing with the Medical Board of California or Osteopathic Medical Board of California; maintaining primary practice in O.C. within a specialty field for the past five years (post-residency); and being an OCMA member or paying a fee to OCMA. Physician leadership, teaching/mentoring/medical research/scientific advances, humanitarian service and unique contributions to the community are also considered. The deadline for nominations for 2023 honors has passed. Nomination forms for 2024 will be available on [ocma.org](http://ocma.org) in March 2023.

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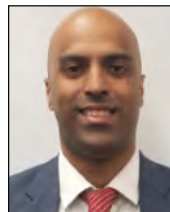
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## WELCOME to New Providence St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff Members



**Ruke Achoja, MD**  
Anesthesiology  
Allied Anesthesia MG



**Rohit Aiyer, MD**  
Psychiatry  
OC Progressive Rec



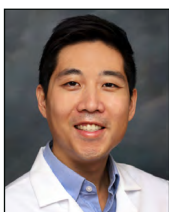
**Christopher Ake, DO**  
Pathology  
Affiliated Pathologist MG



**Ousama Alkhatib, MD**  
Gastroenterology  
Insite Digestive HC



**Nicole Andonian, MD**  
Anesthesiology  
Allied Anesthesia MG



**Weyjuin Chao, MD**  
Emergency Medicine  
EMSOC



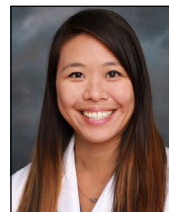
**Jeffrey Dym, MD**  
Radiology  
Moran, Rowen & Dorsey



**Craig Flath, MD**  
Anesthesiology  
Allied Anesthesia MG



**Joshua Hendricks, DPM**  
Podiatry  
Cambridge Foot & Ankle



**Bethany Hung, MD**  
Neonatal-Perinatal  
CHOC CS Neonatology



**Kenton Kagy, DO**  
Radiology  
Moran, Rowen & Dorsey



**Grace Kim, MD**  
Ophthalmology  
So Cal Eye Cons.



### IN MEMORIAM: Everett Grahn, MD

With a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Everett Grahn, MD, on Dec. 23 at age 91. Dr. Grahn was a hematologist/oncologist on staff since 1968, retiring to Emeritus Staff in 2022 after serving 54 years. Dr. Grahn graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School and completed Internal Medicine and Hematology training at the District of Columbia General Hospital, George Washington Medicine Division and Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, Ill, working at the VA until he came to California. Dr. Grahn most recently worked with the Hematology-Oncology Medical Group of OC.



### IN MEMORIAM: Joseph Mule, MD

We are sad to announce the passing of Joseph Mule, MD, on Nov. 22 at age 76. Dr. Mule was a general surgeon who joined the Medical Staff in 1984, and retired to our Emeritus Staff in 2019. Dr. Mule graduated from the State University of New York Downstate Medical College, going on to complete an internship at Bellevue Hospital and a surgical residency at UCI Medical Center after serving two years as a physician in the Navy. His obituary can be found at: [Joseph Mule's Obituary \(1946 - 2022\) - Orange, CA - Orange County Register \(legacy.com\)](#).