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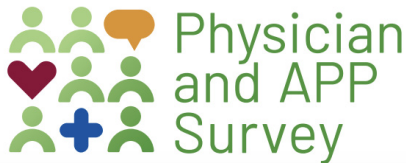


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2024 Physician-APP Survey Starts

This year's survey will be sent to about 430 St. Joseph Hospital physicians and Advanced Practice Providers on Oct. 2 who were randomly selected based on their hospital activity, referrals to the hospital, or leadership role. All specialties are represented.

Press Ganey emails the unique link to take the 10-15 minute survey. Look for an email from noreply@surveys.pressganey.com



and save the email until you complete the survey. It will be available until Oct. 30.

Please don't miss your chance to be heard!

St. Joseph Hospital Hosts Ribbon Cutting Celebration for New Intermediate Care Unit

On Monday, Sept. 9, members of the executive leadership team welcomed guests, including donors, physicians and caregivers who will work in the unit, at a ribbon cutting for the state-of-the-art Intermediate Care Unit. In opening remarks, Chief Executive Brian Helleland expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts in bringing this project to fruition and the impact the unit will have in providing extraordinary patient care. Sister Mary Therese provided a heartfelt reflection and a blessing of the unit was led by Father Patrick.

The 20-bed unit, funded in part generous philanthropy, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology in a bright, welcoming environment. Each private room includes a digital patient care board with Televisit and virtual family visit capabilities, built-in patient lifts, and plenty of room for family and loved ones to be at the bedside.

The finishing touches are underway, and the Intermediate Care Unit will officially open in late October.



The Sisters of St. Joseph and St. Joseph Hospital came together in September to celebrate St. Joseph Hospital's 95th anniversary by hosting "Dear Neighbor Days." The celebrations, marked by tours of the Sisters' grounds, a blessing of the hands by the Sisters, refreshments and gifts, underscored how the vision to serve the "Dear Neighbor" has been upheld throughout the century and lives on.



Palliative Supportive Care Medicine 20 Year Celebration
Time Flies. It's been 20 years since we launched our Palliative Care Team back in 2004. On Wednesday, Nov. 13th, come join us as we relive Walking the Journey that we have experienced. There will be different stations to visit and even a raffle! Gather with team members present and past in the Todos Conference Rooms from 4-6 pm for refreshments. – Brian Boyd, MD, Medical Director, Pain and Palliative Care Program

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Grand Rounds

Wednesday, Nov. 13,
12:30 – 1:30pm

Zoul Auditorium and via
Microsoft Teams

ERAS FOR THE CARDIAC SURGERY PATIENT

Presented by
Eric Ontiveros, MD

Teams: bit.ly/3Wxy6PI

St. Joseph Hospital's Vascular Services again in the News WAVE trial reports Wrapsody superiority over standard PTA

Medical Director of Clinical Trials for the Heart and Vascular Center and Interventional Radiologist Mahmood Razavi, MD, presented data at a FIRST@CIRSE session at the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (CIRSE) annual congress Sept. 14 – 18 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Six-month results of the WRAPSODY Arteriovenous Access Efficacy (WAVE) pivotal trial have demonstrated superior target lesion primary patency (TLPP) with Wrapsody (Merit Medical) cell-impermeable endoprosthesis (CIE) when compared to percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA).

Razavi noted that the six-month analysis provides insight regarding Wrapsody's anticipated long-term performance. "While covered stents and drug-coated balloons have improved lesion patency in these patients, ACP [access circuit primary patency] still remains a challenge. Results of this trial not only showed superiority of Wrapsody over angioplasty but also numerical improvement over prior technologies," he said. [- 26th September 2024, Interventional News](#)



Dr. Mahmood Razavi at CIRSE 2024. In the past year, Dr. Razavi's clinical research has been published in 8 major publications.



DOCTOR'S DAY PICNIC AT THE RANCH – Many Medical Staff members and their families enjoyed a delicious meal and fun-filled activities on Sept. 22 at Aliso Viejo Ranch, including Drs. Lilly and Brian Boyd, Dr. Brian & Kimi Lee, Drs. Joseph Khan and Ayaz Biviji; Chief Exec. Brian Helleland and Chief of Staff Dr. John Cross.