

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer



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## Friend of Nursing Award Presented to Sudeep Kukreja, MD

This year is significant as Nursing strives for the 5th Magnet designation for Providence St. Joseph Hospital. Every year, Nursing recognizes a physician through the Friend of Nursing Award. Selection criteria include:

- Demonstrating communication, collaboration, and respect
- Working collaboratively with Nursing on patient care issues
- Soliciting input from nursing regarding clinical decisions
- Recognizing nurses as colleagues and collaborators
- Demonstrating flexibility and respecting alternative opinions
- Demonstrating our values of compassion, dignity, excellence, justice and integrity
- Fostering education

Nursing would like to recognize an outstanding physician who has been an amazing partner with Nursing over the past many years:

### SUDEEP KUKREJA, MD.



Dr. Kukreja is a neonatologist who works hand-in-hand with nurses and caregivers, obstetricians, perinatologists, pediatricians and neonatologists to provide the best care for our patients. His unwavering support for nursing and dedication to program development make him a true asset to our team.

His commitment to excellence is evident in everything he does, and he actively celebrates the success of our team.

His advocacy for the pilot program on perinatal substance use, and his role in designing a plan of safe care for mothers and infants, demonstrates his commitment to improving outcomes for vulnerable populations. In addition, Dr. Kukreja is a strong advocate for high-risk families, ensuring that they receive the best possible plan of care. His personalized connection with these families during high-risk conferences demonstrates his empathy and compassion during difficult times.

One of the most admirable qualities of Dr. Kukreja is his willingness to teach. He takes the time to educate others and always acknowledges new team members, welcoming them with open arms.

Recently, Dr. Kukreja played a key role in the Joint Commission Advanced Perinatal Care site visit, sharing the collaboration between Providence St. Joseph Hospital and CHOC.

Dr. Kukreja serves as a Community Ministry Board member for Providence St. Joseph Orange.

Recently, he led a medical mission to Vietnam, described on the back page of this newsletter.

We congratulate Dr. Kukreja as this year's recipient of the Friend of Nursing Award.

## Welcome New Medical Staff



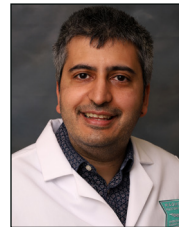
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## Doctor's Day Plans Postponed

We've made the decision to postpone our June 9 Doctor's Day event due to a scheduling conflict. While we are disappointed, the good news is we are busy planning a perfect day for you, and updates will be forthcoming. Thank you for your understanding and we promise our new event will be worth the wait.

## Physician Cybersecurity

Physician practices continue to experience issues due to the Change Healthcare cyberattack, according to the American Medical Association's (AMA) most recent follow-up survey on the impact of the cyberattack outages. Findings of the survey conducted April 19 - 24, 2024 included responses from California physicians disputing UnitedHealth Group's claim that their systems are nearly back to their pre-cyberattack levels and claims are again flowing, with 85% still experiencing disruptions in claim payments.

Temporary funding assistance is available to those affected by the Change Healthcare cyberattack, in the form of advance payments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as short-term, no-cost loans from the [Optum Temporary Funding Assistance Program](#).

- [California Medical Association](#)

## Short Survey to Guide EPIC Improvements



It's KLAS survey time, now through June 7! The KLAS aims to gather feedback from providers and Nursing caregivers on Epic and ways to improve it. It takes under 10 minutes and can be done anonymously. [CLICK HERE](#) or Scan the QR to go directly to the survey.

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Providence St. Joseph's Health System is committed to the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care, and is dedicated to the well-being of the community.

OUR VALUES  
Compassion, Integrity, Excellence, Respect, and Innovation.

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## Humanitarianism and Healing: Dr. Sudeep Kukreja Deploys with Team to Vietnam

Arpan Global Charities (AGC) completed its 25th volunteer medical mission in Hue, Vietnam from April 8-12, 2024. This mission, the fourth of its kind in Vietnam and the second at the Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy (HUMP) and Hue Central Hospital, provided essential medical care to underserved communities in the region.

**Mission Participants:** A dedicated team of 21 Providence St. Joseph Hospital and CHOC Children's Hospital medical professional volunteers:

- 5 nurses: Alyssa Mendez, Jennifer Pillon, Kara Posthuma, Kira Sandifer and Patrice Robison
- 3 surgeons: Drs. Paul Beck, Mustafa Kabeer, Brian Palafox
- 6 physicians: Drs. Huong Thi Duong, Thomas Kim, Carole Kohen, Sudeep Kukreja, Amy Szyszko and Lan Weiss
- 2 EMTs: Mark Kim and William Phan
- 1 pharmacist: Tony Phan

- 4 non-medical volunteers: Svetlana Chernobravina, Leo Chernobravina, Maria Kabeer and Sr. Thuy Tran

**Mission Activities:** During a five-day mission in Hue, the team provided medical exams and treatment to more than 400 underserved children and adults. Despite limitation in equipment and resources, the team's surgeons performed 22 major orthopedic, pediatric surgical, and cardiothoracic procedures significantly impacting the lives of the patients. On the final day of the mission, Sr. Thuy organized a visit to a school for disabled children supported by Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. AGC donated funds to support the disabled children at this facility.

AGC extends its sincerest appreciation to every volunteer team member and the host team members at HUMP and Hue Central Hospital. Special gratitude goes to Drs. Paul Beck and Huong Thi Duong for their invaluable contribution in making this mission a reality.

