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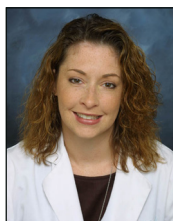
2026-27 MEDICAL STAFF LEADERSHIP - ELECTION RESULTS



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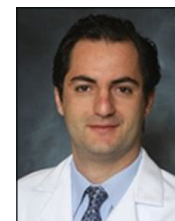
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Breast Resensation: New Hope for Mastectomy Patients

In October, surgical oncologist Maher Gobran, MD, and plastic/reconstructive surgeon Linda Zeineh, MD, completed the hospital's first two breast neurotization procedures with the Resensation® surgical technique. As one of the few hospitals in the area to offer this transformative procedure, St. Joe's is proud to be at the forefront of this medical advancement.

"Restoring breast sensation after mastectomy can play an important role in reducing the emotional and physical impact of surgery and promoting faster recovery," says Dr. Gobran. Dr. Zeineh adds, "It's exciting that we can help improve our patients' quality of life."

The Resensation technique uses a nerve allograft transplantation. Over time the nerve fibers regenerate, gradually growing through the graft to potentially restore sensation. A

two-surgeon, collaborative approach is best for the breast neurotization procedure. Dr. Gobran performs the mastectomy and carefully identifies and preserves as much sensory nerve length as possible. Then Dr. Zeineh reconnects the nerve and completes breast reconstruction.

Resensation may be suitable for patients undergoing mastectomies for preventive purposes or for breast cancer treatment. It can be performed as part of immediate or delayed reconstruction in patients considering implant-based reconstruction and flap reconstruction. It may also be available for patients who desire a flat chest appearance (aesthetic flat closure). Tumor size, location and overall treatment plans are carefully considered by the surgical team when evaluating candidacy, along with timing and type of reconstruction planned.

Outpatient Rehab Relocates

Outpatient Rehabilitation has relocated therapy services. Your patients will continue to receive the same high-quality care, now in a larger, updated space designed to support multidisciplinary services.

The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment

1000 W. La Veta Ave., Basement Level
714-734-6288, Fax: 714-634-6289

Pelvic Health Rehab (separate location):
St. Joseph Hospital Pelvic Health Center
Helen Caloggero Women's & Family Center
363 S. Main St, Ste 470, Orange
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Acute Care Council

Thursday, Dec. 11 | 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. | Zoul Auditorium

Join us for an informative session focused on
Acute Decompensated Heart Failure and Atrial Fibrillation, presented by Dr. Danny Lee.

The Acute Care Leads will present and moderate:

- Case Presentations
- Best Practices
- Hospital and Quality Updates



Can't join us in person?
Scan the QR code to join the meeting virtually.



Congratulations to the Emergency Department on achieving the bronze standard – Level 3 GEDA accreditation – from The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Led by a remarkable team of interdisciplinary leaders, including Brian S. Lee, MD, Julie Lisbin and other caregivers, the voluntary accreditation signals to the public that our institution is focused on the highest standards of care for our communities' older adults. It provides more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care, along with providing interdisciplinary geriatric education, and ensures that geriatric-appropriate equipment and supplies are available.



L to R: Event Co-chairs Lars Anker, MD and Mahmood Razavi, MD, with Chief Philanthropy Officer Amy Daugherty, Chief Executive Brian Helleland, Foundation Board Chair Alejandro Ramirez, MD, and Co-chair Erick Westbroek, MD



2025 SOIRÉE: A DAZZLING SUCCESS!

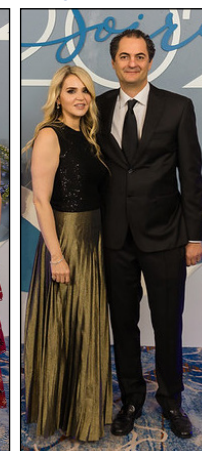
On Oct. 4 at the Balboa Bay Resort & Club, 318 guests enjoyed an unforgettably elegant evening while raising \$1,025,291 to support advancement of our Neurosciences program. Find more photos at sjofoundation.org/soiree2025.



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