

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer

 **Providence**  
St. Joseph Hospital

December 2025/January 2026



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The facility features four exam rooms, two treatment rooms, and onsite x-ray for quick diagnostics. Medical providers include four physicians, three PAs, and one NP.

## Providence Urgent Care Ribbon Cutting

The Orange Chamber of Commerce hosted a celebratory ribbon cutting on December 11 for the stunning new St. Joseph Heritage Urgent Care facility, located in the Helen Caloggero Family Center at 363 S. Main St., Suite 110, in Orange. The celebration was attended by members of St. Joseph Hospital and Heritage leadership, local business leaders and the Orange Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. We were also honored to welcome Marsha Moeller, whose philanthropic generosity made this location possible and in whose mother's memory the building is named. The clinic, open 8 am - 8 pm, 7 days a week can be reached at 714-855-3602.

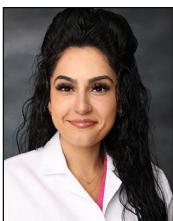
## Welcome New Medical Staff Members



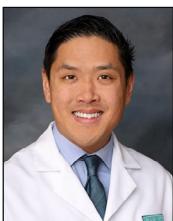
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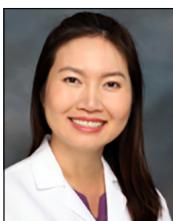
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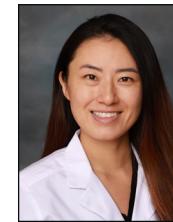
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**NEWSWORTHY** - Neighbors of North Tustin's "Resident Feature" for December was SJO Medical Director of Anesthesiology Jack Canton, MD. An excerpt states that Dr. Canton joined "Allied Anesthestia Medical Group, drawn by its reputation for clinical excellence and dedication to patient-centered care. Nearly two decades later, he has built a life deeply connected to his family, his work, and the community he serves." It also states, "Dr. Canton leads a team of anesthesiologists committed to safety, innovation, and collaboration at St. Joseph Hospital. His role focuses on ensuring patients receive the best possible care before, during and after surgery by fostering teamwork among physicians, nurses, and hospital staff. For him, the most rewarding aspect of medicine is seeing patients feel supported and cared for as if they were family."

## PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH PROVIDERS IN THE NEWS

### Weight Loss Drug Discounts Coming

President Donald Trump has announced a deal with drugmakers Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk to expand insurance coverage and lower prices for the popular obesity treatments Zepbound and Wegovy.

Primary care physician Dr. Neal H. Patel reacted to the news: "I think it's a step in the right direction in terms of at least helping those that need it. I just hope that people don't use this as an alternative to doing the hard part, which is exercise, diet," he said. "The GLP-1 drugs are just one tool in the toolbox toward a healthy lifestyle."



DR. NEAL H. PATEL

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To see the report in its entirety visit [spectrumnews1.com/ca/southern-california/health/2025/11/06/popular-glp-1-weight-loss-drug-discounts-coming](https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/southern-california/health/2025/11/06/popular-glp-1-weight-loss-drug-discounts-coming).

### Pavilion Surgery Center Named One of Nation's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Newsweek rigorously evaluated the Pavilion Surgery Center as one of more than 5,000 ASCs, based on key criteria including quality of care, patient experience, performance data and peer recommendations. Running this ASC – with such a broad range of specialties performing 20,000 procedures per year – takes exceptional coordination, skill and commitment. Hats off to the Pavilion Surgery Center on this remarkable achievement!

