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A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer

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St. Joseph Hospital

Strides and Celebrations in 2024 at St. Joseph Hospital - John Cross, MD, Chief of Staff



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L to R: Celebrating Comprehensive Cardiac Certification, and Medical Director of Robotic Surgery Abtin Khosravi, MD, on Heart Day.

AWARDS

- The Joint Commission Comprehensive Cardiac Certification (3rd site certified in California, just 23rd in the U.S.), recognizing achievements in quality patient care delivery and the most current clinical practice guidelines
- The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval for Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care (just 20 sites in the U.S.)
- This November received an "A" rating by LeapFrog for patient safety.
- Named by Newsweek to its inaugural 2024 list of America's Best Neurological Hospitals, Orthopedic Hospitals Cancer Care Hospitals.
- US News and World Report named St. Joe's one of the best regional hospitals in the country. And, we received a 'High Performing' rating in 14 medical specialties, including Best Hospital for Maternity for three years in a row.

MILESTONES

- 95th Anniversary celebration of Providence St. Joseph Hospital Orange by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1929
- Implantation of 500th Watchman Device, preventing stroke in patients who cannot tolerate anticoagulation
- First implantation of Evoque tricuspid transcatheter heart valve replacement to treat tricuspid regurgitation
- First spine surgery using eCential Robotics open spine robot
- 1000th da Vinci robotic OB-GYN surgery by Janis Fee, MD
- Ion robotic thoracic surgery, allowing patients to benefit from precision bi-

opsy and diagnosis of suspicious lung lesions with an ambulatory procedure

- The Emergency Department saw 100,000 patients in 2024, and achieved organizational bests in stroke and sepsis quality metrics.
- First combined kidney-pancreas transplant by surgeon Robert Naraghi, MD, with Ervin Ruzics, MD, and transplant nephrologist Yasir Qazi, MD. This double-organ transplant operation allows transplanted patients to come off dialysis and end insulin treatments, a life-transforming therapy. For renal transplants, the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) ranked the St. Joseph Hospital program #1 in California for the highest transplant rate and one-year survival.
- Intermediate Care Unit opened in Patient Care Center, 2nd floor, in October.
- Opened the Helen Caloggero Women's & Family Center, housing all the outpatient perinatal services in one location to ease the way of our families
 Initiated the Family Wellness Plan in collaboration with the National Center for Maternal Substance Use & Child Welfare and the OC Family Support Task



As we reflect on a phenomenal 2024, we extend heartfelt gratitude to our incredible teams of physicians and caregivers, as well as our Administration and Foundation, for their the unwavering support and dedication to making Providence St. Joseph Hospital the best it can be. We

also thank our families and friends for their invaluable support. Here's wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!



Force to create advocacy for keeping families together and helping mothers connect with community resources to support their recovery phase.

EVENTS

- Doctor's Day events with the generous support of the Administration (Thank you, Brian, Troy, Kim, Elaine and the Executive Leadership Team) and the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation (Thank you, Amy Daugherty, and your team)
- Barbecue Lunch in the Physicians Dining Room on Tuesday, March 26th
- Doctor's Day Picnic at The Ranch in Aliso Viejo on September 22nd.

FOUNDATION EVENTS

- Golf Tournament in May at Coto de Caza Golf Club highlighted our critical care services and raised funds for imaging equipment. Our Intensivists served as tournament honorees.
- The SJO Foundation Soiree was held on November 2nd at the VEA Hotel to honor our cardiac care services (see back page). Thank you to the Foundation and generous donors for supporting the care of our patients. We appreciate everything you do!

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Providence St. Joseph Hospital's Soirée 2024 Raises Care-advancing \$4.15 Million for Providence St. Joseph Hospital's Heart and Vascular Center



L to R: Chief Executive Brian Helleland, Soirée Co-chairs Thomas Kim, MD, and Brian Kolski, MD; Honorary Co-chair and supporter Marsha Moeller; Chief Philanthropy Officer Amy Daugherty; Cochair Brian Palafox, MD; Foundation Board Chair Alex Ramirez, MD, and Chief of Staff John Cross, MD. Our thanks to Soirée presenters Geoff and Valerie Fearns and Ava and Ashok Kar, MD, and to all involved in this enchanting evening and highly successful gala.





Event Co-chair and Cardiothoracic Surgeon Brian Palafox, MD, a stellar team and supporters celebrated an event capping a record-breaking year. More than \$4.15 million was given to benefit Providence St. Joseph Hospital's Heart and Vascular Center and the Dear Neighbors served. Find more photos from the November 2 event on sjofoundation.org/blog/soiree-2024.

