

## First Kidney-Pancreas Transplant at St. Joseph Hospital

Congratulations to Robert M. Naraghi, MD, and Ervin P. Ruzics, MD, transplant surgeons, Yasir A. Qazi, MD, transplant nephrologist, and all physicians and caregivers participating in the first kidney-pancreas transplant performed at St. Joseph Hospital. The dual surgery has been a long-time coming for the team at our Kidney Transplant Center.

Dual kidney-pancreas surgery is life-changing for patients. After surgery, patients no longer require daily insulin or dialysis, bringing them greater freedom after years of medication and dietary restrictions. This surgery makes us a multi-organ

transplant hospital; the true benefit is to our patients, who will now have access to more comprehensive transplant care. Earlier this year the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) ranked the St. Joseph Hospital Kidney Transplant Center #1 in California for transplant rate and post-transplant survival rate for the second time in a row. This rating, along with their latest achievement, is a testament to the expertise, drive and values of the entire transplant team.

For more information, please contact the SJO Kidney Transplant Center at (714) 771-8033.

## Bracing for IV Fluid Shortage after Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene damaged Baxter's North Cove, North Carolina manufacturing facility, taking it offline and producing a transient IV fluid shortage nationwide for facilities using Baxter products. Production is estimated to be partially restored by year-end with no definite date for full production.

Here at St. Joseph, we have promoted

maintaining the full spectrum of patient care including most surgical procedures while making some modifications when necessary to ensure patient safety.

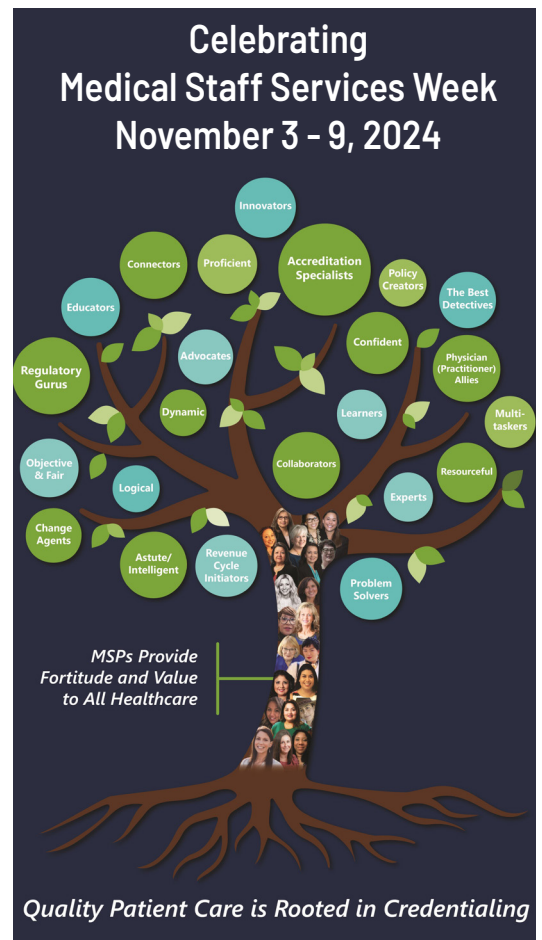
Thanks to all pharmacists, physicians and caregivers involved in the conservation effort. For more information:

[www.baxter.com/baxter-newsroom/hurricane-helene-updates](http://www.baxter.com/baxter-newsroom/hurricane-helene-updates).

## Heart and Vascular Center Earns Joint Commission and AHA Commendations

The Providence St. Joseph Hospital Heart and Vascular Center has been awarded The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association's Heart-Check mark for Comprehensive Cardiac

Certification. We are among a select few hospitals in the state to receive this certification – a true honor and testament to the strength and skill of our team. The Comprehensive Cardiac Certification indicates our hospital



meets rigorous standards to protect the health of our cardiac patients. It's a reflection of the team's unparalleled level of care and expertise that is delivered each day. An added bonus is that our sister ministry, Mission Hospital, also just received this certification from The Joint Commission, another example of the exceptional standards we uphold across our ministries and in Orange County.

St. Joseph and Mission are the only hospitals in Orange County holding this designation. These awards are a reflection of our teams' accomplishments, but they also serve as a signal to patients that we are a hospital they can trust. To receive this prestigious distinction helps reinforce SJO's standing as the hospital of choice in the region.

Congratulations to all physicians and caregivers working in cardiac care.

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer

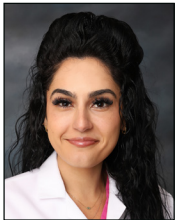
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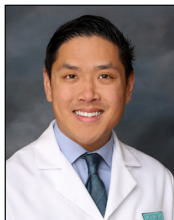
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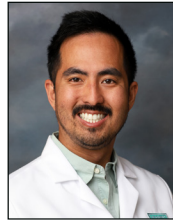
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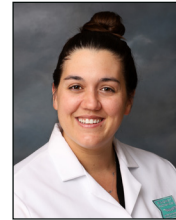
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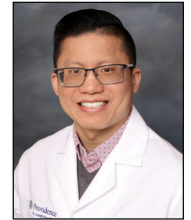
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## Physician Grand Rounds

### ERAS for the Cardiac Surgery Patient

Presented by Eric Ontiveros, M.D., Board Certified Anesthesiologist.  
Lunch will be provided.

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 13

**Time:** 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoul Auditorium  
or via Teams

*Last Grand Rounds in 2024!*

Join us virtually via Teams  
by scanning the QR code

