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**CARDIOLOGY**

Cathleen Bairey-Merz, MD, Cedars-Sinaï

Dr. Cathleen N. Bairey-Merz, MD, is a Cardiovascular Disease specialist in West Hollywood. She attended and graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1981, and now has over 36 years of diverse experience, especially in Cardiology. She is affiliated with many hospitals including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Bairey-Merz also collaborates with other doctors and physicians in medical groups including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Fahed Bitar, MD, Citrus Valley Health Partners

Dr. Fahed Bitar serves as both the Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and the Medical Director of the STEMI Receiving Center, both located at Inter-Community Hospital in Covina (an affiliate of the Citrus Valley Health Partners system). His specialty is Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Bitar has become a true champion for the heart programs at Citrus Valley Health Partners. He is always looking for opportunities to grow the programs so that the surrounding communities have access to the latest technology and innovative cardiac procedures. One of many examples of his commitment to his patients has been his leadership and ongoing support of the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement program.

David S. Cannom, MD, Good Samaritan Hospital

Dr. Cannom is the Director of Cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital. He founded Los Angeles Cardiology Associates (LACA) in 1995. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Minnesota, he completed his internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. His cardiology fellowship was completed at Stanford University. Dr. Cannom is recognized throughout the world as an expert in the treatment of ventricular arrhythmias. He is a past President of the Los Angeles Affiliate of the American Heart Association, past Governor of the American College of Cardiology in California, and immediate past President of North American Society for Pacing and Electrophysiology.

Gregg Fonarow, MD, UCLA Health System

Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow serves as Director of the Ahmanson-UC-Irvine Cardiomyopathy Center, Co-Chief of UCLA's Division of Cardiology, and Co-director of UCLA's Preventative Cardiology Program. He attained the rank of Professor of Medicine in 2003. He was awarded the Eliot Corday Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine and Science in 2003. His research interests center on heart failure management, preventative cardiology, disease management, and implementing treatment systems to improve clinical outcome. Dr. Fonarow has published over 800 research studies and clinical trials in heart failure management, preventative cardiology, and outcomes research. New therapies and management strategies for advanced heart failure and research into the pathophysiology of this disease are conducted at UCLA under his direction.

Eli S. Gang, MD, Cardiovascular Medical Group of Southern California

Clinical Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA, Dr. Gang is highly skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of complex arrhythmias, and is an expert in radiofrequency ablation and implementation of pacemakers and automatic defibrillators. Dr. Gang is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Jon A. Kabashigawa, MD, California Heart Center, Cedars-Sinai

At the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Jon Kabashigawa, MD is Director of the Advanced Heart Disease Section, Director of the Heart Transplant Program and Associate Director of both the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute and the Comprehensive Transplant Center. He is the DL/Gordon Professor of Medicine at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and also a Clinical Professor of Medicine/Cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Kabashigawa completed his medical degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He performed his internship, residency and cardiology fellowship at the UCLA Medical Center.

**COSMETIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

Gary J. Alter, MD, Alter MD

Dr. Gary Alter is a plastic surgeon in Beverly Hills and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Olympia Medical Center. He received his medical degree from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

James S. Anderson, MD, City of Hope

Written over 26 years of surgical experience, Dr. James S. Anderson specializes in reconstructive surgery after cancer treatment, particularly for cancers located in the breast, limbs and head and neck regions. As head of City of Hope’s Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Dr. Anderson and his team employ the latest techniques to produce the best possible results. For example, Dr. Anderson has been able to dramatically enhance the quality and durability of the reconstructed breast by utilizing tissue-sparing techniques combined with transplantation of a patient’s own tissue, dramatically reducing scarring.

Leslie A. Saxon, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Leslie Saxon is a professor of clinical medicine (clinical scholar) at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias and preventing sudden cardiac death. In addition to her work in cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Saxon serves as the executive director of the internationally acclaimed USC Center for Body Computing (CBC) and newly formed USC Virtual Care Clinic (VCC). She is a well-known authority on the pre-clinical and clinical development and testing of wearable and implanted technology, including networked devices used in medical, wellness and fitness disciplines. With her clinical expertise, she is a valuable strategist in developing-device models and software solutions that offer engaging user-feedback based on real-time physiologic data.

Prediman K. Shah, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Prediman K. Shah, MD has been Director of the Division of Cardiology and holds the Shapell and Webb Family Endowed Chair at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He also is the Director of the Oppenheimer Atherosclerosis Research Center at Cedars-Sinai where he leads several studies that focus on heart disease prevention and treatment. Dr. Shah has been Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA since 1992. In the early 1990s, he worked in the cardiovascular research laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He devotes 60 percent of his professional hours to patient care and the balance of his time to research, administrative, and teaching responsibilities.

Charles D. Swerdlow, MD, Cardiovascular Medical Group of Southern California

Clinical Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA, Dr. Charles Swerdlow is a cardiovascular physiologist specializing in the care of patients with cardiac arrhythmias. In addition to consultative and long-term patient care, his clinical interests focus in two areas: (1) catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation and other complex arrhythmias; and (2) implanted cardiac electronic devices including implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs), cardiac pacemakers, cardiac resynchronization (bi-ventricular) devices, and implantable monitoring devices for heart failure.

Jonathan Marvin Tobis, MD, UCLA Health System

Dr. Jonathan Tobis is a cardiologist in Los Angeles and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area including Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center - Santa Monica. He received his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Tobis is one of 165 doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and one of 59 at UCLA Medical Center - Santa Monica who specialize in Cardiovascular Disease. He also speaks multiple languages, including Spanish.
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Dr. Kevin Brenner is not only a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon, he is also a board-certified general surgeon, giving him qualifications to deliver some of the most complex reconstructive procedures. His specialty lies in the breasts and abdomen, using his expertise to restore a youthful, shapely appearance where it has been lost to age or other factors. Dr. Brenner has also done advanced training in rhinoplasty, and is one of a select group of plastic surgeons specifically trained to utilize advanced techniques such as rib grafting for challenging revision cases. Dr. Brenner’s work has been superlative, landing him in peer-reviewed plastic surgery journals on a regular basis. He has also authored numerous chapters in plastic surgery textbooks.

ANDREW L. D. LIO, MD, UCLA Health System

The Division of Plastic Surgery at UCLA has been recognized as one of the finest in the world. From the beginning, the goal has been to improve the quality of life for all patients. Dr. Li’s main areas of clinical expertise are in facial aesthetic surgery, microsurgery, and breast reconstruction. His research focuses on microsurgery, objective assessment of abdominal wall function after free TRAM flap breast reconstruction, the use of nuclear medicine imaging in differentiating benign and malignant lesions after breast reconstruction, of abdominal wall function after free TRAM flap breast reconstruction, and the role of decision analysis in breast reconstruction surgery.

Peter B. Fodor, MD, Private Practice

Peter B. Fodor, MD, F.A.C.S. is an internationally recognized aesthetic plastic surgeon, double board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery. His extensive general surgical background gives Dr. Fodor a comprehensive understanding of the limits, possibilities and applications of both forms of surgery. It is his comprehensive knowledge and his ability to develop many of the innovative procedures that are now used as standard in aesthetic plastic surgery. For years, he has been a member of national committees designed to evaluate and introduce innovative procedures in aesthetic plastic surgery. Dr. Fodor provides only the most advanced care to his patients.

Warren L. Garner, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

A native of Los Angeles, Dr. Garner is internationally recognized for his research, experience and treatment of wounds and the scars that result from them. He is the Director of the LAC+USC Burn Center where he directs a multidisciplinary team that treats patients with burn and other traumatic skin injuries. He is also expert in the treatment of numerous other wound healing abnormalities of poorly healing wounds and injuries. Dr. Garner and his research team investigate wound healing and scar formation in the laboratory and have received numerous federal and industrial grants to study wound healing, why they do not heal and treatments for them.

Peter H. Grossman, MD, Grossman Medical Group

Dr. Peter H. Grossman, President of the Los Angeles Society of Plastic Surgeons, is a board certified plastic surgeon whose private medical practice is divided between cosmetic and reconstructive surgery in West Hills. The diverse nature of Grossman Plastic Surgery and Dr. Grossman’s vast experience make him one of the most sought after surgeons in Southern California. Dr. Grossman has been a reconstructive surgeon for more than 20 years. His extensive surgical background is a key factor in ensuring a pleasant experience and helping patients achieve beautiful, natural looking results. In addition, his practice focuses on patient comfort, satisfaction, and trust.

Lawrence M. Koplin, MD, Private Practice

Lawrence M. Koplin, MD, F.A.C.S., is a native of Beverly Hills, where he attended both elementary and high school. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UC Berkeley in 1972.

His medical training was at The Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he trained with noted heart surgeons followed by a full five-year general surgery residency in Los Angeles prior to beginning his specialization in plastic surgery. Dr. Koplin returned to Houston for his plastic surgery residency, where he acquired extensive experience in the treatment of children with birth defects, multiple reconstructive techniques, and a wide range of procedures.

Paul Nassif, MD, Nassif Plastic Surgery

Dr. Paul Nassif, a skilled facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, is trusted with faces worldwide. His surgical prowess and innovative techniques have been recognized internationally by the media, patients and his peers. Known as a revision and ethnic rhinoplasty specialist, Dr. Nassif is sought after by patients from around the world for help in correcting some of the most challenging and complicated cases. Dr. Nassif specializes in obtaining natural results in both rhinoplasty and aging face surgery. For rhinoplasty, Dr. Nassif uses his skill as an artist and a surgeon to shape the nose to fit the face, rather than make it appear artificial. Patients marvel at how Dr. Nassif is able to create a nose that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

Jay S. Orringer, MD, Beverly Hills Plastic Surgery

Internationally recognized plastic surgeon Dr. Jay Orringer has been in practice for nearly two decades. Dr. Orringer specializes in aesthetic surgery of the face, breast and abdomen, as well as body contouring. Over the years he has helped many liposuction, facelift and breast augmentation patients in Beverly Hills achieve their cosmetic goals. He is certified by both the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Orringer is a member of the American Society of Aesthetic Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA

Ross Donaldson, MD, Critical Innovations LLC and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Donaldson is President & CEO of Critical Innovations LLC, a medical device research and development company focused on bringing cutting-edge solutions to health threats spanning pre-hospital, hospital, and military environments. Triple-boarded in emergency medicine, emergency medical services, and clinical informatics, Dr. Donaldson has been the principal investigator on $20 million dollars worth of grants, with research focusing on emergency, critical, and trauma care. Dr. Donaldson is also an Associate Professor of emergency medicine and epidemiology respectively in the UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He has also worked as an emergency physician for over a decade at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS

Margaret E. Bates, MD, Spectrum Women’s Healthcare

Dr. Margaret E. Bates is an Obstetrics / Gynecology Specialist in Los Angeles. She graduated with honors from USC in 1977. Having more than 40 years of diverse experiences, especially in Obstetrics / Gynecology, Dr. Bates is affiliated with many hospitals including Good Samaritan Hospital, Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, and cooperates with other doctors and specialists in the medical group Spectrum Women’s Health Care Group Inc.

Rebecca Sidney Brown, MD, Rodeo Drive Women’s Health Center

Dr. Rebecca Brown is an obstetrician-gynecologist in Beverly Hills, and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and UCSI Medical Center. She received her medical degree from Keck School of Medicine of USC and has been in practice between 11-20 years. She is one of 164 doctors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and one of 112 at UCSI Medical Center who specialize in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Connie S. Chein, MD, Connie Chein, MD

Connie Chein, MD is an attending physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Chein is also an Associate Clinical Professor at Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC). She teaches gynecologic surgery residents at the Women’s Hospital at LAC+USC Medical Center. Board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Chein received her bachelor's degree from USC and her medical degree from UCLA. She completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at LAC+USC Medical Center.
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**Cornelia Daly, MD, Santa Monica Women’s Health Center**

Dr. Cornelia Daly, MD is an obstetrician/gynecologist in Santa Monica. She is currently licensed to practice medicine in California. She is affiliated with Providence Saint John's Health Center. Specialties include Obstetrics and Gynecology, both of which she has achieved Board Certification.

**Richard Frieder, MD, Providence Saint John’s**

Dr. Richard Frieder is a medical genetics doctor in Santa Monica. He received his medical degree from the University of California Davis School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He is one of 20 doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and one of 7 at UCLA Medical Center-Santa Monica who specialize in Medical Genetics. He also speaks multiple languages, including Spanish.

**Michael Friedels, MD, Glendale Adventist**

Dr. Friedels graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine at Tucson in 1974. He works in Glendale and specializes in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Friedels is affiliated with Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Glendale Memorial Hospital & Health Center. He also speaks Spanish.

**HEMATOLOGY**

**Stephen Forman, MD, City of Hope**

Stephen J. Forman, MD has been Chair, Division of Hematology and Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, City of Hope National Medical Center and Program Director, Hematologic Neoplasia, City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center since 1987. He first joined City of Hope in 1979 after completing a fellowship there. He attended medical school at the University of Southern California. In addition to serving on the Phase One Medical Advisory Board, he is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Care for Lymphoma Foundation, a member of the Scientific Subcommittee of Transplant Biology for The American Society of Hematology, Chairman of the Marrow and Stem Cell Committee for the Southwest Oncology Group, and a member of the Gene Therapy Advisory Council, City of Hope and Beckman Research Institute.

**Michael Lill, MD, Cedars-Sina**

Dr. Lill was born in Adelaide, Australia and attended medical school at the University of Western Australia where he graduated in 1982. His postgraduate medical training was initially in Western Australia at Sir Charles Gairdner and Royal Perth Hospitals where he trained in internal medicine, hematology and hematology. In 1989 Dr. Lill joined the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program at UCLA and in 1991 he was invited to join the faculty in the bone marrow transplant program at UCLA. In 1997 he joined Cedars-Sina Medical Center as the Director of the Stem Cell/Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Dr. Lill is currently Chairman of the Cancer Committee, Chairman of the Hematology/Radiation Oncology Performance Improvement Committee and is actively involved in teaching, research and clinical care at Cedars-Sina.

**Anaayporn Nademane, MD, City of Hope**

A fixture at City of Hope for over three decades, “Dr. Nader,” as she is known, specializes in bone marrow and stem cell transplantation, and working with the most difficult cases. For over 15 years, Dr. Nademane has directed Matched Unrelated Donor program at City of Hope’s Hematologic Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplantation Institute, which includes the Toni Staphans Lymphoma Center, Geh Family Center for Leukemia Research and Judy and Bernard Brinkman Center for Multiple Myeloma Research. Dr. Nademane and her team place special emphasis on patient safety, constantly searching for new ways to combat graft-versus-host disease, a serious risk when patients receive stem cells from genetically matched unrelated donors.

**Gary Schiller, MD, UCLA Health System**

Dr. Schiller is a well-established clinical investigator in acute and chronic leukemias, myelodysplasia, and other hematologic malignancies as well as in stem cell and bone marrow transplantation. He lectures extensively, and has also written for the popular press. His research projects include clinical studies of new drugs, therapies, and bone marrow/stem cell transplantation for patients with malignancies of the blood or bone marrow such as leukemia, multiple myeloma, and lymphoma. He has carried out studies of stem cell transplantation following high-dose chemotherapy and radiation for acute myelogenous leukemia, one of the most common types of leukemia in adults. He has also carried out work with purified stem cell transplantation for multiple myeloma.

**David Snyder, MD, City of Hope**

A fixture at City of Hope for more than 30 years, David S. Snyder, MD is a nationally-recognized expert in stem cell transplantation for treating leukemia and a variety of other blood disorders, notably myeloproliferative neoplasms. Low-key, self-effacing but possessing encyclopedic knowledge, Dr. Snyder passionately believes in educating patients as well as his fellow physicians. He is frequently sought out for seminars, community presentations, educational videos and many other opportunities for sharing his insights. Dr. Snyder trained at Harvard Medical School and did multiple fellowships at Harvard Medical School and Tufts-New England Medical Center before joining City of Hope in 1984.

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**Muhammad Memon, MD, St. Francis Medical Center**

Muhammad Memon, MD, is a primary care physician specializing in internal medicine. As a young boy growing up in Pakistan, he understood the unspoken expectation of his family: He had a choice of two career paths — engineering or medicine. Fortunately for the community of South Los Angeles, Dr. Memon chose the latter. Today, at St. Francis, Dr. Memon serves as the physician advisor for Case Management, and he has distinguished himself as a stellar doctor among the health care team. His philosophy of treating the whole patient through well-coordinated care serves as a model for the appropriate delivery of health care services. By integrating evidence-based medicine and clinical practice guidelines with patient-centered care, Dr. Memon achieves quality outcomes and a positive patient experience.

**Magaret O’Donnell, MD, City of Hope**

Dr. Margaret O’Donnell is an internist in Duarte and is affiliated with City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital. She received her medical degree from Medical College of Pennsylvania and has been in practice for more than 20 years. She is one of 9 doctors at City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital who specialize in Internal Medicine.

**NEUROLOGY**

**Behnam Badie, MD, City of Hope**

Dr. Behnam Badie is a neurosurgeon in Duarte and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital and Huntington Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He is one of 3 doctors at City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital and one of 12 at Huntington Memorial Hospital who specialize in Neurological Surgery. He also speaks multiple languages, including Farsi.
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Thomas C. Chen, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Thomas Chen is a neurosurgeon in Los Angeles and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Garfield Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. He received his medical degree from University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Chen is one of two doctors at Garfield Medical Center and one of four at Good Samaritan Hospital who specialize in Neurological Surgery. He also speaks multiple languages, including Chinese (Mandarin).

Timothy Cloughesy, MD, UCLA Health

Timothy Cloughesy, also known as “Tim, M.D.,” serves as a Member of the Scientific Advisory Board in Oncology - Glioblastoma at Vascular Biogenics Ltd. Dr. Cloughesy works at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Neurology and Neuro-Oncology. His clinical interests include the treatment of brain tumors and Neuro-Oncology in general.

Moise Danielpour, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Moise Danielpour, MD, specializes in treating pediatric brain tumors, as well as a multitude of other nervous system disorders, including congenital malformations, epilepsy, craniofacial disorders and hydrocephalus. Dr. Danielpour is one of the few pediatric neurosurgeons in the world who has experience with uterine surgical treatment for birth defects, such as myelomeningocele. He is also an expert in the use of minimally invasive surgical technology in the care of children with central nervous system disease. On the national level, he is known as a neurosurgeon with a passion for the care of children. He looks for ways to improve care for children around the world, and as such has worked with children’s charities on an international level.

Igor Fineman, MD, Raymond Neurosurgery & Spine

Dr. Igor Fineman is a neurosurgeon in Pasadena and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Huntington Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He is one of 12 doctors at Glendale Adventist Medical Center and one of 12 at Huntington Memorial Hospital who specialize in Neurological Surgery. He also speaks multiple languages, including Spanish and Russian.

Steven L. Giannotta, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

Steven L. Giannotta, MD is the Chair of Neurological Surgery at Keck’s Department of Neurosurgery at USC, a department he joined in 1980. His research interests have always been related to cerebral blood flow and cerebral protection from ischemia. Based on some preliminary studies done in primates early in his career it was discovered that cerebral blood flow could be augmented by various manipulations of the cardiovascular system. This resulted in the adaptation of such techniques in the clinical realm especially as an effective means of counteracting the ischemic effects of cerebral vasospasm.

Mark D. Kreiger, MD, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Mark D. Kreiger joined the Children’s Neurosurgery Center in 2002. He served as the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Pediatric Fellow at Hospital de la Timone in Marseille, France and completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles and numerous book chapters, in addition to giving over 100 talks at national meetings. He is active in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Neurosurgeons and the American Society for Pediatric Neurosurgeons. He cares for children with all surgical diseases of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves and specializes in tumors of the central nervous system. Currently, Dr. Kreiger serves as the Chief of Medical Staff.

Todd Lannman, MD, Lannman Spinal Neurosurgery

World-renowned Beverly Hills spinal neurosurgeon Dr. Todd H. Lannman of Lannman Spinal Neurosurgery, believes that without a healthy spine, there is no healthy life. As he decrees, movement is life. Following his own experiences undergoing a number of spinal surgeries, Dr. Lannman combined this firsthand knowledge of this with his fundamental understanding of spinal health to devote his career to helping others to live pain-free lives and restore their mobility. As a specialist in the advancement of spinal health and spine surgery for more than 30 years, his attention to guaranteeing his patients the utmost in compassionate and skilled care under his watchful eye and steady hand has earned him top honors. He has also remained an assistant clinical professor at UCLA for the past 20 years.

Linda M. Liu, MD, UCLA Health System

Linda M. Liu, MD, PhD, MBA, is a Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Neurosurgery at the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She also directs the UCLA Brain Tumor Program, one of the world’s leading centers for brain tumor research, diagnosis and treatment. She is the current Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neuro-Oncology and a member of several prestigious organizations including the nominating committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgery and the Board of Directors of the American Board of Neurological Surgeons.

John S. Yu, MD, Cedars-Sinai

John S. Yu, MD, is an internationally renowned neurosurgeon specializing in the treatment of malignant and benign tumors of the brain and spine. He is an expert in the use of radiation therapy and radiosurgery to stop the progression of tumors, and he leads research in immunotherapy, gene therapy, and bone marrow-derived neural stem cells as new approaches to treating tumors. Dr. Yu’s research experience dates back to the early 1980s when he was in the Honors research program at Stanford and a student of French literature and biology at the Universite de Paris and Institut Pasteur, where he conducted research in the Department of Immunology. For the past decade has been awarded National Institutes of Health grants for his work to find new ways to undermine gliomas and glioblastoma multiforme.

Mikayel Grigoryan, MD, Adventist Health Glendale

Dr. Grigoryan is a Board-Certified vascular and interventional neurologist. He completed his Neurology residency training at University of Iowa, a Vascular Neurology fellowship at Stanford University, and an Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology fellowship at University of Minnesota. Dr. Grigoryan specializes in the treatment of cerebrovascular diseases and endovascular cervico-cerebral interventions. Dr Grigoryan is the Medical Director of Neurointerventional Program at Adventist Health Glendale Comprehensive Stroke Center and has over 40 peer-reviewed publications. As a Neurologist and a Neurointerventionalist, he has been instrumental in life-saving procedures and advanced endovascular treatment by removing clots from the brain, repairing ruptured aneurysms, and managing the most complex stroke and neurological cases.

Michael Rosove, MD, UCLA Health

Michael Harry Rosove is a Hematology / Oncology Specialist. He graduated with honors from UCLA School Of Medicine in 1973. Having more than 46 years of diverse experiences, especially in hematology/oncology. Dr. Rosove is affiliated with many hospitals including Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica - UCLA Medical Center & Orthopaedic Hospital, and cooperates with other doctors and specialists in medical group UC Regents.
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Christy Russell, MD, USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital

Christy Russell, MD, is associate professor of medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, Director of the USC Norris Breast Center and chief of medicine at USC Norris Cancer Hospital. She is a medical oncologist specializing in breast cancer at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and, as a board-certified physician in both internal medicine and medical oncology, has devoted numerous publications on breast and testicular cancer. She is a member of the Medical Advisory Board for the Wellness Community in Pasadena and a board member of the American Cancer Society.

George Somlo, MD, City of Hope

George Somlo, MD, F.A.C.P., is an internationally known breast cancer and hematology researcher at City of Hope, and director of pharmaceutical initiatives at the institution. Dr. Somlo is currently professor with joint appointments in the Departments of Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research and Hematology & Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation. Among his many institutional functions, he is president of the medical staff and a member of the City of Hope board of directors. Dr. Somlo served as director of breast oncology, co-director of the Breast Cancer Program and director of the Multiple Myeloma Program. Dr. Somlo is particularly interested in collaborations focusing on triple negative breast cancer and overcoming breast cancer stem cell resistance in the preclinical and subsequently clinical settings.

Patrick Soon-Shiong, MD, Chan Soon-Shiong Institute for Medicine

Patrick Soon-Shiong, MD, is a physician, surgeon, researcher, philanthropist and scientist who invented and developed the revolutionary drug Abraxane, which has received FDA approval for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer, lung cancer and advanced pancreatic cancer. Abraxane is considered the standard-of-care and first line therapy across a spectrum of cancer types in both the United States and Europe. Over the course of Dr. Soon-Shiong's career, he has pioneered novel therapies for both diabetes and cancer, published over 100 scientific papers, and has been granted over 230 patents worldwide for groundbreaking advancements spanning myriad fields of technology and medicine.

Cy Aaron Stein, MD, City of Hope

Specializing in urology and prostate cancer, Cy Aaron Stein, MD, Ph.D., is a sought-after expert who has authored hundreds of scholarly papers and several medical texts including Molecular Medicine and The Prostate Cancer Book. He also holds 11 patents. Yet his Number One advice to fellow physicians is, “Never think about yourself. It’s only about the patient.” Dr. Stein earned his medical degree at New York’s Albert Einstein College of Medicine, which he followed with a three-year assignment at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. Returning to New York, he spent the next two decades establishing himself as a foremost physician and educator at Einstein, Montefiore Medical Center and Columbia University. He joined City of Hope in 2012.

Marilou Terpenning, MD, Santa Monica Hematology-Oncology Consultants

Marilou Terpenning, MD, F.A.C.P. is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan and fellowship training in Hematology and Medical Oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She has been a member of the faculty of UCLA School of Medicine and is an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. She has special interests in breast and gynecologic cancers, new models of cancer care and bioinformatics. Dr. Terpenning is the author of numerous articles on cancer and tumor immunology and remains active in clinical research in the immunology of breast cancer. She is the Director of Medical Oncology at Providence Saint John’s Health Center.

Robert Vescio, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Robert A. Vescio, MD is an attending physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with offices in the Samuel Oschin Cancer Center. He is Director of the Cedars-Sinai Multiple Myeloma and Amyloidosis Program. Dr. Vescio has special expertise in multiple myeloma and amyloidosis. His research interests include related conditions, such as monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), and in the treatment and prevention of bone metastases.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SPECIALIST

Robert Naraghi, MD, St. Vincent Medical Center

For the past twenty years, Robert Naraghi, MD, has dedicated his professional self to the success and wellbeing of transplant patients at the Multi-Organ Transplant Program (MOTP) at St. Vincent Medical Center. He completed his medical training at the University of Southern California and the University of Pittsburgh, and first came to St. Vincent Medical Center as a fellow in Renal and Pancreas Transplantation in 1997. He trained and started his practice with the Mendez Transplant & Urological Medical Group, a group that helped establish St. Vincent’s reputation of transplant excellence throughout Los Angeles. In 2006, Dr. Naraghi assumed the role of Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation at St. Vincent. Today, St. Vincent’s Multi-Organ Transplant Center continues to thrive under Dr. Naraghi’s leadership and work as the sole transplant surgeon.

ORTHOPEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

Earl Warren Brien, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Earl Warren Brien, MD, serves as a Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Surgical Director of the Sarcoma Service at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Brien has a wealth of knowledge, first-hand experience in treating patients with soft tissue sarcomas coupled with years of providing strategic counsel to both biotech and medical device companies. He has been a Director at CytRx Corporation since December 2, 2016. Dr. Brien is a Board Certified Orthopedic and Sarcoma Surgeon. Over his more than 20-year career, Dr. Brien has received numerous research grants, given over 140 scientific presentations and been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and books.

Susan Bukata, MD, UCLA Health System

Susan Bukata, MD is an orthopedic surgeon who practices in Santa Monica. She has been practicing for 22 years. Dr. Bukata is affiliated with UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Among her primary interests are bone cancer treatment, joint cancer, limb salvage, metabolic bone disease, muscle cancer, osteoporosis and clinical trials.

Lawrence D. Dorr, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

Lawrence D. Dorr, MD, is Founder and Medical Director of The Arthritis Institute. He has performed more than 3,500 hip and knee replacements in the past decade. Dr. Dorr served as President of the Hip Society this year. The Hip Society is the most prestigious organization for hip surgeons and researchers and has 100 members. Dr. Dorr also has been President of the Knee Society, the sister Society of the Hip Society which has membership of 100 of the leading knee replacement surgeons and researchers, and of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons which has a membership of 1,000 hip and knee replacement surgeons in the United States. He is the only surgeon to be a member of all three organizations.
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Thomas J. Grogan, MD, Pacific Coast Sports Medicine

Dr. Grogan is a practicing pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Pacific Coast Sports Medicine in Los Angeles. Dr. Grogan graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University with a degree in Biology and received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Grogan’s orthopedic training has included an orthopedic residency at UCLA plus several orthopedic fellowships in pediatric orthopedics, trauma, and NIH sponsored joint replacement surgery. Following his orthopedic training he returned to Los Angeles, spending six years at Shriners’ Hospital for Crippled Children, including serving as Assistant Chief in 1996 and 1997. In addition to his clinical practice, he spent several years involved in managed care consulting as an orthopedic surgeon and has developed special expertise in this area.

Eric E. Johnson, MD, UCLA Health System

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Dr. Johnson graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1976. He works in Los Angeles and specializes in Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Johnson is affiliated with the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. He has a number of specialized interests, including complex trauma, osteotomy, adult hip dysplasia, adult leg lengthening, tertiary trauma reconstruction and pelvic-acetabular fractures, among other interests.

Jay R. Lieberman, MD, Keck Medicine of USC

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Dr. Lieberman is professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, the Director of the Institute of Orthopaedics at the Keck Medical Center of USC, and the President of USC Care. Dr. Lieberman is internationally recognized for his expertise in primary and revision total hip and knee replacement and treatment of osteonecrosis (bone death) of the hip and knee. He is interested in improving outcomes after total hip and knee replacement and how pain management, aggressive physical therapy and preventing deep vein blood clots affect the results of total joint replacement surgery. Dr. Lieberman aims to assess the influence of spirituality on the results of total joint replacement.

Joel Matta, MD, Providence St. John’s

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Dr. Matta is an Orthopaedic Surgeon practicing Hip and Pelvic Reconstruction. He has been in practice for 34 years. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is also a charter member of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association and has been elected into the International Hip Society and American Hip Society. He is the Founder and Director of the Hip and Pelvis Institute at St John’s Health Center and is a recognized national and international lecturer regarding hip and pelvis surgery.

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Dr. Lawrence R. Menendez is a Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Keck Medical Center of USC where he specializes in the management of malignant and benign tumors of bone and soft tissue. He is one of only a handful of orthopaedic oncologists in Southern California who is experienced in performing complicated limb-sparing surgeries and other orthopaedic cancer techniques such as cryosurgery and radiofrequency ablation. Primary musculoskeletal cancers are rare. Dr. Menendez uses a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to treatment with his colleagues from medical oncology, radiation oncology, nuclear medicine, radiology, surgical pathology, occupational and physical therapy and social services and pain management.

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Justin Saliman, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Saliman is a sports medicine and arthroscopy-trained orthopaedic surgeon maintaining an active practice at the Cedars-Sinai Orthopaedic Center. He specializes in joint-preserving treatment of injuries to the shoulder, hip and knee. Dr. Saliman completed a sports medicine fellowship at Stanford University where he provided care for the San Francisco 49ers and for the Stanford University and Santa Clara University athletic teams. Dr. Saliman is at the forefront of innovation in developing minimally invasive devices, implants and techniques to repair injured or degenerative joints. His present focus is on designing novel techniques that decrease pain, repair anatomy and improve function in the shoulder, hip and knee.

Thomas P. Schmalzlried, MD, Joint Replacement Institute

In addition to the role of Medical Director of the Joint Replacement Institute, Dr. Schmalzlried is on the editorial review board of several scientific journals and is the Joint Replacement Section Editor for Orthopedics Today, the most widely read orthopaedic periodical. Dr. Schmalzlried attended Stanford University on a basketball scholarship and was a 3-year varsity letterman. Dr. Schmalzlried attended UCLA Medical School and did his internship in surgery and residency in orthopedics at UCLA. In 1985-86, Dr. Schmalzlried was a research fellow in joint replacement, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

David Skaggs, MD, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Skaggs is the Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, holds the Children’s Endowed Chair of Pediatric Spinal Disorders, and is a Tenured Professor at Keck School of Medicine of USC. Dr. Skaggs received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College and completed his Medical Degree and residency at Columbia University of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Skaggs is internationally renowned for his expertise pediatric spinal deformity and trauma. He edits “Fracture in Children,” the best-selling textbook in pediatric orthopaedics in the world.

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Robert G. Watkins III, MD, Watkins Spine

Robert Watkins III, MD, a board-certified orthopedic spine surgeon, is co-director of the Marina Del Rey Hospital spine clinic, along with his son, Dr. Watkins IV. In addition to advanced spine-surgery techniques in general, he also specializes in treating sports injuries, and he has successfully treated many professional athletes. Along with his son, Dr. Watkins IV, are the spine consultants for USC athletic programs, the L.A. Dodgers, and other Los Angeles professional and collegiate sports teams.

HEMATOLOGY

Stephen Forman, MD, City of Hope

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joined City of Hope in 1979 after completing a fellowship there. He attended medical school at the University of Southern California. In addition to serving on the Phase One Medical Advisory Board, he is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Lymphoma Foundation, a member of the Scientific Subcommittee of Transplant Biology for The American Society of Hematology, Chairman of the Marrow and Stem Cell Committee for the Southwest Oncology Group, and a member of the Gene Therapy Advisory Council, City of Hope and Beckman Research Institute.

Michael Lill, MD, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Lill was born in Adelaide, Australia and attended medical school at the University of Western Australia where he graduated in 1982. His postgraduate medical training was initially in Western Australia at Sir Charles Gairdner and Royal Perth Hospitals where he trained in internal medicine, hematology and hematopathology. In 1989 Dr. Lill joined the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program at UCLA and in 1991 he was invited to join the faculty in the bone marrow transplant area at UCLA. In 1997 he joined Cedars-Sinai Medical Center as the Director of the Stem Cell/Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Dr. Lill is currently Chairman of the Cancer Committee, Chairman of the Hematology/Radiation Oncology Performance Improvement Committee and is actively involved in teaching, research and clinical care at Cedars-Sinai.

Auwaporn Nademanee, MD, City of Hope

A fixture at City of Hope for over three decades, “Dr. Nadee,” as she’s known, specializes in bone marrow and stem cell transplantation, and working with the most difficult cases: patients whose lives depend on transplants from complete strangers. For over 15 years, Dr. Nademanee has directed the Matched Unrelated Donor program at City of Hope’s Hematologic Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplantation Institute, which includes the Toni Stephenson Lymphoma Center, Gehr Family Center for Leukemia Research and Judy and Bernard Binkin Center for Multiple Myeloma Research. Dr. Nademanee and her team place special emphasis on patient safety, constantly searching for new ways to combat graft-versus-host disease, a serious risk when patients receive stem cells from genetically matched unrelated donors.

Gary Shiller, MD, UCLA Health System

A fixture at City of Hope for more than 30 years, David S. Snyder, MD is a nationally-recognized expert in stem cell transplantation for treating leukemia and a variety of other blood disorders, notably myelodysplastic neoplasms. Low-key, self-effacing but possessing encyclopedic knowledge, Dr. Snyder passionately believes in educating patients as well as his fellow physicians. He is frequently sought out for seminars, community presentations, educational videos and many other opportunities for sharing his insights. Dr. Snyder trained at Harvard Medical School and did multiple fellowships at Harvard Medical School and Tufts-New England Medical Center before joining City of Hope in 1984.

David Snyder, MD, City of Hope

A fixture at City of Hope for over three decades, Dr. Fahed Bitar for his leadership and dedication as Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

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Medicare Fee Schedule Finalized for 2018

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published the final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for 2018. In a statement, the California Medical Association (CMA) announced that it is pleased, overall, to see many positive changes in the final rule, “including the reduction of penalties under the flawed Value Modifier (VM) program, the expansion of coverage for telehealth services, the delay in implementation of the Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for imaging, and the reduction of documentation requirements for Medicare Shared Savings Program accountable care organizations.”

CMS also announced that it supports the continued expansion of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program and the transition to the new geographic payment regions in California. In the proposed rule released this summer, CMS announced its “Patients Before Paperwork” initiative and invited physicians to submit ideas for regulatory, policy, practice and procedural changes to improve the health care system to reduce unnecessary burdens for clinicians, patients and their families. CMA submitted its “Top 10 List for Regulatory Relief” to CMS and strongly urged CMS to provide immediate relief because it is causing a significant and disturbing trend in physician burnout.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018 FINAL MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE:

Quality Reporting
In response to advocacy from CMA and AMA, CMS revised the 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Meaningful Use reporting requirements to only require physicians to report six measures with no domain or cross-cutting measures. This change aligns the 2016 requirements with the new MACRA requirements. CMS estimates this change alone will reduce physician penalties by $2 million. Also, the CAHPS survey for group practices of 100+ physicians will be optional in the Group Practice Reporting System.

Value Modifier
CMS made significant changes to the problematic value modifier program, which rewards or penalizes physicians on their Medicare expenditures compared to their peers. (CMA has heavily criticized this program.) Physicians who met the 2016 PQRS reporting requirements will not receive a VM penalty in 2018. Penalties were cut in half for physicians groups and small practices who did not meet the FQRS requirements.

Diabetes Prevention Program
CMA and AMA strongly support the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program. CMS is allowing Shared Savings Program payment for blood glucose of 670 over three years for core and maintenance services. CMS is also shifting a higher percent of the payment resource to the first six months of the DPP services period. CMS delayed the start date of the program until April 1, 2018, and finalized new HCPs C codes for reporting DPP services. Unfortunately, CMS declined to approve payment for virtual DPP services.

Medicare Shared Savings Program
CMS finalized numerous expansions of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services coverage pursuant to AMA and CMA advocacy.

APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA FOR IMAGING
At CMA and AMA’s urging, CMS has delayed implementation of the Appropriate Use Criteria program until January 1, 2020. The program would have denied payment for advanced imaging services unless the physician ordering the service had consulted the AUC. In 2020, the AUC program will transition in an educational and operations testing period. Physicians may voluntarily report starting in July 2018.

Biosimilars
CMS will allow separate coding and payment for each approved biosimilar product.

Medicare Shared Savings Program
CMS has substantially reduced the documentation requirements for (1) the initial Medicare Shared Savings Program application; (2) Skilled Nursing Facility 3-day waiver application; and (3) reporting for Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center claims. CMS is also allowing seven additional primary care services codes for Chronic Care Management and Behavioral Health Integration.

Medicare Site of Service Price Transparency
In the outpatient services final rule, CMS announced plans to establish a public website in 2018 that makes available the estimated payment amount for an item or service under the Outpatient Services Fee Schedule pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act that Congress passed last year.

For more information, visit cnmtn.org.

CANCER DEATH RATES: Continue to Decline

In the latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Survival of Cancer, 1975-2015, researchers at the American Cancer Society and lead author of the study, Dr. Alain Jemal, D.V.M., Ph.D., of the American Cancer Society and lead author of the study.

“In 2012, 21% of men and 18.6% of women had survived at least 5 years after being diagnosed with cancer,” said Dr. Jemal. “In 2015, 25% of men and 22.4% of women had survived at least 5 years after being diagnosed with cancer.”

According to the report, the cancer death rate has declined 26% since 1990 among men and 21% among women. Although cancer deaths continue to occur, they are occurring at a lower rate than in the past.

In 2015, an estimated 606,520 people died of cancer, or 1 in 7 deaths. This is a decline from 645,790 deaths in 2013. This marked the 21st consecutive decline in cancer mortality. In 1990, there were 787,160 cancer deaths. In 2015, cancer deaths decreased by 6% among men and 7% among women, compared with 2014. Compared with cancer deaths in 2013, 78% of the decrease in cancer deaths is attributed to declines in prostate cancer deaths, 14% to lung cancer deaths, 5% to breast cancer deaths, and 3% to colorectal cancer deaths.

Overall, the number of cancer deaths decreased at a faster rate than the number of cancer cases. Cancer deaths decreased over the study period while the number of cancer cases increased. This indicates that improvements in cancer survival rates continue to have a positive effect on cancer deaths.

The report notes that the improvements made in cancer control and prevention result in a substantial reduction in cancer deaths and morbidity for people at all ages and ethnicities. The report also highlights the need for continued improvements in cancer control and prevention.

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