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# LEADERS OF INFLUENCE: TOP L.A. DOCTORS

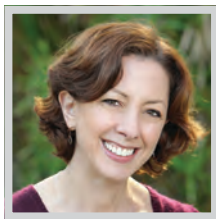


LOS ANGELES IS HOME TO MANY OF THE NATION'S BEST HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE and this is our annual opportunity to shine a light on some of the finest.

For our Top Doctors profiles this year, we analyzed each of the many nominations received and pulled a few particularly outstanding medical professionals each from 21 disciplines of focus: Anesthesiology; Cardiology; Colon & Rectal; Dermatology; Ear, Nose & Throat; Emergency Medicine; Endocrinology; Family Medicine; Gastroenterology; Infectious Disease; Internal Medicine; Neurology; Obstetrics & Gynecology; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Orthopedics; Pediatrics; Plastic/Reconstruction; Pulmonology; Radiology; and Urology. Doctors were selected based on their good standing, reputation, thought leadership and success here in Los Angeles.

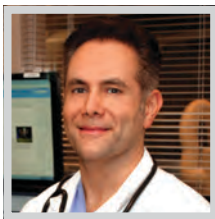
*Methodology: The professionals featured in these pages did not pay to be included. Their profiles were drawn from nomination materials submitted to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Those selected for inclusion were reviewed by the editorial department and chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community.*

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**DEBRA LOTSTEIN**  
**ANESTHESIOLOGY**

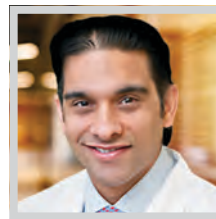
Chief, Division of Comfort and Palliative Care,  
 Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine  
 Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Debra Lotstein is the founding chief of the Division of Comfort and Palliative Care at CHLA, expanding the size of the division's faculty and staff from four to 16 over the past seven years. Through inpatient and outpatient care, the division has greatly increased the institution's capacity to provide care focused on relief of suffering and promotion of quality of life for children with serious illness and their families. The division focuses on relief of pain and other physical symptoms, psychosocial support for patients and their families, and support for medical-decision making when cure of disease may not be possible.


**HARRY BALIAN**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

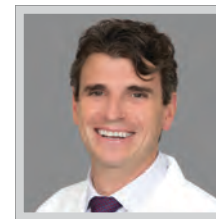
Interventional Cardiologist  
 Adventist Health Glendale

Board-certified in nuclear cardiology, Harry Balian, MD specializes in interventional cardiology. He received his medical degree from Chicago Medical School and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of California, Irvine, where he was also a cardiology fellow. Dr. Balian completed his interventional cardiology training at George Washington University. Dr. Balian was instrumental in launching the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement procedure at Adventist Health Glendale and other life-saving interventional cardiology techniques.


**SUNNY BHATIA**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

CEO, Region I and Corporate Chief Medical Officer  
 Prime Healthcare

Sunny Bhatia, MD, MMM, FACHE, FSCAI is an interventional cardiologist who is quadruple board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, nuclear cardiology, and interventional cardiology. As a physician leader, interventional cardiologist, founder of medical groups and executive leader of one of the largest health systems in the United States, Dr. Bhatia leads with the heart of a physician-focused on clinical excellence, patient experience and financial stewardship. Dr. Bhatia is responsible for establishing and facilitating processes to ensure input, engagement and alignment of all C-suite leaders and physicians, including setting strategic direction and priorities for enhancing the quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare delivery at the region's 17 hospitals.


**SAAR DANON**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Medical Director, Pediatric Cardiology and  
 Congenital Cardiac Catheterization  
 MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
 Hospital Long Beach

Dr. Saar Danon recently conducted MCWHLB's 10th PDA device closure in premature babies with the piccolo device (the device is a size of a pea) and is the best intervention for babies with PCA who are extremely low birth weight. He brings a level of expertise and compassion to the Children's Heart Institute like nobody else. He was also instrumental in Miller Children's & Women's partnering with the World Pediatric Project, a non-profit that brings patients from the Caribbean for heart surgery. Dr. Danon's research focuses on developing new devices and techniques to increase the number of children that can be treated with cardiac catheterization procedures.


**RAVI DAVE**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Director of Interventional Cardiology  
 UCLA Health

Dr. Ravi Dave is the program director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program at UCLA Health. He is also serving as the director of the Cardiac Catheterization laboratories at Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Community Cardiology Practices. His clinical interests include percutaneous coronary interventions using all devices, treatment of chronic total occlusions of coronary vessels, performing complete revascularization in high-risk indicated patients, Mitraclip procedure and percutaneous treatment for peripheral artery disease. Dr. Dave has been in practice at UCLA for over 20 years and has a high volume procedural practice. He has been voted as a Super Doctor every year since 2007.


**IVAN C. HO**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

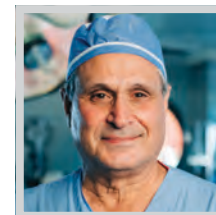
Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology;  
 Director of Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship;  
 Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine,  
 Keck School of Medicine of USC  
 Keck Medicine of USC

Since recruitment to Keck Medicine of USC, Ivan Ho, MD, FACC, FHRS has successfully restarted the EP fellowship training program at Keck Medicine and achieving initial accreditation from ACGME in 2020. He has also built up the clinical EP program at Keck Medicine by recruiting three new EP faculty over the last year, increasing the volume of EP procedures even through the COVID pandemic. His EP department now also has many of the research protocols testing cutting-edge mapping and ablation technologies for complex arrhythmias, as well as implantation of advanced leadless pacemakers in both chambers of the heart.


**GUY MAYEDA**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Chief of the Vascular Program, PIH Health Physicians;  
 President, Los Angeles Cardiology Associates  
 PIH Health

Guy Mayeda MD, FACC, FSCAI is an interventional cardiovascular specialist with additional expertise in endovascular interventions for coronary artery disease, critical limb ischemia, dialysis access shunt failures and aortic aneurysms/dissections. Dr. Mayeda has been in practice as an interventional cardiologist since 1995. He is currently the president of Los Angeles Cardiology Associates and chief of the Vascular Program for PIH Health Physicians. Dr. Mayeda finds that the most gratifying aspect of interventional cardiology is the ability to quickly intervene and treat patients with acute life-threatening illnesses and restore them to their former functional status.


**MARC SAKWA**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery, MemorialCare Heart  
 & Vascular Institute; Medical Director,  
 Adult Cardiovascular Surgery,  
 MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute  
 MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Marc Sakwa, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive procedures for complex heart conditions. Dr. Sakwa is a renowned cardiovascular surgeon with expertise in minimally invasive surgical procedures for complex heart disease. His clinical interests include aortic and mitral valve heart surgery with two- to three-inch incisions in the chest compared to traditional open-heart surgery. The significant advantage includes quicker recoveries, reduced hospital stays, less post-operative pain, smaller scars, and an earlier return to normal activities. His research focuses on valvular repair, replacement and evaluation of new technologies for valve disease.



# UCLA HEALTH CONGRATULATES LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL TOP DOCTORS RECIPIENTS AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR PHYSICIANS FOR BEING LEADERS IN CARE DELIVERY.

**Arleen Brown, MD, PhD**  
Internal Medicine

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**Lin Chang, MD**  
Gastroenterology

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**Dinesh Chhetri, MD**  
Otolaryngology

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**Lynn Connolly, MD**  
Gastroenterology

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**Ravi Dave, MD**  
Interventional Cardiology

**Anthony Heaney, MD**  
Endocrinology

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**Dennis Slamon, MD**  
Oncology

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**Stephanie Smooke Praw, MD**  
Endocrinology

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**Maie St. John, MD, PhD**  
Otolaryngology

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**Karol Watson, MD, PhD**  
Cardiology

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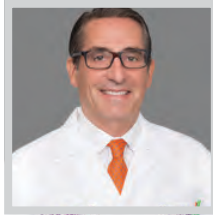
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**SHAUN SETTY**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Medical Director of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Cardiac Surgery  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

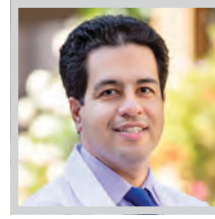
Dr. Shaun Setty has experience in all aspects of pediatric and adult congenital cardiac surgery including the tiniest neonatal baby to an octogenarian. He also has experience in robotic and transplant surgery. He is currently involved in multiple basic and clinical cardiac research projects. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Setty has numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters to his credit, including over a dozen presented at national and international meetings. He is the surgical section editor of a congenital heart journal and has been invited to review numerous manuscripts for many other journals.



**DAVID SHAVELLE**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Medical Director, Adult Cardiology & Interventional Lab, MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Dr. David Shavelle brought his extensive leadership experience in cardiology to LBMC after 20 years at Keck USC, and has provided leadership and strategic direction for adult cardiology programs, as well as oversight for the interventional catheterization laboratories. MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute at LBMC is among the most comprehensive centers for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of cardiac disease. In addition to his hopes to expand research opportunities, Dr. Shavelle plans on expanding the programs for heart failure and structural heart disease. He grew and expanded the cardiac research program at USC, and plans to bring his expertise and research to the greater Long Beach community as well.



**AMIR SOLHPOUR**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Interventional Cardiologist  
Adventist Health Glendale

Amir Solhpour, MD, FACC, RPV is an advanced structural interventional cardiologist trained at the prestigious Texas Medical Center. Dr. Solhpour has six board certificates which is rare among cardiologists. He is American Board certified in internal medicine, cardiology, interventional cardiology, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and is a registered physician for vascular interpretation. In addition to extra training in lipid and cholesterol management, his subspecialty includes managing various cardiac and vascular conditions using minimally invasive catheter-based therapy. He also treats various life-threatening conditions such as cardiac arrest or cardiogenic shock and life-threatening pulmonary embolism or large burden thrombus in the arterial system of the lower extremity.



**KAROL WATSON**  
**CARDIOLOGY**

Director of the UCLA Women's Cardiovascular Health Center, the UCLA-Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Health Program, Co-Director of the UCLA Program in Preventive Cardiology, and Director of the UCLA Fellowship Program in Cardiovascular Diseases  
UCLA Health

Dr. Karol Watson is an attending cardiologist and a professor of medicine/cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She is director of the UCLA Women's Cardiovascular Health Center, the UCLA-Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Health Program, co-director of the UCLA Program in Preventive Cardiology, and director of the UCLA Fellowship Program in Cardiovascular Diseases. Dr. Watson is a principal investigator for several large National Institutes of Health research studies including the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study and the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis.



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# PIH Health Congratulates Our Top Doctors

**Ashwin Ashok MD** – Gastroenterology

**Adrian Burgos MD** – Neurology

**David Del Bello MD** – Infectious Disease

**Christian Gastelum MD** – Endocrinology

**Gregory Lekovic MD PhD** – Neurology

**Hossein Mahboubi MD** – Otolaryngology

**Guy Mayeda MD** – Cardiology

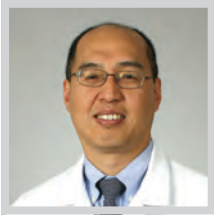
**Rachael Moore MD** – Dermatology

**Sara Soto MD MPH** – Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Lisa Wang MD** – Hematology & Oncology



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**SANG W. LEE**  
**COLON AND RECTAL SPECIALTY**

*Professor and Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery,  
Keck School of Medicine of USC  
Keck Medicine of USC*

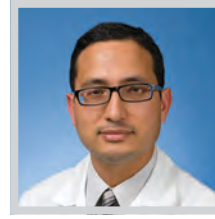
Sang W. Lee, MD, is one of the nation's leading experts in laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery and endoluminal surgery. With more than 20 years in practice, he has pioneered a non-invasive surgical technique called CELS (combined endolaparoscopic surgery), which removes the large colon and rectal polyps not amendable for colonoscopic removal while avoiding bowel resection. Dr. Lee has invented a low-cost vacuum dressing to prevent surgical infections. Dr. Lee has edited four textbooks in surgery and published more than 85 manuscripts.



**RACHAEL MOORE**  
**DERMATOLOGY**

*Dermatologist  
PIH Health*

Rachael Moore MD is a dermatologist and specializes in Mohs surgery at PIH Health, a micrographic surgery which is the most accurate and tissue-sparing technique used primarily to treat basal and squamous cell skin cancer. She is dedicated to providing excellent care to her patients, and specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer. Dr. Moore is credited for starting the dermatology and Mohs surgery program at PIH Health in 2010 and continues to serve as chair of the department. Dr. Moore has served as a member of the PIH Health Physician Satisfaction and Engagement committee since 2017.



**DINESH CHHETRI**  
**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**

*Professor-in-Residence, Department of Head and Neck Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA  
UCLA Health*

Dr. Dinesh Chhetri is professor of Head and Neck Surgery and a laryngologist, a specialist in voice disorders, swallowing disorders, and airway (breathing) disorders. He graduated magna cum laude from Brown University with a degree in biochemistry, then obtained his MD from UCLA School of Medicine, where he graduated with distinction for his thesis on vocal fold paralysis and laryngeal reinnervation. He remained at UCLA for his residency training in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and fellowship in laryngology. Dr. Chhetri is known nationally and internationally as an academic laryngologist and head and neck surgeon. He has authored nearly 100 publications related to voice and swallowing disorders.



**MICHAEL JOHNS III**  
**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**

*Director, USC Voice Center Division Director,  
Laryngology Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology  
USC Caruso Department of Otolaryngology  
Head and Neck Surgery  
Keck Medicine of USC*

Michael Johns III, MD has dedicated his career to the advancement of care for people with voice, swallowing, and airway disorders. The career accomplishments of which he is most proud are twofold: 1) the development of interprofessional care centers of excellence that have raised the bar for voice, swallowing and airway care; and 2) the advancement of minimally invasive office-based interventions for voice restoration. He created the Emory Voice Center, an interprofessional center of excellence in Atlanta, where he practiced for 12 years prior to being recruited to USC to develop the USC Voice Center, the first of its kind in the region.



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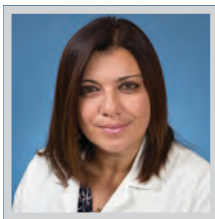
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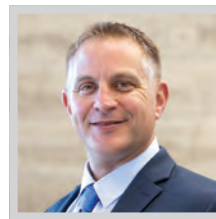
**HOSSEIN MAHBOUBI**  
**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**  
*Otolaryngologist*  
 PIH Health

Hossein Mahboubi MD is a board-certified otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon with fellowship training in otology, neurotology and skull base surgery, a subspecialty focusing on the diseases of the ear and hearing, balance, and facial nerves. Dr. Mahboubi completed his residency in otolaryngology - head and neck surgery at UC Irvine following a post-doctoral research fellowship at the same institution, which helped develop his passion for treating ear and skull base diseases. He then spent two years completing a clinical fellowship in otology and neurotology at House Ear Clinic and UCLA where he advanced his skills in cochlear implants, stapedectomy, and complex ear and lateral skull base surgery.



**MAIE ST. JOHN**  
**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**  
*Professor and Chair,*  
*Department of Head & Neck Surgery*  
 UCLA Health

Highly renowned surgeon, scientist, and educator, Dr. Maie St. John is professor and the chair of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery and professor of bioengineering at UCLA. She also holds the Thomas C. Calcaterra, M.D., chair in Head and Neck Surgery and is co-director of the UCLA Head and Neck Cancer Program. Dr. St. John's laboratory studies the mechanisms of tumor progression and metastasis in head and neck cancer and seeks to identify and study novel genes and pathways for future targeted therapies, while actively incorporating the results of their laboratory-based research into the development of novel therapeutics.



**SCOTT BRAUNSTEIN**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**  
*Medical Director*  
 Sollis Health LA

Dr. Scott Braunstein has been a leading ER doctor at Cedars Sinai, for the past 15+ years. In June 2020, he took over as medical director for Sollis Health, a private membership based ER alternative, which expanded from its home base in New York. Sollis Health is the only facility of its kind: a 24/7 medical center, staffed only by trained ER staff, with advanced monitoring and imaging capabilities (MRI, CT, ultrasound) onsite. Dr. Braunstein has hired an LA team, including emergency physicians, nurses, advanced care providers, radiology technicians, that has grown to over 50 employees.



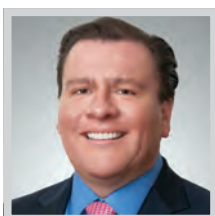
**SERGIO HERNANDEZ**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**  
*Emergency Medicine Specialist*  
 Emanate Health

Sergio Hernandez, MD, FACEP, is a top-performing emergency medicine specialist and medical director at Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital with extensive experience in healthcare operations. Throughout the pandemic, Dr. Hernandez has been on the front lines treating patients with COVID-19. He is highly-skilled in leveraging background in patient care and treatment to innovate strategic process improvements, enhance internal workflow, compliance, quality, patient success, and profitability. He has a proven ability in directing cross-functional teams through daily operations, ensuring adherence to established strategies, policies, procedures, and best practices.



**JAN SHOENBERGER**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**  
*Professor of Emergency Medicine,*  
*Vice Chair of Operations and Education*  
 Keck Medicine of USC

Jan Shoenberger, MD, FACEP has been recognized as an expert in the field of graduate medical education in emergency medicine, and has given hundreds of lectures to all types of learners in emergency medicine – students, residents, faculty, and practicing physicians. She is co-host and co-editor of the most well recognized podcast in emergency medicine called EM:RAP (Emergency Medicine Reviews and Perspectives). She is a member of the accreditation residency review committee in the specialty for the national Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. She was the residency program training director for 10 years and has been involved in training hundreds of EM physicians.



**CHRISTIAN GASTELUM**  
**ENDOCRINOLOGY**  
*Endocrinologist*  
 PIH Health

Christian Gastelum MD is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes and metabolism. He is fellowship-trained to perform routine thyroid ultrasound and biopsy. When he started at PIH Health in 2009, Dr. Gastelum developed the glucose management team (GMT) and has since been the director of the inpatient GMT. He also served as the endocrine medical director from 2009-2018. Dr. Gastelum taught as an associate professor of medicine for Loma Linda University Medical School beginning in 2008 until 2015. Prior to joining PIH Health, Dr. Gastelum worked as a physician leader in the Diabetes Group Appointment/Class at Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group's Internal Medicine practice.



**ANTHONY HEANEY**  
**ENDOCRINOLOGY**  
*Division of Endocrinology Co-Chief,*  
*Director of Clinical Services*  
 UCLA Health

Anthony P. Heaney, MD, PhD is an associate professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. His primary areas of clinical and research interest involve the pathogenesis of pituitary tumors and exploiting novel molecular targets to develop innovative treatments for pituitary tumors and other neuroendocrine tumors. Dr. Heaney received his medical degree from Queen's University of Belfast in Ireland, where he also earned a PhD degree. On completion of an internship in internal medicine and surgery at Mater Infirmorum Hospital in Belfast, Dr. Heaney completed his residency and a research fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism at Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast.



**RAYNALD SAMOA**  
**ENDOCRINOLOGY**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Diabetes,*  
*Endocrinology & Metabolism*  
 City of Hope

Raynald Samoa, M.D., is an endocrinologist at City of Hope, specializing in diabetes, thyroid diseases and pediatric endocrinology; he also serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism and as the interim fellowship program site director. In the time of COVID-19, Dr. Samoa added another position to his crowded schedule, that of clinical lead for the National Pacific Islander COVID-19 Response Team. As a result of his tireless advocacy, including testimony before Congress, in December 2021 Dr. Samoa was named a commissioner to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.







Where **{ top doctors }** come from



**Sohanjeet Bassi, MD**



**Jacqueline Bracy, MD**



**Sergio Hernandez, MD**



**Cynthia Chen-Joea, DO**



**John Lindberg, MD**



**Paul Yang, MD**



**Richard Young, MD**

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**STEPHANIE SMOOKE PRAW**  
**ENDOCRINOLOGY**

*Endocrine Fellowship Program Director;  
Associate Clinical Professor  
UCLA Health*

Dr. Stephanie Smooke Praw is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Fellowship Program Director, Director of Education for the Division of Endocrinology, and clinical endocrinologist. After pursuing undergraduate studies at Yale University and a master's degree at the University of London, Dr. Smooke Praw completed medical school at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine followed by internal medicine training at UCLA Hospital. Following her residency, she served as chief resident for the Department of Internal Medicine before completing her endocrine fellowship at UCLA. Dr. Smooke Praw joined the UCLA faculty in 2009. She sees patients in the UCLA Endocrine Center and the UCLA Gonda Endocrine Center.


**CYNTHIA CHEN-JOEA**  
**FAMILY MEDICINE**

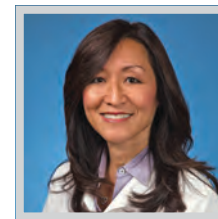
*Director of Inpatient Medicine  
Emanate Health*

Cynthia Chen-Joea, DO, MPH, CPH, is board-certified in family medicine. She is the associate program director for the Emanate Health Family Medicine Residency Program and the director of Inpatient Medicine at Emanate Health. She practices a full spectrum of care both in an inpatient and outpatient setting. Her patients include newborns, adults and the elderly. She also offers osteopathic manipulative therapy for her patients. She is also the chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, leads medical student education, and serves as USC Clinical Faculty teaching medical students. She oversees several curriculum areas, including Practice Management, and created the Inpatient Curriculum and Procedures Clinic at the residency program.


**ASHWIN ASHOK**  
**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Gastroenterologist  
PIH Health*

Ashwin Ashok MD joined PIH Health in 2013 as a valued member of the organization's Digestive Health Services team, a group of experts specializing in gastrointestinal health. He currently serves as section chief in Gastroenterology at PIH Health where he oversees inpatient and outpatient Gastroenterology/Hepatology consultation, general endoscopy and advanced endoscopy. He derives the most satisfaction from caring for patients with digestive and liver disorders. Trained in advanced endoscopic treatments, Dr. Ashok manages cirrhosis, chronic liver disease, hepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, celiac disease, GERD, and other general GI issues. Dr. Ashok also offers his advanced training and expertise in Endoscopic Ultrasound.


**LIN CHANG**  
**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

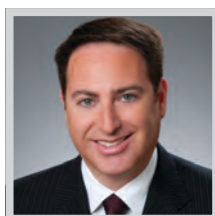
*Vice Chief, Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases; Program Director, UCLA GI Fellowship Program; Co-Director, G. Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience  
UCLA Health*

Dr. Lin Chang earned her medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. She completed her gastroenterology fellowship training at the UCLA affiliated training program in gastroenterology. Dr. Chang's clinical expertise is in disorders of gut-brain interactions which include irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), chronic constipation and functional dyspepsia. Her research is focused on the pathophysiology of IBS related to stress, sex differences, genetic and epigenetic factors, neuroendocrine alterations, and gut microbiome and the treatment of IBS. She is co-director of the G. Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience.


**LYNN CONNOLLY**  
**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Clinical Chief, Community Practices,  
Melvin and Bren Simon Digestive Diseases Center  
UCLA Health*

Dr. Lynn Connolly attended Stanford University and graduated with a major in biology and a minor in history. She earned her medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. She then moved to UCLA for her gastroenterology fellowship training. During her fellowship she completed a masters in clinical research in the Biomathematics Department at UCLA. Dr. Connolly practices general gastroenterology, with clinical expertise in functional gastrointestinal disorders (including irritable bowel syndrome, chronic constipation and functional dyspepsia), inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), and gastrointestinal endoscopy.


**MARC EDELSTEIN**  
**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

*Chief of Staff  
Cedars-Sinai*

Marc Edelstein, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, FASGE is a highly acclaimed gastroenterologist and is recognized as an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of digestive disorders and the performance of endoscopic procedures. He completed his fellowship in gastroenterology at UCLA Medical Center in 2001. Dr. Edelstein joined the medical staff of Cedars-Sinai in 2003, where he now serves as chief of staff. Under the duress of COVID-19, Dr. Edelstein created new ways to communicate and amplify the outstanding work of his medical staff and that of Cedars-Sinai's leaders, and as a result, medical center communications will continue to evolve well beyond COVID-19.


**SOHANJEET BASSI**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

*Infectious Disease Specialist  
Emanate Health*

Sohanjeet Bassi, MD, is a well-respected infectious disease specialist with nearly 30 years of experience treating patients with a variety of complex chronic conditions. He is currently the chair of the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics/Infection Control Committee at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital. He is also a physician/partner at Foothills Infectious Disease Medical Group, Inc., where he consults and delivers specialty medical treatment to patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Dr. Bassi attended the Armed Forces Medical College (in India) before completing an internship and residency at Grant Hospital of Chicago. He also completed a fellowship at the University of Illinois.


**DAVID DEL BELLO**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

*Internist and Infectious Disease Specialist  
PIH Health*

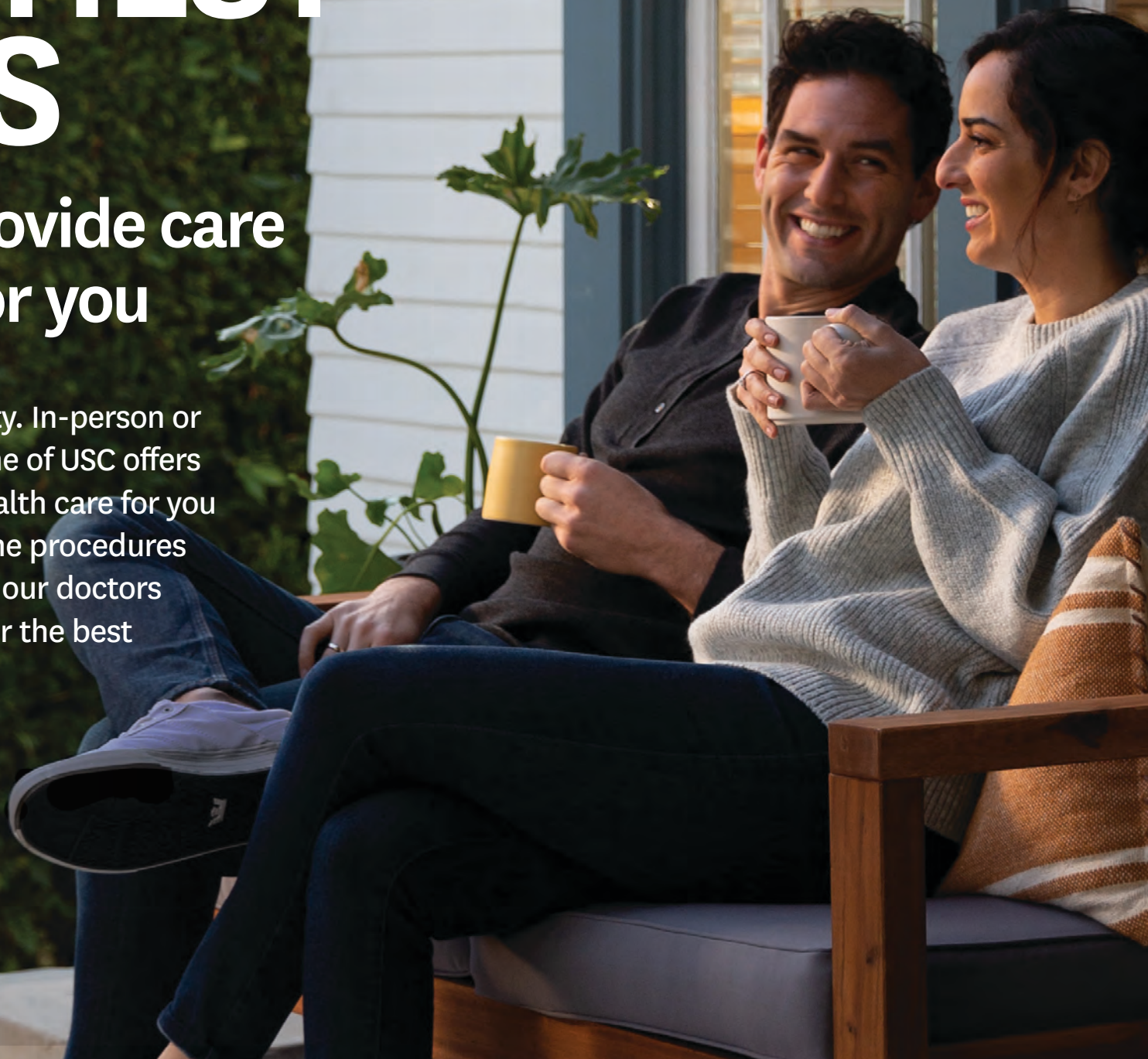
David Del Bello MD is an internal medicine doctor who specializes in infectious diseases, for which he completed a fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He enjoys the thorough process of medicine, which is magnified in many ways in his subspecialty. He likes formulating thoughtful differential diagnoses, taking action based on his initial assessments and having results that confirm or challenge those assessments. As an internist, Dr. Del Bello counsels his patients on their disease processes and actions they can take to treat or prevent it from happening again, so patients can have greater control over their health.



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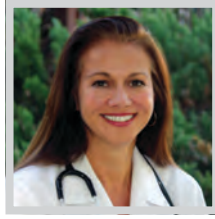
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**MAITA KUVHENGUWA**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

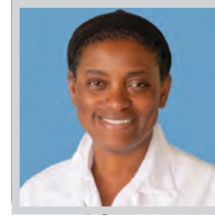
*Infectious Disease Specialist*  
 MLK Community Medical Group

**D**r. Maita Kuvhenguhwa holds a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from the University of California, Irvine, and received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of California Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine and the Charles R. Drew University/UCLA Medical Education Program. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and in Infectious Diseases, and is a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. She is one of the most visible community leaders for educating the public and has appeared on a number of local broadcasts to share her knowledge regarding the coronavirus.


**ELIZABETH MASLOW**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

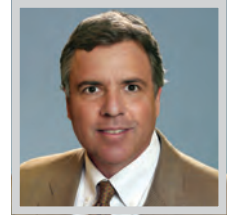
*Infectious Disease Specialist*  
 Adventist Health Glendale

**D**r. Elizabeth Maslow is an infectious disease physician in Glendale, who practices at Adventist Health Glendale. She received her medical degree from UCLA and completed her ID fellowship at USC. She specializes in practicing and teaching antimicrobial stewardship. Dr. Maslow serves as a key member of Adventist Health Glendale's COVID-19 Advisory Team and she cares for patients with infections that are difficult to diagnose and treat, which can be life-threatening.


**ARLEEN BROWN**  
**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

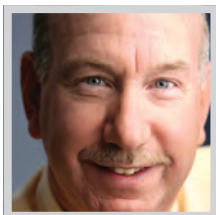
*General Internist*  
 UCLA Health

**D**r. Arleen F. Brown is a general internist and health services researcher with expertise in quality of care for older adults and minorities with diabetes. She has focused on health care system, social, and individual level determinants of health for persons with diabetes. She headed a project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on quality of care for older persons with diabetes in fee-for-service and managed Medicare. Dr. Brown was also a co-principal investigator of a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to examine the quality of diabetes care for persons with diabetes in managed care.


**JOHN LINDBERG**  
**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

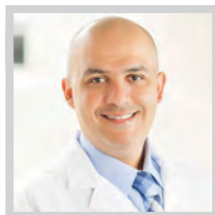
*Medical Director of Rehabilitation Services*  
 Emanate Health

**J**ohn Lindberg, MD, is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He is the medical director of Rehabilitation Services and chairperson of the Physician Advisory Council at Emanate Health. He has been a dedicated, compassionate physician in the San Gabriel Valley for nearly 30 years. He is certified in both Wound Care and Hyperbaric Oxygen therapy. Dr. Lindberg helped achieve CARF Certification (the highest level of accreditation) for the Acute Rehabilitation Unit. He has medical oversight of outpatient and inpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, including the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. Dr. Lindberg also oversees family medicine residents rotating through the Wound Care Center.


**STUART MILLER**  
**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

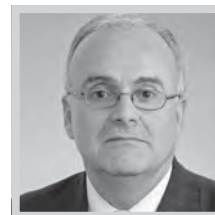
*Internist and Chairman of Internal Medicine Department*  
 Huntington Health Physicians

**D**r. Stuart Miller is a founding physician member of our medical group, Huntington Health Physicians, beginning in 1995. In addition to providing excellent care for his patients, he has held various leadership positions within the organization including president of our medical group, interim medical director, and is currently the chairman of our internal medicine department, overseeing 19 internists across three offices. During his time in these positions, Dr. Miller helped grow and integrate Huntington Health Physicians' services, laying the foundation for a broad network of care for its patients, from inpatient to outpatient care. He has also served as medical director of Monte Vista Grove Homes for 30 years.


**YASER BADR**  
**NEUROLOGY**

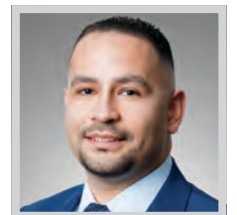
*Spine and Brain Neurosurgeon*  
 Adventist Health Glendale

**Y**aser Badr, MD completed his neurosurgical residency at Louisiana State University-New Orleans in 2012. He then completed a neuro-interventional endovascular fellowship at St. John Providence Health System in Detroit, Michigan in 2013. Dr. Badr's neurosurgical practice includes management of cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, acute stroke management, traumatic brain injury, traumatic and degenerative spine diseases, complex spinal surgery, brain tumors and peripheral nerve surge. Dr. Badr's goal is to provide his patients with the best brain and spine care available today.


**SAID R. BEYDOUN**  
**NEUROLOGY**

*Professor of Clinical Neurology; Richard Angus Grant Sr. Chair in Neurology; Division Chief, Neuromuscular Medicine; Program Director, Clinical Neurophysiology*  
 Keck Medicine of USC

**T**o date, Said R. Beydoun, MD, FAAN has trained 60 fellows as a Fellowship Program director. His work mentoring fellows and training young physicians in neuromuscular medicine and clinical neurophysiology has received USC Department of Neurology Teaching Awards. He has also been principal investigator in more than 60 clinical research studies in multiple domains in neuromuscular medicine mainly in the field of myasthenia gravis, multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN), chronic inflammatory demyelinating neuropathy (CIDP), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and diabetic neuropathy.


**ADRIAN BURGOS**  
**NEUROLOGY**

*Medical Director of Comprehensive Stroke Center, PIH Health Whittier Hospital*  
 PIH Health

**A**drian Burgos MD began his career at PIH Health in 2019 as a neurology hospitalist specializing in the care of patients admitted to the hospital with a wide array of nervous system disorders. The following year he became medical director of stroke at the Comprehensive Stroke Center at PIH Health Whittier Hospital. Today, he contributes his knowledge and expertise as the current medical director of stroke at the Comprehensive Stroke Center at PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital serving the greater Los Angeles area. As a vascular neurologist, he specializes in stroke patient care and expresses his commitment to helping his patients and improving health outcomes through the promotion of stroke awareness, prevention and treatment.



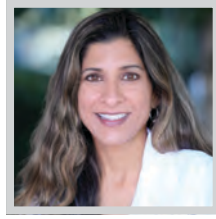
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**SUSAN DURHAM**  
**NEUROLOGY**

Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery  
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Susan Durham was the second female ever to lead a neurosurgery training program in the United States when she was named division chief of neurosurgery at the University of Vermont Larner School of Medicine in 2017. Since 2020, she has served as division chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), making her the first female surgical division chief at CHLA. She also serves in leadership positions in national neurosurgical organizations, which gives her an important platform to raise awareness of gender issues in neurosurgery, one of the medical professions with the fewest number of female practicing physicians.



**SHAFALI JESTE**  
**NEUROLOGY**

Chief, Division of Neurology and  
Co-Director Neurological Institute  
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Shafali Jeste is a behavioral child neurologist specializing in autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders. She is the chief of the Division of Neurology and co-director of the Neurological Institute at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. After earning a BA in philosophy from Yale University in 1997 and her MD from Harvard Medical School in 2002, Dr. Jeste completed a residency in child neurology and a fellowship in behavioral child neurology at Boston Children’s Hospital. She joined UCLA in 2010. Dr. Jeste’s research is focused on developing methods to improve precision in the diagnosis and treatment of neurodevelopmental disorders. Her lab studies neurodevelopmental disorders from early infancy through late childhood.



**GREGORY LEKOVIC**  
**NEUROLOGY**

Chief of Neurosurgery, PIH Health House Clinic  
PIH Health

Gregory Lekovic MD PhD is a board-certified neurosurgeon and current chief of neurosurgery at the PIH Health House Clinic. He is also director of neurosurgery research at the House Institute Foundation in Los Angeles. He has published nearly one hundred peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and review articles and is a nationally recognized expert in skull base and cerebrovascular surgery. Dr. Lekovic has participated in research projects involving topics such as management of neurofibromatosis Type II; surgery for tumors of the skull base; CyberKnife and GammaKnife radiosurgery; and treatment of spinal tumors. He served on the organizing committee of the 13th International Facial Nerve Symposium in Los Angeles in 2017.



**NIMA RAMEZAN**  
**NEUROLOGY**

Medical Director, Comprehensive Stroke Center  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

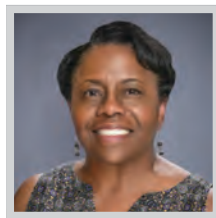
Dr. Ramezan is Board Certified in Neurology, Vascular Neurology, Clinical Neurophysiology, and Neurocritical Care. He is the current medical director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Long Beach Medical Center. He is routinely involved in working with nursing and staff at Long Beach Medical Center for improvement of the neuroscience program and patient care in the hospital. Dr. Ramezan has been a sub-investigator in multiple clinical trials in Alzheimer’s disease, epilepsy, migraine, and Parkinson’s disease. He has a special interest in stroke and epilepsy with emphasis on critical care management of these neurologic disorders.



**RICHARD M. YOUNG**  
**NEUROLOGY**

Medical Director, Neurointerventional Program  
Emanate Health

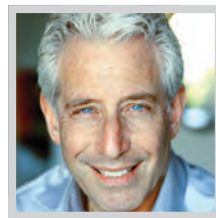
Richard Young, MD, joined Emanate Health as the medical director for the Neurointerventional Program in 2018 after he completed his Neurointerventional Fellowship from UCLA. He is also an accomplished neurosurgeon who focuses on cerebral vascular disease. He has accomplished much as a private practice neurosurgeon with Inland Neurosurgery Institute, becoming a partner in two years. As a fellowship-trained neurointerventionalist, he has brought a medical subspecialty that was lacking in the San Gabriel Valley. He is a surgeon who can perform both minimally invasive surgery for the blood vessels of the brain and open brain surgery when needed.



**JACQUELINE BRACY**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

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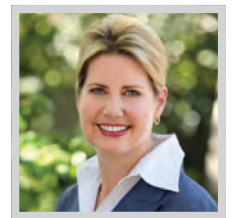
Jacqueline Bracy, MD, is a gynecologic surgery specialist and has over 34 years of experience in the medical field. She is president of the Emanate Health Medical Group and owns a private gynecology practice in Glendora. Dr. Bracy holds an undergraduate degree from Yale. She earned a medical degree from State University of New York Health & Sciences Center and completed residency at Kings County Hospital in New York. She also holds a postgraduate degree in Health Administration from USC. At Kings County Hospital, Dr. Bracy was awarded the Leon C. Chelsey Award for outstanding research and the Schuyler G. Kohl Award for excellence in teaching.



**HOWARD C. MANDEL**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

Chair  
Jhpiego International Advisory Board

Howard C. Mandel MD, FACOG, is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist who has dedicated his life to the practice of high-quality health care and ensuring access to such care. He works tirelessly to ensure all women can access high-quality care, wherever they may live. To this end, Dr. Mandel’s extensive leadership in political advocacy and his education of the public has spanned more than 35 years. Dr. Mandel currently advises Senators Michael Bennet and Mark Warner on health care policy. He also serves as the president of the City of Los Angeles Health Commission.



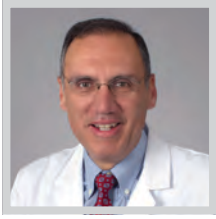
**JENNIFER McNULTY**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

Program Director for the OB/GYN  
Graduate Medical Education Program  
MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s  
Hospital Long Beach

Dr. Jennifer McNulty is a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Miller Children’s & Women’s – one of the few hospitals left in the region that has in-house maternal fetal specialists 24/7. Dr. McNulty’s clinical focus is the care of women and their fetuses who are at high risk for and/or have developed complications or challenges during the pregnancy. Dr. McNulty performs special care for the fetus who may require additional monitoring, in utero diagnosis and treatment, and/or coordination of care before birth. Dr. McNulty especially loves to work in partnership with women from the pre-conception time, through the pregnancy, delivery and postpartum.



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**JOSEPH OUZOUNIAN**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

*Daniel R. Mishell Jr. MD Endowed Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Keck School of Medicine of USC*  
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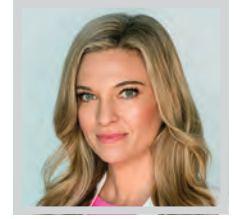
**D**r. Joseph Ouzounian has worked in healthcare his entire professional career, and has been dedicated to academic medicine for decades. His research is in the area of clinical obstetrics, with over 100 peer-reviewed publications, books, and book chapters produced. In addition, he maintains a vibrant and active clinical practice where he takes care of patients with complex maternal and fetal disorders. In his practice he sees private patients but also works on teaching service at the LAC+USC Medical Center, which is a large tertiary safety-net hospital caring for the most vulnerable patients in the County. He is also training a new generation of women's healthcare physicians.


**SARA SOTO**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**  
*Obstetrician & Gynecologist*  
**PIH Health**

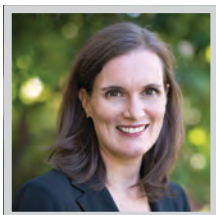
**S**ara Soto MD MPH is an obstetrician-gynecologist at PIH Health in Whittier. She has been practicing medicine for 14 years and specializes in all aspects of obstetrics and gynecological care, from early womanhood through pregnancy, menopause, and beyond. Dr. Soto chose to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology because she enjoys the unique combination of primary care, surgery and delivering babies. She enjoys seeing her female patients transition from young women into mothers, and feels privileged to be a part of these unique and memorable moments in their lives. She is committed to providing her patients with compassionate, comprehensive care.


**AVO ARTINYAN**  
**ONCOLOGY**  
*Oncology Specialist*  
**Adventist Health Glendale**

**D**r. Avo Artinyan is a board-certified general surgeon, a fellowship-trained surgical oncologist, and a colorectal surgeon. He received his medical degree from UCSD School of Medicine in 2000 and performed his general surgical and subspecialty training at USC and City of Hope. He was formerly associate professor of surgery and chief of colon and rectal surgery at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. He is a nationally recognized academic surgeon specializing in the treatment of complex colon and rectal cancers, gastric cancer, and other solid malignancies.


**KRISTI FUNK**  
**ONCOLOGY**  
*Medical Director*  
**Pink Lotus Breast Center**

**K**risti Funk, MD, FACS is a board-certified breast cancer surgeon and physician and women's health advocate. After graduating in psychology with distinction from Stanford in 1991, Dr. Funk received her medical degree from the UC Davis, School of Medicine. She completed surgical residency in Seattle, followed by a surgical breast fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she excelled as a surgeon and director of the Breast Center until 2009. That year, Dr. Funk opened the Pink Lotus Breast Center in Los Angeles, which became the first center of its kind in the US, fusing state-of-the-art screening, genetic testing, diagnosis and treatment with preventive strategies and holistic care.


**STACY GRAY**  
**ONCOLOGY**

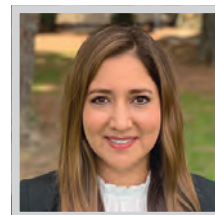
*Associate Professor and Chief, Division of Clinical Cancer Genomics, Department of Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research*  
**City of Hope**

**S**tacy Gray, MD, A.M., is one of the country's leading advocates of genetic testing for all patients, with the intent of using that genetic information to create a precise therapeutic plan for each individual with cancer, and with a focus on preventing cancers before they happen. Dr. Gray has been a key part of the ongoing scientific push to use an individual's genomic information to identify cancer risks for the last 15 years, and her recent 2021 appointment as director of City of Hope's Clinical Cancer Genomics division will allow her to continue that leadership role in the field.


**HEINZ-JOSEF LENZ**  
**ONCOLOGY**

*Professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine, J Terence Lanni Chair of Cancer Research*  
**Keck Medicine of USC**

**S**erving as professor of medicine and preventive medicine and as the J Terence chair of cancer research for Keck Medicine of USC, Heinz-Josef Lenz, MD has won many prestigious awards for his practice and research. Dr. Lenz considers it a pleasure working at USC with one of the most diverse patient populations in the US. As associate director of clinical science and co-leader of the Translational Science Program, he has worked closely with the Community Outreach Program to increase accrual of minorities at USC. His research focus is on diseases in our catchment area particular colon cancers.


**JESSICA RAYHANABAD**  
**ONCOLOGY**

*Medical Director, Breast Surgery, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute*  
**MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center**

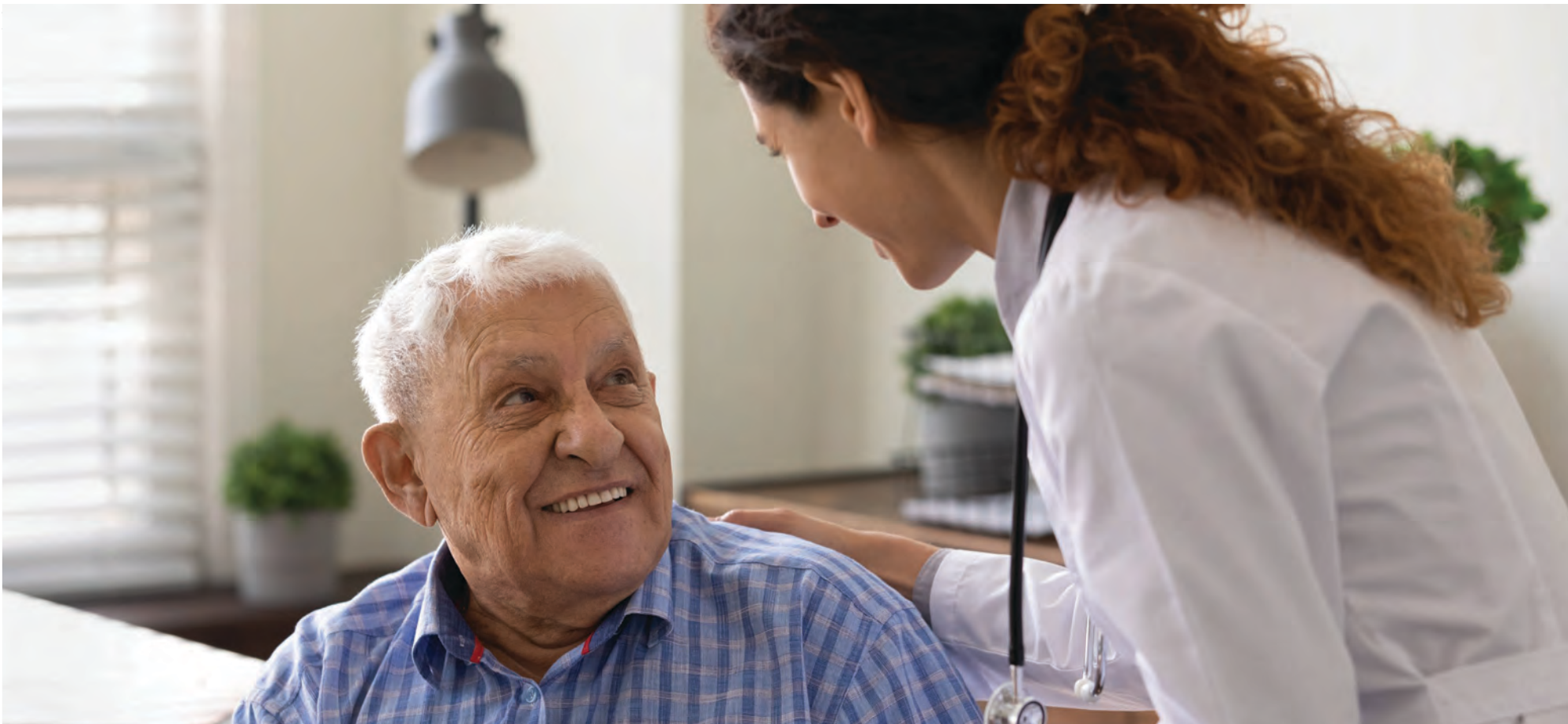
**J**essica A. Rayhanabad, MD, is a board-certified breast surgeon who specializes in the surgical oncology and treatment of malignancies of the breast. She stays on the cutting-edge of her specialty to provide women with optimal treatment options, including oncoplastic breast surgery, which combines the expertise of a breast oncologist and the techniques of a plastic surgeon to preserve the physical appearance of the breast while removing the cancer. These surgeries may help women feel more confident after breast surgery and reduce the need for a second surgery. She also uses a surgical technique called intraoperative radiation therapy, which integrates a lumpectomy and radiation treatment into a single surgery.


**ANGELA SIE**  
**ONCOLOGY**

*Imaging Director, MemorialCare Breast Center*  
**MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center**

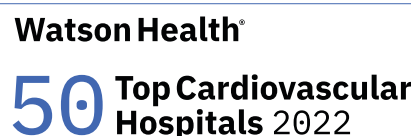
**A**ngela Sie, MD is a board-certified radiologist and medical director of breast imaging at the MemorialCare Breast Center at Long Beach Medical Center. She was instrumental in leading the opening of a satellite breast center in the community, which expanded access for women to get their breast cancer screening. She is a leader in developing and strengthening best practices for screening at Long Beach Medical Center. Dr. Sie actively participates in community outreach initiatives for Long Beach Medical Center, often volunteering her time at events to educate the community on the importance of getting screened for breast cancer.





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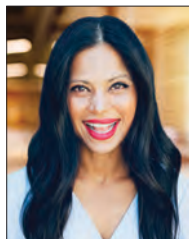
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Dr. Kavitha Bhatia, Dr. Sunny Bhatia and Dr. Paryus Patel on receiving the 2022 Top Doctor Award from the Los Angeles Business Journal.



**Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE**  
President & Chair  
Prime Healthcare Foundation  
Chief Medical Officer, Strategy  
Prime Healthcare



**Sunny Bhatia, MD, MMM, FACHE, FACC, FSCAI**  
Chief Executive Officer, Region I  
Corporate Chief Medical Officer  
Prime Healthcare  
Chief Medical Officer  
Sherman Oaks Hospital and  
Encino Hospital Medical Center



**Paryus Patel, MD**  
Corporate Chief Medical Officer  
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- 14** Not-for-profit hospitals
- 600** Communities served
- 2.6M** Patients served annually
- 50,000** Staff and physicians
- \$1.7B** Capital improvements since 2005
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- 300+** Quality awards in 2021 for patient safety and excellence
- 600,000+** COVID-19 patients tested and cared for
- 200,000+** COVID-19 vaccinations



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**DENNIS SLAMON**  
**ONCOLOGY**

Director of Clinical/Translational Research;  
Director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer  
Research Program at JCCC  
UCLA Health

**D**ennis J. Slamon, MD, PhD serves as director of Clinical/Translational Research, and as director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and executive vice chair for research for UCLA's Department of Medicine. For 12 years, Dr. Slamon and his colleagues conducted the laboratory and clinical research that led to the development of the new breast cancer drug Herceptin, which targets a specific genetic alteration found in about 25 percent of breast cancer patients. He came to Los Angeles in 1979 to become a fellow in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UCLA.



**NILESH VORA**  
**ONCOLOGY**

Medical Director,  
MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

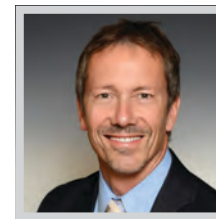
**D**r. Nilesh Vora leads a team of nationally recognized physicians, nurses and other supportive care team members in advancing cancer care for nearly 1,800 newly diagnosed patients each year. He holds board-certifications in hematology/oncology and hospice/palliative medicine. Dr. Vora's multi-specialty training uniquely positions him to treat the whole patient in mind, body and spirit – a cornerstone of care at the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute and a driving factor in his career. Over the last decade, Dr. Vora has held several positions with MemorialCare and has been part of the tremendous progress in patient care at Long Beach Medical Center.



**LISA WANG**  
**ONCOLOGY**

Medical Director, PIH Health Cancer Program  
PIH Health

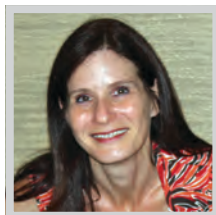
**L**isa S. Wang MD is a board-certified hematologist/oncologist at PIH Health in Whittier and has been practicing for 11 years. Dr. Wang is triple board-certified in hematology, oncology, and internal medicine. Throughout her career, Dr. Wang has been active in numerous research studies related to cancer treatment, as both principal investigator and sub-investigator. She has presented at several medical conferences. Her most recent accomplishments are in growing the Cancer Program and Infusion Center at PIH Health Whittier Hospital, enhancing supportive services for cancer patients in the community and expanding oncological clinical trials at PIH Health.



**RONALD WOLF**  
**ONCOLOGY**

Surgical Oncologist  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

**R**onald Wolf, MD, is a surgical oncologist who specializes in treating pancreatic and liver tumors at the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Medical Center. Because Dr. Wolf exclusively treats tumors of the pancreas and liver, he has the expertise to treat the most complex cases. This level of expertise is typically not available outside of academic institutions. He also serves as a professor for the Department of Surgery, Division of Hepatobiliary and Pancreas Surgery at the UC Irvine School of Medicine and is a committee member of several national organizations involved in clinical trials.



**LORI BIRNDORF**  
**OPHTHALMOLOGY**

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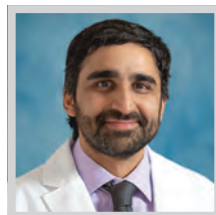
**D**r. Lori Birndorf has dedicated her practice to taking care of patients in nursing homes. She travels to nursing homes all over southern California to take care of those patients who would not otherwise be able to come to her office. During COVID, she has put her own health at risk taking care of some of these most vulnerable community members. She has been in practice in the Los Angeles area for 18 years as a comprehensive ophthalmologist and has had a great deal of experience in treating people with a variety of eye diseases, particularly glaucoma and diabetes.



**NEEL ANAND**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

Director of Spine Trauma  
Cedars-Sinai

**D**r. Neel Anand serves as professor of orthopedic surgery and director of spine trauma at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Anand has dedicated his career to improving patient care through the advancement of new and better treatments and technology for spine surgery. When the world's leading spine surgeons began to explore less invasive techniques for their patients, Dr. Anand was one of the pioneers involved in developing and participating in FDA trials which would eventually lead to what is becoming the new standard of patient care. Minimally invasive surgery is no longer new and research has proven that it is both safe and effective for patients.



**AMANDEEP BHALLA**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

Medical Director, Spinal Surgery and Spine Center  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

**D**r. Amandeep Bhalla offers patients compassionate and comprehensive spine care. His clinical interests include degenerative conditions of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine, adult deformity surgery, and traumatic injuries. Dr. Bhalla also appreciates the privilege of caring for patients with primary and metastatic tumors involving the spinal column. When applicable, he incorporates the use of minimally invasive and robotic-assisted techniques, motion-preserving technologies, and outpatient surgery. Dr. Bhalla believes in evidence-based, patient-centered care. He enjoys spending time educating patients regarding their conditions, as well as non-operative treatment options.



**WILLIAM GOW**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

Orthopedic Surgeon  
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

**D**r. William Gow is an orthopedic surgeon based in Hollywood and has been affiliated with Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center since 1988. He received his medical degree from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Gow is originally a Midwesterner who grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. In 1977, he moved to Los Angeles and did his internship and residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance. As the years went on, he subspecialized in knee surgery – for the past 20 years or so, most of the surgical procedures he has performed involve either arthroscopic surgery or knee replacement.





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**Avo Artinyan, MD**  
Surgical Oncology



**Yaser Badr, MD**  
Neurosurgery/Spine Surgery



**Harry Balian, MD**  
Interventional Cardiology



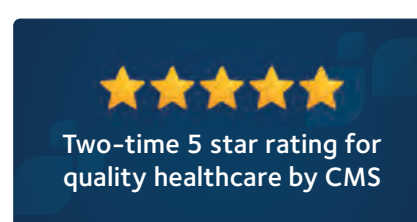
**Elizabeth Maslow-Najera, MD**  
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**Saeid Safaee, MD**  
Critical Care/Pulmonology



**Amirreza Solhpour, MD**  
Interventional Cardiology



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**RAYMOND HAH**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

*Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery  
and Neurosurgery*  
Keck Medicine of USC

As an academic orthopedic spine surgeon, Raymond Hah, MD's career has three equally rewarding branches: clinical care, research and teaching. He treats all spinal diseases, but has a special focus in both adult spinal deformity, complex cases, and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Our research group focuses on clinical outcomes and we are very proud of a recent publication highlighting a new technique to reduce complications after spinal deformity patients. Clinical and surgical education is also an integral part of his day to day. Of Dr. Hah's career achievements, he is most proud of the fellows that he has helped train.


**RONALD KVITNE**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

*MD*  
Cedars-Sinai, Kerlan-Jobe Institute

Dr. Ronald Kvitne is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and the treatment of knees, shoulders, and elbows. One of the most highly recognized orthopedic surgeons in America, Dr. Kvitne completed his sports medicine-oriented Fellowship at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic. Dr. Kvitne has served as team physician for the Los Angeles Kings for over 30 years; as team physician for the Los Angeles Galaxy for over 15 years; as orthopedic consultant for the UFC Mixed Martial Arts fighters from Las Vegas over 15 years; and as team physician for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim over the last three seasons.


**ANDREW WASSEF**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

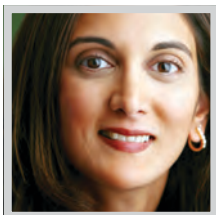
*Medical Director,*  
MemorialCare Joint Replacement Center  
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Dr. Andrew Wassef's leadership joint replacement surgery includes the rapid recovery philosophy that encourages patients to stand the same day of surgery and participate in rehabilitation immediately following surgery, resulting in faster and safer recovery, as well as improved patient outcomes. Dr. Wassef has regionally grown advanced technology and best practices in the Joint Replacement Center with the use of MAKOplasty – robotic-assisted replacement surgery for hips and knees – the first robotic surgery of its kind for joint replacement. He specializes in joint replacement and the treatment of arthritic conditions affecting the hip, knee and shoulder.


**PAUL YANG**  
**ORTHOPEDICS**

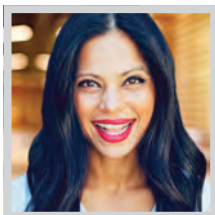
*Orthopedic Surgeon*  
Emanate Health

Paul Yang, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon whose specialty areas include minimally-invasive surgery, total hip and knee replacement, revision total knee replacement, revision total hip replacement and partial knee replacement. Dr. Yang, who served as the chief resident of Orthopaedic Surgery at UCLA, is also trained in navigation and robotics in orthopedic surgery. Dr. Yang is well published in respected peer-reviewed medical journals on various topics in orthopedic surgery. He is also a peer reviewer for various orthopedic journals. He has conducted extensive research on the knee joint and associated orthopedic injuries.


**SHITAL ARYA**  
**PEDIATRICS**

*Pediatrician and Board President of the Medical Group*  
Huntington Health Physicians

Dr. Shital Arya is a practicing pediatrician at Huntington Health Physicians' Arcadia pediatrics office; one of three pediatric offices throughout the San Gabriel Valley. She started with Huntington Health Physicians in 2005 and has become an integral part of its operations serving on various boards and committees. While reserving time to participate in various leadership roles, Dr. Arya remains attentive and accommodating to her patients, often scheduling visits during her lunch or late in the day. Being a mother herself, she understands what parents are going through and draws from her own experiences to relate to families and their concerns.


**KAVITHA BHATIA**  
**PEDIATRICS**

*President and Chair, Prime Healthcare Foundation;*  
Chief Medical Officer, Strategy  
Prime Healthcare

Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE serves as the CMO of strategy and is a member of Prime Healthcare's senior executive team. Dr. Bhatia leads the development and implementation of strategic initiatives that advance the mission and long-term success of Prime Healthcare. Dr. Bhatia works with corporate and hospital leaders to align goals, prioritize system-wide value creation and implement strategic initiatives to ensure Prime's continued operational, financial and clinical success. Dr. Bhatia is a pediatrician and is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Hospital Association.


**JACQUELINE CASILLAS**  
**PEDIATRICS**

*Medical Director of Jonathan Jaques Children's  
Cancer Institute*  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

Jacqueline Casillas, MD, M.S.H.S., is a board-certified pediatric hematologist/oncologist and serves as the medical director of Jonathan Jaques Children's Cancer Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. Her research focus includes being the principle site investigator of the Children's Oncology Group at Jonathan Jaques Children's Cancer Institute, offering clinical trials to pediatric cancer patients from birth to young adulthood. Her research portfolio also has been funded independently by the National Cancer Institute and is focused on ensuring access to care and assessment of quality of life for pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors, particularly in diverse, underserved communities.


**RACHEL CHAPMAN**  
**PEDIATRICS**

*Medical Director, Newborn and Infant  
Critical Care Unit*  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Rachel Chapman joined the faculty at CHLA/USC Keck School of Medicine and has been the Medical Director of the NICCU since 2016. Her main area of scholarly interest is in clinical/outcomes research, quality improvement, and education related to Neonatal ECMO and congenital diaphragmatic hernia in the neonate. She has authored multiple peer-reviewed articles and abstracts, in addition to chapters and review articles, and was named a member of the Society for Pediatric Research. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in ECMO and given multiple invited talks related to neonatal ECMO.



# Congratulations, MemorialCare Physicians!

We're proud of our MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center and MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach physicians for being honored as LA's Top Doctors.



**Amandeep Bhalla, M.D.**

Spine Surgery,  
Long Beach Medical Center



**Shaun Setty, M.D.**

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Jacqueline Casillas, M.D.**

Pediatric Hematology-Oncology,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**David Shavelle, M.D.**

Interventional Cardiology,  
Long Beach Medical Center



**Torin Cunningham, M.D.**

Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Angela Sie, M.D.**

Breast Radiology,  
Long Beach Medical Center



**Saar Danon, M.D.**

Pediatric Cardiology,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Antoine Soliman, M.D.**

Neonatology,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Jennifer McNulty, M.D.**

Maternal-Fetal Medicine,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Barry Steinmetz, M.D.**

Pediatric Gastroenterology,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Nima Ramezan, M.D.**

Neurology,  
Long Beach Medical Center



**Graham Tse, M.D.**

Pediatric Critical Care,  
Miller Children's & Women's



**Inderpal Randhawa, M.D.**

Pediatric Pulmonology, Allergy & Immunology,  
Miller Children's & Women's



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**Jessica Rayhanabad, M.D.**

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Long Beach Medical Center



**Andrew Wassef, M.D.**

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Cardiac Surgery,  
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**Ronald Wolf, M.D.**

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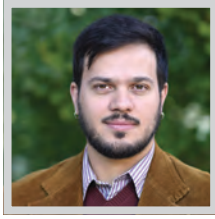
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**TORIN CUNNINGHAM**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Medical Director, Orthopedic Center  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

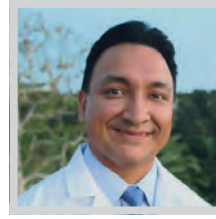
Dr. Torin Cunningham is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and medical director of the Orthopedic Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. Dr. Cunningham specializes in spinal deformity/scoliosis surgery for children and adolescents, hip reconstructive surgery and general pediatric orthopedic care. He has been instrumental in bringing the latest equipment and technology to Miller Children's & Women's to offer optimal outcomes for children needing specialized orthopedic care, including the EOS Imaging System, which uses two to three times less radiation than a standard X-ray to provide extremely detailed, high-quality images of patients in a standing position.



**JUAN ESPINOZA**  
**PEDIATRICS**

General Pediatrician at Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Medical Director of the CHLA Innovation Studio; Director of the West Coast Consortium for Technology & Innovation in Pediatrics  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

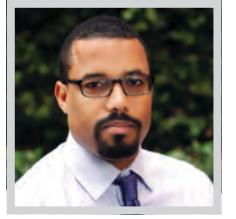
Dr. Juan Espinoza's career has focused on the role of data and technology in narrowing the health gap faced by underserved communities and improving health outcomes in the US and abroad. He is a nationally recognized figure in the area of pediatric medical device development, and has worked with researchers, industry, and the FDA to improve the availability of life-saving medical technologies for children. He is the youngest principal investigator to be awarded a prestigious Pediatric Device Consortia Grant from the FDA (only five in the country), which supports the West Coast Consortium for Technology & Innovation in Pediatrics, a pediatric medical device accelerator centered at CHLA.



**INDERPAL RANDHAWA**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Medical Director, Children's Pulmonary Institute  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

Dr. Inderpal Randhawa is the medical director of the Children's Pulmonary Institute at Miller Children's & Women's. He has served at Miller Children's & Women's in various leadership positions for more than a decade. Dr. Randhawa also is the program director of the Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship at UCI and Miller Children's & Women's, and program director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center – a role appointed by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is the world's leader in the search for a cure for CF. He has led several initiatives resulting in regional and national acclaim including Disease Specific Certification in Pediatric Asthma from The Joint Commission.



**NICK SHILLINGFORD**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Pediatric Pathologist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Assistant Professor of Pathology at Keck School of Medicine of USC  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

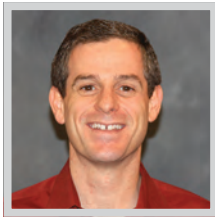
During much of Dr. Nick Shillingford's time at Children's Hospital LA, he has served as the director of the Pediatric Pathology Fellowship program. Under his stewardship the program has consistently achieved a board pass rate of over 90% and has produced some of the most capable pediatric pathologists in the region. Dr. Shillingford also serves as site director for pediatric pathology training of USC residents, a rotation that has consistently received much praise and some of the highest scores on resident evaluations. His service to residents is extended beyond USC to local institutions through lectures and interactive sessions in pediatric pathology.



**ANTOINE SOLIMAN**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Medical Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

Dr. Antoine Soliman single-handedly created the Small Baby Center at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital and most recently created the Extremely Low Birth Weight (ELBW) Program within that Center. In the neonatal intensive care unit at Miller Children's, babies who are born less than one to three pounds have a specialized program just to care for those "micro-preemies," who are most at-risk, thanks to Dr. Soliman. His primary areas of clinical research include safety and quality improvement in the care of preterm infants, noninvasive ventilatory strategies in extremely low birth weight infants, and newborn infectious diseases.



**BARRY STEINMETZ**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Medical Director, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Center; and Medical Director, Outpatient Specialty Centers  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

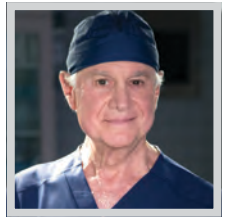
Over the last several years, pediatric gastroenterologist Dr. Barry Steinmetz represented the physician voice on a steering committee that helped design and plan work flows and processes for a brand new 80,000 square foot building on the Miller Children's & Women's campus that would transform the way that specialized outpatient pediatric care would be offered to children across the region. The new building opened in Feb. 2021, and is the only building of its kind in LA County, offering a one-stop-shop approach to specialized outpatient care for kids.



**GRAHAM TSE**  
**PEDIATRICS**

Chief Medical Office  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's  
Hospital Long Beach

Not only is Dr. Graham Tse, still an pediatric intensivist working in critical care in the pediatric intensive care unit at Miller Children's & Women's, he also serves as the chief medical officer, and as what is arguably the most important role over the past three years, as 'COVID physician in charge.' He works long hours in the PICU and also does his administrative duties and ensures COVID protocols and employee and patient safety are paramount during the pandemic. His clinical interests include quality, best practices, utilization management, organ donation, and clinical documentation improvement.



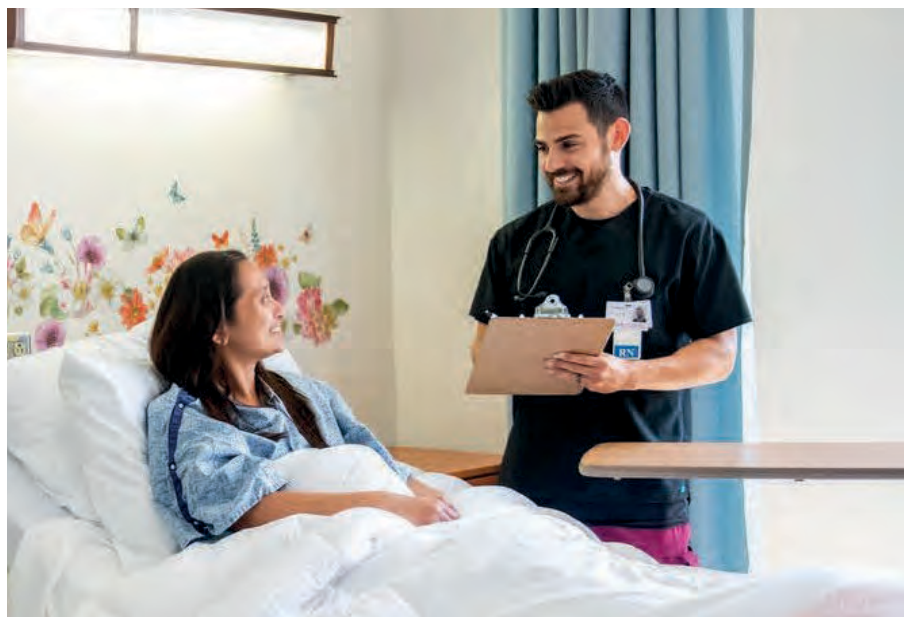
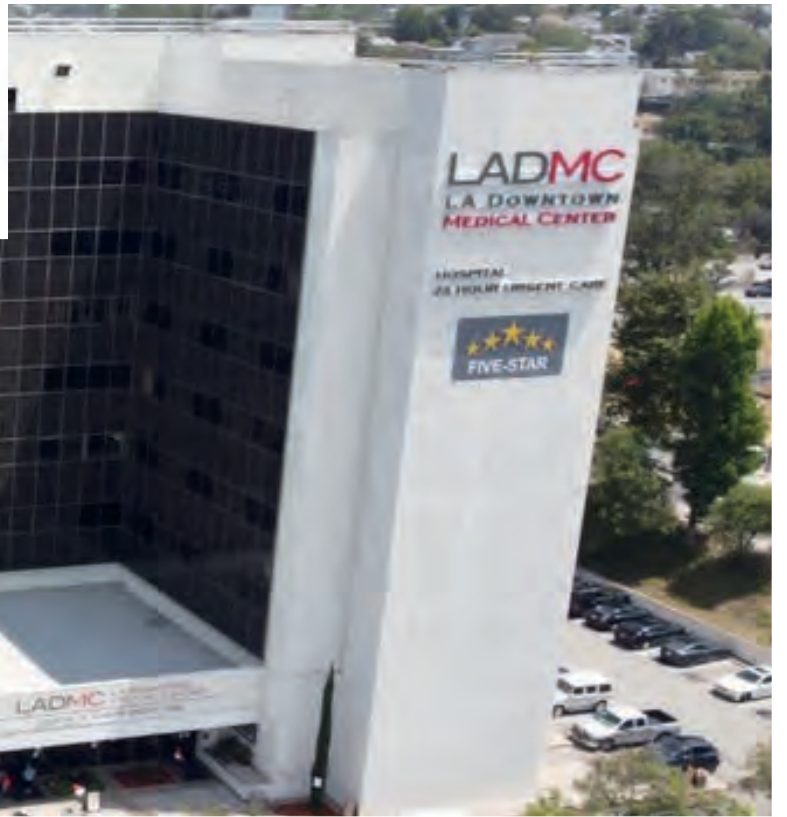
**ROBERT KOTLER**  
**PLASTIC/RECONSTRUCTIVE**

Founder  
Robert Kotler, MD, Inc.

Dr. Kotler has had a wide range of career accomplishments. Before entering private practice in Beverly Hills, he served as a U.S. Army medical officer, attaining the rank of Major. He was chief of Head and Neck Surgery at an Army teaching hospital which was a branch of the Army's Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Today he is one of the world's most specialized nasal cosmetic surgeons, with over 5000 nasal procedures having been performed. A volunteer faculty member at UCLA, Dr. Kotler is a teacher, researcher, and inventor. He is credited with 52 research papers, medical publications, and presentations.



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**KIMBERLY LEE**  
**PLASTIC/RECONSTRUCTIVE**

*Board-Certified, Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon*

Beverly Hills Facial Plastic Surgery Center

Dr. Kimberly Lee is not only a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, she is also a board-certified head and neck surgeon, giving her qualifications to deliver some of the most complex reconstructive procedures in the face, nose, and neck. As one of only 15% of female facial plastic surgeons, Dr. Lee's specialty lies in her expertise to rejuvenate the face and neck resulting in a balanced, natural appearing result. Using her ability to extrapolate from traditional surgical techniques, she is known for taking unique situations and transforming them into successful and aesthetically pleasing outcomes.

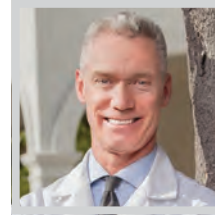


**SANTHI IYER KUMAR**  
**PULMONOLOGY**

*Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Keck School of Medicine; Interim Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine; Vice Chair of Quality and Safety, Department of Medicine*

Keck Medicine of USC

As a clinician leader, Santhi Iyer Kumar MD's purpose has been to design care delivery systems that ensure high quality and safe care that honors the patient-physician relationship and respects our common humanity. Her work has focused primarily on the implementation of care practices that optimize teamwork and patient care in the intensive care unit. Among Dr. Kumar's most notable accomplishments has been the implementation of a multifaceted, interprofessional care bundle in multiple ICUs, which resulted in improved ICU outcomes and increased patient-family engagement. She served as principal investigator in a national quality improvement collaborative aimed at implementing this best practice bundle.



**DAVID R. NELSON**  
**PULMONOLOGY**

*Medical Director, Barlow Respiratory Hospital*

Barlow Respiratory Hospital

David R. Nelson, MD is medical director of Barlow Respiratory Hospital and a board-certified Pulmonologist. He has devoted his entire career to Barlow Respiratory Hospital, first joining the staff in 1991. As a hospital leader, Dr. Nelson serves on the Medical Executive Committee, and the Research, Quality Forum, Credentials and Critical Care Committees. Beyond his service to the hospital, he serves as an educator, preparing the next generation of physicians as an associate professor of clinical medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and clinical instructor in medicine, Department of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine.



**PARYUS PATEL**  
**PULMONOLOGY**

*Corporate Chief Medical Officer*

Prime Healthcare

Paryus Patel, MD, is the chief medical officer for Prime Healthcare's Region III, IV, V, and VI and corporate chief medical officer for Prime Healthcare. Prime Healthcare's Region III-VI, which includes 18 acute care community hospitals located in Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Florida, Indiana, and Ohio. Dr. Patel is a member of Prime Healthcare's senior executive team, reporting directly to the chairman, president, and CEO of Prime Healthcare. In addition, Dr. Patel is currently chief medical officer for Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood. Dr. Patel also serves as a member of the board of both Prime Healthcare and the Prime Healthcare Foundation.

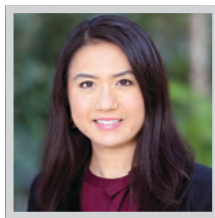


**SAEID SAFAE**  
**PULMONOLOGY**

*Pulmonologist*

Adventist Health Glendale

Saeid Safae, MD specializes in pulmonary diseases and critical care. He received his medical degree from the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and completed residencies in pathology and internal medicine. He also completed a pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Penn State University in Hershey, PA. Dr. Safae's goal is to achieve complete patient care by involving my patients in each step of their health care process. It is important to him that my patients have a detailed understanding of their disease diagnosis because well-informed patients can actively involve themselves in the decisions that help shape their course of treatment and recovery to a better healthy lifestyle.



**PATRICIA ACHARYA**  
**RADIOLOGY**

*Director of Musculoskeletal Radiology; Associate Program Director of the Pediatric Radiology Fellowship*

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Dr. Patricia Acharya is the director of musculoskeletal radiology and the associate program director of the Pediatric Radiology Fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She is also an assistant professor of radiology at USC's Keck School of Medicine. At both CHLA and LLUCH, she has been involved in multiple projects that have led to the development of strong interdisciplinary relationships with the pediatric and pediatric subspecialty referring clinicians. She also instituted one of the first contrast-enhanced ultrasound services at a children's hospital in California as well as the one at CHLA.



**AMIT SURA**  
**RADIOLOGY**

*Pediatric Radiologist and Fellowship Program Director*

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Having been a practicing attending for seven years as a pediatric radiologist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Dr. Amit Sura has served as one of the leading experts in pediatric imaging with a research focus in quality improvement, medical education, and various pediatric pathologies. He also works as a teacher and mentor at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, teaching the Business in Medicine selective, serving as a coach to first year medical students, and being an advisor to students who are interested in the combined MD/MBA program. Currently Dr. Sura has served on the Society of Pediatric Radiology diversity committee.



**ANDRE ABREU**  
**UROLOGY**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Urology and Radiology, Keck School of Medicine of USC Director of Image-guided Surgery, Focal Therapy and Artificial Intelligence for Prostate, Keck Medicine of USC*

Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Andre Abreu is a well-known and respected urologist, and his innovative and novel research contributions have helped improved the success rate of urologic cancer surgeries. Dr. Abreu's cutting-edge research has been published extensively in international and national, high-impact scientific prestigious medical journals. He published more than 110 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Dr. Abreu is a recognized leader in the field of urology for his work on diagnosis and treatment of localized prostate cancer. He has been invited speaker at numerous high-profile national and international venues. He is dedicated to research, education and service to the patients.

