



# A LEGACY OF HEALING

HONORING THE PHYSICIANS WHO SHAPED  
PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL



It is a privilege  
to recognize the  
extraordinary  
physicians who  
built and shaped  
Providence  
St. Joseph Hospital  
and to honor those  
whose legacy  
continues to guide  
us today.

For nearly a century, this hospital has been grounded in a clear and enduring mission: to provide exceptional, compassionate care to every person we serve. That mission, first carried forward by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, was brought to life each day through your skill, your integrity and your unwavering commitment to patients and families.

Across decades of change in medicine, you established the programs, standards and culture of excellence that define St. Joseph Hospital today. You trained generations of physicians, advanced clinical care and earned the trust of this community, one patient at a time.

Dr. Robert E. Ball understood something deeply important. The impact of a physician's career does not end at retirement. It lives on in the institution you helped build, in the colleagues you mentored and in the countless lives you touched. His vision to keep this community of physicians connected, engaged and honored continues through the **REBELS program** and the **Legacy Society** we celebrate today.

Tonight, we recognize not only years of service, but a lifetime of purpose and achievement. We also pause to honor those we remember in memoriam, with deep gratitude and respect. To the families with us this evening, thank you. Your loved ones' contributions remain woven into the fabric of this hospital, and their legacy continues through the care we provide every day.

Your work did more than care for patients. It created a foundation that allows us to continue advancing medicine while staying true to who we are.

On behalf of Providence St. Joseph Hospital, thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and the legacy you leave behind.

Congratulations to all of tonight's honorees.



Brian Helleland  
*Chief Executive*

# Evening of Recognition

5:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Appetizers

6:15 p.m.

Formal Program Begins

## **Welcome**

Brian Helleland, Chief Executive

## **Blessings for the Evening**

Sister Katherine 'Kit' Gray, CSJ

## **About the REBELS Ambassador Committee**

Michele Carpenter, MD

## **Presentation of 2026 Honorees**

8:00 p.m.

## **Entertainment by Tino Productions**

"Million Dollar Voices"

## REBELS:

### The Robert E. Ball Emeritus Legacy Society

The late Robert E. Ball, MD, stands as one of the most influential visionaries in the rich 97-year history of Providence St. Joseph Hospital. A dedicated physician leader, he helped shape our institution through decades of service. Even after retirement Dr. Ball remained deeply committed, serving actively on hospital boards and with the Foundation. His forward-thinking vision—to keep retired physicians engaged, connected to their colleagues, and informed about the hospital's ongoing advancements—gave birth to a cherished tradition.

In 2014, a year after Dr. Ball's passing, his dream became reality with the launch of the Robert E. Ball Emeritus Luncheon Series. These special gatherings have celebrated the remarkable physicians who helped write the story of St. Joseph Hospital, while keeping our Emeritus Medical Staff (retired members with 20+ years of dedicated service) up to date on the latest innovations, programs, and compassionate care that define our ministry today. Newly retired physicians are always warmly welcomed to join REBELS.

To perpetuate Dr. Ball's commitment to honoring excellence, St. Joseph Hospital is proud to announce the new REBELS program: The Robert E. Ball Emeritus Legacy Society. To celebrate physicians foundational to St. Joseph Hospital's excellence, the REBELS Ambassador Committee, which is comprised of Emeritus Staff physicians and hospital leadership, will annually induct deserving physicians to receive a REBELS Lifetime Recognition Award. The REBELS Ambassador Committee will select honorees—ensuring future generations remember and celebrate the leaders who each had a role in defining our ministry. The REBELS tradition of connecting with our Emeritus Medical Staff through informational forums about the hospital's latest achievements and advances will continue with twice yearly engagement events.

## REBELS Ambassador Committee

**Raymond Casciari, MD**  
*Chair*

**Michael Arquilla, MD**

**Michele Carpenter, MD**

**David Margileth, MD**

**Marshall Rowen, MD**

**Christopher A. Wills, MD**

**Lizanne Ball Monahan**

## Hospital Members

**Brian Helleland**  
*Chief Executive*

**Troy Gideon**  
*Chief Administrative Officer*

**Elaine Lee, MD**  
*Chief Medical Officer*

**Amy Daugherty**  
*Chief Philanthropy Officer*

**Jim Hart**  
*Chief Mission Integration Officer*

**Beth Miller,**  
*Sr. Manager, Medical Staff Svcs.*

## Founding Physicians

**Jesse Manning Burlew, MD** (1874–1950), served the Santa Ana community through his entire 43-year practice. He was a doctor and friend to countless families and colleagues while running a thriving general practice, with a special focus in general surgery. In 1919, he became the first Orange County surgeon to be made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Born in New York and raised in Iowa, Dr. Burlew graduated with honors from Rush Medical College in Chicago. During World War I, as a reserve officer, he served early as a regimental surgeon for the U.S. Infantry at Camp Travis, Texas. Discharged due to physical disabilities, he later rejoined the reserves at the rank of major.

Dr. Burlew held several leadership roles at Providence St. Joseph Hospital, including Chair of Surgical Sections, Board of Directors Chair and President of the Medical Staff Executive Board (1939–1946). He also served as President of the Orange County Medical Association in 1911.

In lasting tribute for his contributions, the Burlew Medical Library at St. Joseph Hospital bears his name—a fitting memorial to a physician whose dedication advanced both patient care and medical excellence in the community.

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**Herbert Allen Johnston, MD** (1873 – 1959), is widely regarded as the father of Providence St. Joseph Hospital Orange—a pioneering surgeon whose vision transformed healthcare in Southern California.

Born in Ontario, Canada, he became seriously ill during medical school and was advised to seek Southern California's climate for recovery. He recuperated quickly, and in 1898 graduated from the University of Southern California's medical department. Based in Anaheim, Dr. Johnston helped convert the Anaheim Sanitarium into the area's first 50-bed hospital in 1901.

A founding member of the American College of Surgeons, he pursued advanced surgical training in England, Germany, and Australia. His friendships with the Mayo brothers and the Mayo Clinic director, along with studies in Berlin, enabled him to perform the region's first thoracoplasty for tuberculosis treatment.

In the 1930s, he convinced the Sisters of St. Joseph to modernize St. Joseph Hospital, which had opened in 1929. As Medical Staff President (1930–1937) and Executive Board Chairman (1929–1940), he is credited with making it one of America's most advanced facilities in that era. He also headed Fullerton General Hospital, the predecessor of Providence St. Jude Medical Center.

Dr. Johnston retired in 1946—exactly 48 years after his practice began.

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**Milo Kenney Tedstrom, MD** (1900–2005), internist and cardiologist, had an extraordinary career at Providence St. Joseph Hospital that spanned nearly 50 years.

Born in 1900 in Arkansas, Dr. Tedstrom earned his MD from Washington University in St. Louis in 1924. He joined the Medical Staff at the newly opened St. Joseph Hospital, where he admitted the hospital's very first patient on September 19, 1929.

Recognized as Orange County's first internist (board certified) as well as cardiologist, he served as Chief of the Medical Staff (1934–1936) and Chairman of the Executive Board (1961–1965), overseeing major hospital expansion. During World War II in 1944, he entered the U.S. Air Force as a Major in the Medical Corps and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Dr. Tedstrom's innovations included establishing St. Joseph Hospital's first diabetes clinic and Southern California's first intensive care unit in 1962, with the cardiac ICU following in 1966.

A recipient of the Spirit of St. Joseph Award in 1999, Dr. Tedstrom also founded the Orange County Heart Association. He practiced until retirement in 1977 and remained a dedicated supporter of compassionate, forward-thinking care. His legacy endures in the hospital's heart and vascular excellence.

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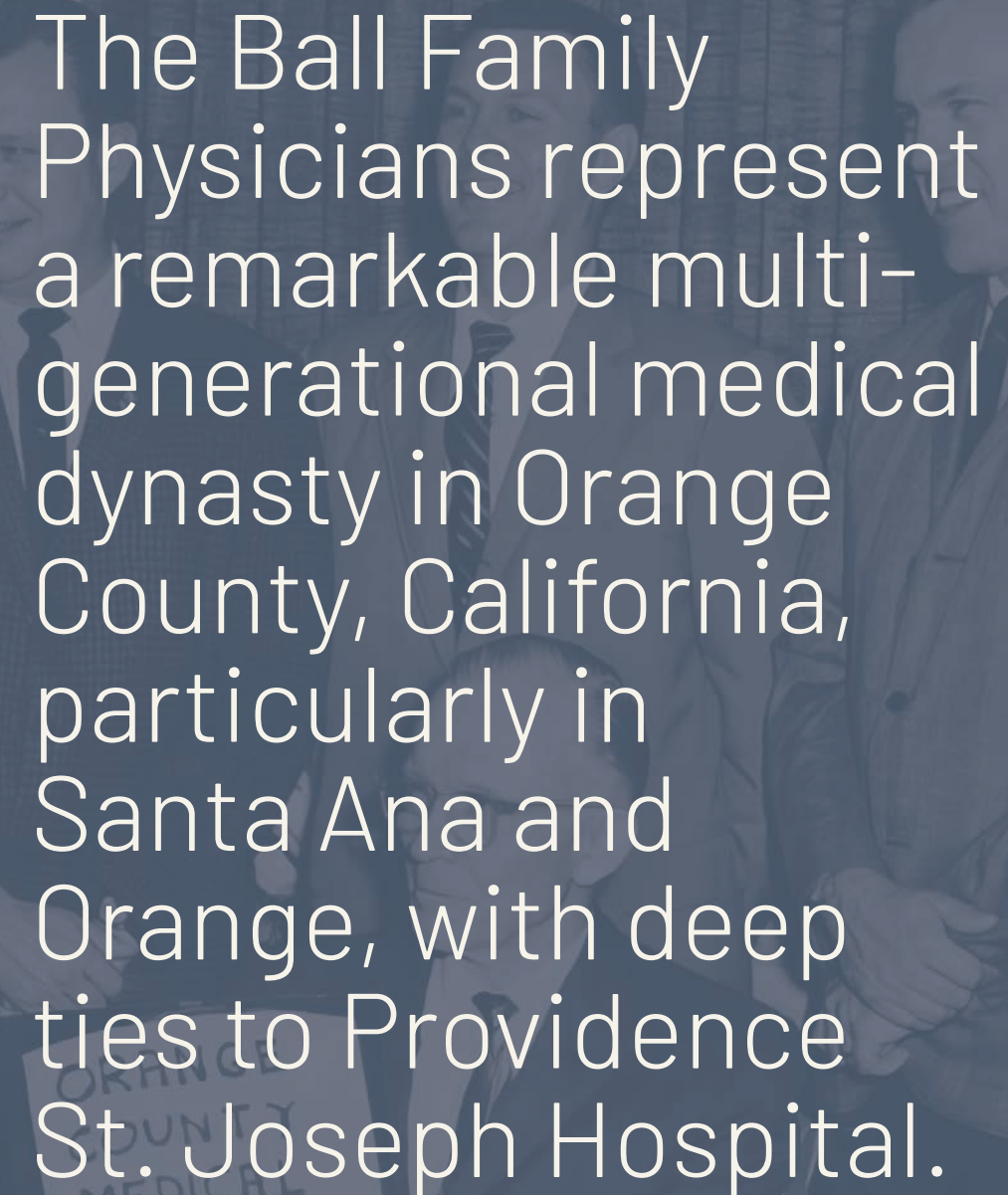
**Ralph E. White, MD** (1910–2010), was a beloved family practitioner whose remarkable 70+ year affiliation with Providence St. Joseph Hospital began in 1939. He served in every capacity—as physician, supporter, volunteer, and even patient.

Born in South Dakota, Dr. White moved to Santa Ana at age 3. From childhood, he knew he wanted to be a doctor. He pursued college studies in Santa Ana and Whittier before earning his medical degree at UC Berkeley.

Dr. White delivered more than 1,500 babies, made house calls for \$15, and practiced general medicine in an era before widespread specialization—jokingly calling his field “the skin and all its contents.” The only interruption was five years of U.S. Army service starting in 1946.

Dr. White witnessed St. Joseph Hospital's growth from a modest facility, now the Sr. Frances Dunn Building administrative offices, to a leading regional hospital. He saw the Medical Staff grow from 200 to more than 1,100 physicians.

After retiring from practice in 1976, Dr. White continued giving back, logging over 11,000 volunteer hours—the equivalent of more than five years of full-time work. He credited his inspiration to his late wife, who volunteered 14,500 hours at the hospital.



The Ball Family  
Physicians represent  
a remarkable multi-  
generational medical  
dynasty in Orange  
County, California,  
particularly in  
Santa Ana and  
Orange, with deep  
ties to Providence  
St. Joseph Hospital.

The tradition began with **Charles Dexter Ball, MD** (1859–1937), known as C.D. Ball. Born in Quebec, he settled in Santa Ana in 1887 amid early settlement booms, making house calls by horseback or buggy. A pioneer, he helped organize the Southern California Medical Society (1888), founded the OCMA (serving as its first president in 1893), and authored *Orange County Medical History* (ca. 1926–1927), a foundational record of regional medicine. Beyond medicine, he was a WWI home-front veteran, founded Santa Ana's first bank and title company, served as a Republican delegate (1920), and was an assemblyman (1923–1924). His descendants often cited patients' affection for him as inspiration for their careers, tracing the family's medical roots to Revolutionary War-era physicians.

### His sons continued the legacy.

**Dexter Rankin Ball, MD** (1894–1978), emphasized general medicine and surgery after graduating from UC Berkeley (1917) and interning in San Francisco. He practiced at St. Joseph Hospital for decades, served as OCMA president (1928), and held leadership roles like Secretary-Treasurer of the Medical Staff Executive Board (1936).

**John Dryer Ball, MD** (1896–1951), a general surgeon, trained at UC, interned in San Francisco, and gained surgical experience in Boston. Returning to Santa Ana in 1925, he built a broad practice despite specializing in surgery. At St. Joseph Hospital, he chaired the Medical Staff and Surgical Committee. He also led the OCMA (1936), Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, Santa Ana Board of Education, Public Library Board, and local American Cancer Society chapter; was elected councilor of the CMA; and was a member of the International College of Surgeons.

### Third-generation members.

**Dexter Taber Ball, MD** (1923–2012), a Santa Ana native who followed his father (Dexter R.) and grandfather through UC Berkeley and UCSF. He practiced as a physician-surgeon in Orange County for over 40 years, affiliated with St. Joseph Hospital, and served as OCMA president (1968). He was a lifetime Santa Ana Rotary Club member and fly-fishing enthusiast.

**Robert E. Ball, MD** (1927–2013), an internist who joined St. Joseph Hospital's staff in 1957 after UCSF training. He served as chief of staff (1976), Executive Board member, and the hospital's first Vice President of Medical Affairs (1989–1999). Post-retirement, he supported fundraising. Honored with a Values in Action Award, the hospital established the Robert E. Ball Emeritus Luncheon Series (REBELS) in his memory.

**Donald R. Ball, MD** (1932–2024), an orthopedic surgeon who practiced compassionately for 56 years, retiring as emeritus in 2008. Known for common-sense care, exceptional surgical skills, and teaching residents, he volunteered for local high school and college football teams. Colleagues praised his generosity and legacy of grateful patients. In later years, he took up ultralight flying.

**John D. Ball Jr., MD** ("Jack," d. 1981), a vascular surgeon, also followed in the career footsteps of his grandfather (C.D.) and father (John D. Sr.). He practiced at St. Joseph Hospital, served on the Executive Board (1971), and was a founding member of the Southern California Vascular Surgical Society (1980), advancing regional vascular and endovascular care.

Spanning over a century, the Ball family has shaped Orange County's medical standards, leadership, and community health through dedication, innovation, and service.

## Physician Honorees

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**Raymond Casciari, MD, FCCP**, a distinguished pulmonologist and healthcare leader, earned his medical degree from Pennsylvania's Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University in 1973. Following graduation, he completed his internal medicine residency and a fellowship in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine at the University of California, Irvine. He retired in 2012.

Board-certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and intensive care medicine, Dr. Casciari specialized in pulmonology for over 50 years, with extensive expertise in obstructive lung disease. At Providence St. Joseph Hospital, he served on the Medical Staff Executive Board from 1986–1987 and 1995–2001, the last two years as President. He was the first physician to chair the hospital's Board of Trustees; and was the hospital's first Chief Medical Officer, from 2007–2012. After retirement he served for several years as a hospital medical spokesman, and continues to teach monthly Crew Resource Management Training classes for new Medical Staff.

A dedicated advocate for respiratory health, Dr. Casciari previously served as President of the American Lung Association of Orange County. He is a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and has received notable recognitions, including the Values in Action Award in 2003, listings in Best Doctors in America for the Pacific Region, and Physician of Excellence honors from the OCMA.

**David William Furnas, MD (1931–2022)**, was a pioneering plastic and reconstructive surgeon. Born in Idaho, he earned his MD from the University of California, San Francisco (1955), followed by training leading to board certification in plastic surgery. He transitioned to Emeritus status in 2002.

In 1969 at the University of California, Irvine and Providence St. Joseph Hospital, Dr. Furnas founded and served as Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery. At St. Joseph Hospital, he was one of the nation's first surgeons to perform autologous breast reconstruction. Another innovation to his credit, still widely used today, is known as the Furnas otoplasty (ear pinning technique).

Dr. Furnas was passionate about global humanitarian work, performing life-changing surgeries in Africa and embracing adventures that combined medicine with exploration. He was honored as Orange County Physician of the Year (1998) by the OCMA and recognized by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Dr. Furnas' daughter, **Heather Furnas, MD**, also a plastic surgeon, shares, "Growing up, I heard about St. Joe's and several of the names among tonight's honorees—especially Al Gazzaniga and Don Martin. Nothing would have delighted him more than to have been included among his illustrious colleagues. I myself went to medical school with Dr. F. Joseph Triggs' wonderful son, Kevin—both of us inspired by our fathers. My family and I are sorry to miss this great honor. It was here in Orange County that he launched a long career, training residents, developing plastic surgical innovations, and helping patients, some of whom still email me to tell them how he changed their lives. This was his home, among you. I thank you on his behalf."



**Alan B. Gazzaniga, MD** (1936–2022), was a pioneering cardiothoracic surgeon, esteemed educator and beloved mentor whose innovations transformed surgical care in Orange County and beyond.

A Los Angeles native and Dartmouth College graduate (where he earned All-American honors in football), Dr. Gazzaniga received his MD from Harvard Medical School in 1961. He completed his cardiac and pediatric heart surgery training at Brigham and Women's and Boston Children's Hospitals, including two years as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant during residency.

In 1970, he relocated to Orange County and joined the founding faculty of UC Irvine School of Medicine. He held leadership roles as Chief of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery at CHOC Children's Hospital and Chief of Staff at St. Joseph Hospital (1994–1995). In 2000, he was honored as OCMA Physician of the Year.

With over 100 peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Gazzaniga influenced surgical practice internationally. His groundbreaking contributions include co-inventing the incentive spirometer (with Robert Bartlett, MD, and Edwards Laboratories) to prevent postoperative pulmonary complications—first used by St. Joseph Hospital patients, later FDA-approved, and now a global standard at bedside worldwide. He advanced Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) applications, including early pediatric cases at CHOC, and pioneered pre-hospital emergency care by developing one of the nation's first paramedic programs and establishing the Orange County Fire Department EMT initiative.

**James Alexander Grimes, MD** (1938–2025), was a highly regarded, two-term member of the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Board of Trustees and member of the Medical Staff Executive Board from 1979–1987, the last two years as President.

A 1964 graduate of SUNY Downstate Medical School, the New York native settled in Santa Ana and was in private practice in Tustin, specializing in internal medicine with a cardiology focus. He attended patients at St. Joseph Hospital and the Lestonnac Free Clinic and served as the stadium doctor for the California Angels. After becoming emeritus staff, he remained a strong hospital supporter. He also worked part time for the hospital's Heart Center doing EKGs and echocardiograms and became a docent on the USS Midway in San Diego, volunteering over 1,400 hours.

Dr. Grimes proudly served in the Navy. He was embedded with the Marines as a naval flight surgeon, stationed at Pensacola, FL, Camp Pendleton and MCAS El Toro. He served in Vietnam from 1965–1967, retiring as a Lt. Commander. Dr. Grimes is fondly remembered for his storytelling, kindness and generosity.



**G. William “Bill” Hawkins, MD** (1917–1993), practiced in Orange County for over 40 years, contributing significantly to the establishment and growth of orthopedic expertise at St. Joseph Hospital and the region.

Dr. Hawkins attended Santa Ana High School, earning a scholarship to Stanford University and completing his MD degree at Stanford Medical School. During the final year of World War II, he enlisted and served as a Second Lieutenant with a Patrol Torpedo boat squadron in the Philippine Islands.

Following his military discharge and residences, Dr. Hawkins returned to Orange County and joined the practice of Dr. Jack S. Blaisdale, recognized as the first orthopedic surgeon in the area.

He retired in 1978, after which Emeritus physician Christopher A. Wills, MD, an orthopedic surgeon, joined and continued the practice Dr. Hawkins had established. Dr. Wills recalls Dr. Hawkins as “very well-known and having the absolute best reputation as an orthopedic surgeon and teacher.”

Dr. Hawkins authored *History of Orange County Medicine, 1926–1989*, edited by Maralys Wills (mother of Dr. Chris Wills). His son, Jim Hawkins, remembers his father’s deep pride in extensive pro bono work at local hospitals. Dr. Hawkins played an instrumental role in advocating for and helping establish UCI Medical Center and CHOC Children’s Hospital.

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**Abraham S. Lakshin, MD** (1929–2018), was a dedicated obstetrician-gynecologist who practiced for over 65 years, primarily in Orange County. A 1962 graduate of SUNY Upstate Medical University, he built a long career focused on women’s health, delivering compassionate care in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Lakshin was long affiliated with Providence St. Joseph Hospital, where colleagues remembered him as a skilled, caring physician who delivered countless babies—including the hospital’s 5,000th baby—and supported families through complex pregnancies. He contributed to the field through publications, including a 1982 case report on bilateral tubal pregnancy with

vaginal delivery (co-authored in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*) and involvement in advisory panels, such as for real-time ultrasound in obstetrics in California medical guidelines around 1980.

Known for his commitment beyond the clinic, Dr. Lakshin maintained an active lifestyle; at age 66, he and his wife Linda ran the New York City Marathon in 1995, exemplifying discipline and vitality.

He practiced in Santa Ana and Orange. Colleagues who worked alongside him for nearly two decades praised his expertise and kindness. Dr. Lakshin’s legacy reflects decades of service in women’s reproductive health, blending clinical excellence with personal warmth.

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**Donald C. Martin, MD**, is a pioneering urologist and transplant surgeon. In 1963, Dr. Martin performed the first cadaver kidney transplant at UCLA and in 1969 the first kidney transplant at UCI Medical Center (then Orange County Medical Center), marking a historic milestone for the region.

Dr. Martin also performed the first kidney transplant at St. Joseph Hospital in 1973. He trained numerous surgeons in transplantation techniques, including Ervin P. Ruzics, MD, Medical Director of the Transplant Center at Providence St. Joseph Hospital. Today, St. Joseph Hospital’s Multi-Organ Transplant Center is one of the busiest in the state and is ranked No. 1 in the state for fastest transplant and post-surgery survival rates.

Dr. Martin earned his MD from the University of British Columbia. Dr. Martin would go on to advance kidney transplantation during an era of rapid progress in immunosuppressive therapy and surgical methods, contributing to improved outcomes for patients with end-stage renal disease. He is a Professor Emeritus of Surgery (with expertise in urology) at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine.

A trailblazer in academic medicine and clinical practice, Dr. Martin’s legacy endures through St. Joseph Hospital and UCI’s robust transplant programs and the surgeons he influenced. His dedication helped position Orange County as a key hub for organ transplantation in Southern California.



**Marshall Rowen, MD**, is a pioneering board-certified diagnostic radiologist with more than 70 years of experience, specializing in pediatric radiology. He earned his MD and MS (Internal Medicine) from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago and completed radiology training at the VA Long Beach/UCLA and Children's Hospital Los Angeles before establishing his practice in Orange.

Dr. Rowen made history as the first pediatric radiologist in Orange County. He was appointed the inaugural Director of Radiology at CHOC Children's Hospital. He also served as Chief of the Medical Staff at CHOC, provided radiology services at Providence St. Joseph Hospital for decades through his radiology group, Moran, Rowen & Dorsey, Inc., and served as Medical Director of the Radiology Department.

His contributions include key publications on conditions such as diffuse pulmonary hemangiomas, emphysematous gastritis in pediatric leukemia patients, and thoracic coarctation associated with neurofibromatosis—works from the 1970s onward that reflect his expertise in complex radiographic diagnoses in children. He has authored more than 35 scientific presentations and influenced generations of physicians as a Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics at UC Irvine.

Dr. Rowen has remained deeply involved in philanthropy and governance, serving on boards at Rady Children's Hospital Orange County / Rady Children's Hospital at Mission. His career exemplifies dedication to elevating pediatric radiology standards and improving diagnostic accuracy for vulnerable populations.

**M. Linda Sutherland, MD**, is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist with more than 40 years of experience, practicing primarily in Orange County while advancing diagnostic techniques.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1983 and completed her residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Sutherland has served on the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff since 1988.

Her expertise lies in diagnostic imaging, with contributions to breast imaging through involvement in guidelines and research on topics such as ACR appropriateness criteria for breast carcinoma and palpable breast masses. Dr. Sutherland is a former Director of Breast Imaging at St. Joseph Comprehensive Breast Center, and radiologist with Moran, Rowen & Dorsey, Inc.

Beyond clinical radiology, Dr. Sutherland's career bridges traditional radiology with bioarchaeology and preventive health insights. Her notable work includes paleoimaging studies—using CT scans to examine ancient Egyptian mummies for evidence of atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disease, dental pathologies, and other conditions in collaboration with international teams. Her research also explores modern associations, such as intracranial arterial calcifications and cognitive function in living populations.



**Francis Joseph Triggs, Jr., MD (1933–2022)** was an Emeritus Staff member and a past Chair of the Family Practice Department. Dr. Triggs served as a member of Providence St. Joseph Hospital Active Staff from 1962 to 1989, when he was abruptly forced into early retirement after a heart attack at age 55.

A University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine graduate, Dr. Triggs chose to practice at St. Joseph Hospital after moving with his family to California because the Sisters of St. Joseph in Springfield, MA, were responsible for his early education and character. With practice partner Jules Rasinski, MD, Dr. Triggs built a medical complex and large family practice in the “boonies” of the expanding City of Orange while raising four children. One of his sons, Kevin Triggs, MD, orthopedic surgeon, has been active on our Medical Staff since 1990.

As team doctor for the LA Rams, the California Angels and numerous other professional sports franchises in Southern California and as Medical Director for the 1984 LA Olympics, “Dr. Joe” was a pioneer in sports medicine, always directing athletes, their families and site recognition to St. Joseph Hospital.

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**John West, MD**, is a distinguished general and breast surgeon with more than 55 years of experience in surgical care, retiring in 2021 after an impactful career.

Dr. West is particularly renowned for his pioneering work in breast cancer treatment and comprehensive breast health, as well as helping establish Orange County’s first organized regional trauma care system in the mid-1970s to early 1980s. This model emphasized multidisciplinary team approaches, triage to specialized centers and coordinated care—innovations that reduced preventable deaths and were later adopted nationally. Sources describe him as a “pioneer in the development of regional trauma systems.”

He graduated from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine in 1967 and completed his internship at the University of California system in 1968. Dr. West relocated to Orange County in 1973, initially practicing as a general and vascular surgeon. In 1988, he founded Orange County’s first dedicated breast care center, emphasizing a multidisciplinary

team approach to breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, and patient support. This innovation allowed for earlier detection and more effective interventions, transforming outcomes for countless patients.

Dr. West’s distinguished career includes a long-standing affiliation with Providence St. Joseph Hospital. His contributions include advancing breast surgery techniques and fostering collaborative care models that integrate radiology, oncology, and surgery.



## Our History

On September 19, 1929, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange opened one of the first hospitals in Orange County. They intended St. Joseph Hospital to be “the last word in magnificence and technology, the kind of hospital found in the large university cities of the East Coast.” The exterior of the 90-bed hospital was designed in mission style, with its twin towers as the hospital’s most distinctive features. For many years, their six-story height were the tallest structures in the county, serving as beacons to the surrounding cities and orange groves.

Herbert Johnston, M.D., a noted surgeon in Anaheim, had convinced the Sisters that the county needed a modern hospital. He established the hospital’s first medical staff, comprised of fewer than 50 doctors—mainly general practitioners. Milo K. Tedstrom, MD, St. Joseph Hospital’s first trained internist, admitted the hospital’s first patient on the opening day.

Today, Providence St. Joseph Hospital is a 483-bed medical center with a 1,100-member medical staff, making this one of the largest hospitals in Orange County. We have achieved five-time Magnet designation for nursing excellence and are recognized as a national leader in several specialties, which includes having the longest-running transplant program in California.

St. Joseph Hospital is proud to continue the rich heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange by building on our legacy of providing care with compassion, dignity, justice, excellence and integrity.





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