

SAVE THE DATES:

GRAND ROUNDS

"The Novel Approach of Radiofrequency Ablation for Management of Thyroid Nodules"

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025
12:30-1:30pm

Zoul Auditorium • Lunch provided

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CMA and Medical Board of CA Co-sponsor AB 408 to Establish Physician Health and Wellness Program

AB 408—authored by Assemblymember Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park)—would allow the medical board to establish a Physician Health and Wellness Program that utilizes what experts have found to be the most effective approach to helping physicians with substance use disorders and other conditions to receive treatment so they can continue practicing safely.

The board's previous diversion program was found in an audit to be ineffective and was subsequently eliminated, resulting in the board having no formal program for impaired physicians for a number of years. AB 408 would establish a confidential program – similar to what other states have and in line with national best practices.

Nominate 2026 OCMA Physicians of Excellence

Please consider taking a few minutes to nominate your excellent physician colleague who goes above and beyond in serving our profession and patients. Physicians should exemplify outstanding leadership qualities, teaching and mentoring, research and humanitarian services.

The deadline for nominations for the 2026 Physicians of Excellence honor is April 25, 2025. Scan the QR code to find the 2026 Physicians of Excellence nomination form.



Providence Legislative Advocacy Continues to Reverse Medicare Physician Payment Cuts

Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA) and a bipartisan group of representatives have reintroduced the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act (H.R. 879). The bill, which is strongly supported by Providence, would reverse the 2.83 percent cut in Medicare physician payments that took effect on Jan. 1 and would provide a 2 percent payment update to stabilize payment rates. Providence is strongly urging Congress to include the bill in the upcoming government funding package that must pass before March 14.



DOCTOR'S DAY
"Red Carpet" Luncheon
Friday, March 28, 11 am–3 pm
Doctors Dining Room

2025 HEART & STROKE WALK APRIL 12 AT ANGEL STADIUM

Unite, take action, and save lives. Every walker who joins, every dollar donated, means more people trained in lifesaving CPR, more research and more lifesaving moments for everyone. The Heart & Stroke Walk at Angel Stadium on Saturday, April 12, is about coming together, turning bystanders into lifesavers, honoring survivors, raising lifesaving funds – and having fun along the way. To register or learn more, scan the QR code.



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Golf Tournament 2025 on Monday, May 12, is returning to the beautiful Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club. Registration is now open for all sponsorship levels!

For questions, please reach out to our Events Team at sjofoundation@providence.org or call 714-347-7900.

For details, please visit sjofoundation.org/blog/golf-tournament-2025/.



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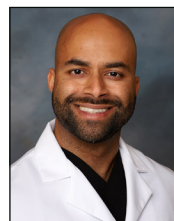
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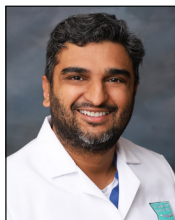
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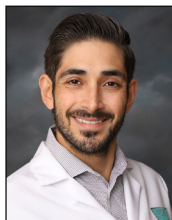
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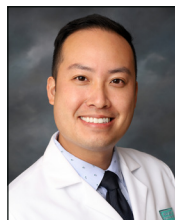
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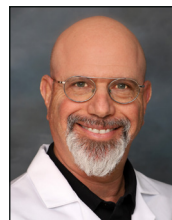
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