



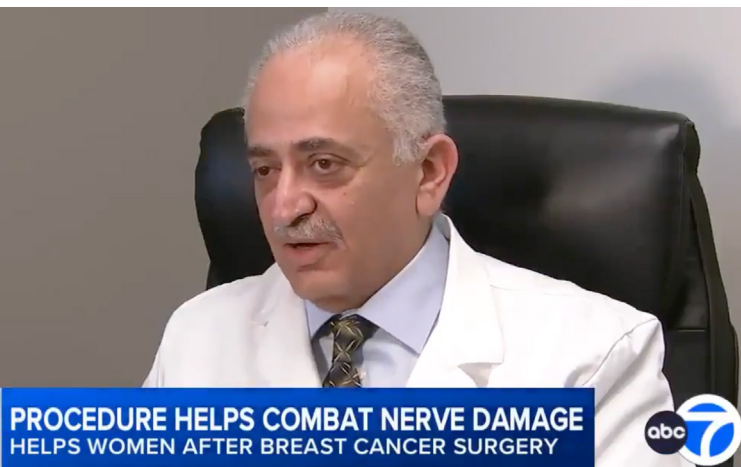
Chief Philanthropy Officer Amy Daugherty and Chief Executive Brian Helleland flank honoree Brian Kolski, MD.

Philanthropy Physician Champion Named

On February 28, 2026, Providence South Division Philanthropy hosted the annual Physician Champion Awards at The Langham Huntington in Pasadena. Brian Kolski, MD, an esteemed cardiologist and leader in cardiovascular care, was recognized as the 2026 Philanthropy Physician Champion for Providence St. Joseph Hospital Orange.

Known for bringing calm, clarity and persistence to complex cases, Dr. Kolski has helped advance leading-edge, minimally invasive cardiac treatments at Providence St. Joseph, expanding options for patients with complex heart conditions. A dedicated partner to philanthropy, he regularly meets with grateful patients, leads donor tours and participates in Foundation events, helping strengthen relationships that advance innovation and patient care.

Learn more about Dr. Kolski here: sjofoundation.org/blog/physician-champion-kolski-providence-st-joseph-orange.

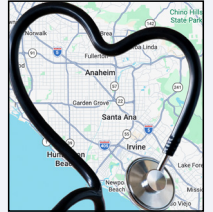


PROCEDURE HELPS COMBAT NERVE DAMAGE
HELPS WOMEN AFTER BREAST CANCER SURGERY



SJO in the News—General surgeon Maher Gobran, MD, explains the new breast resensation technique performed at Providence St. Joseph Hospital. The story was recently featured on Ch. 7 Eyewitness News. To view the coverage, visit: abc7.com/about/newsteam/denise-dador.

Doctors' Day, March 30, 2026,
when St. Joseph Hospital Orange thanks the region's
finest physicians for delivering compassionate,
world-class care to Orange County and beyond.
(Look for Appreciation Luncheon photos in the next Briefs.)



Physician of Excellence Nominations Due

Orange Coast magazine, in conjunction with the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA), will publish its annual list of Orange County Physicians of Excellence in the January 2027 issue and is currently seeking nominations. The Physicians of Excellence program was designed to honor outstanding physicians practicing in Orange County.

The deadline for nominations for the 2027 Physicians of Excellence honor is **Friday, April 24, 2026**. Physicians should exemplify outstanding leadership qualities, teaching and mentoring, research and humanitarian services.

You'll find the 2027 Physicians of Excellence nomination form at ocma.org/Portals/13/2027%20POE%20Nomination%20Form_1.pdf.

Welcome, Medical Staff



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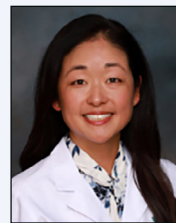
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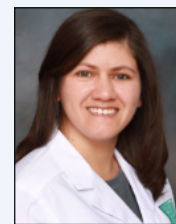
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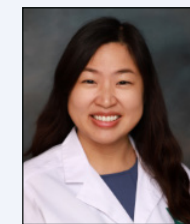
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A new linear accelerator will go live in June at the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment radiation oncology department. It was delivered this past month through the skylight as part of a carefully coordinated effort. The project includes a \$4 million investment in the equipment, along with \$3 million for delivery, installation and training. It was all fully funded through philanthropy.



FROM PR NEWSWIRE

AI Mammogram Technology Offers 23% Greater Cancer Detection, Fewer False Positives

The first artificial intelligence-assisted (AI) mammogram technology in Orange County is now being offered to imaging patients at the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Helen Caloggero Women's & Family Center.

Since the Women's Imaging Center began offering patients the FDA-approved and cleared [ProFound](#) AI mammogram solution from iCad, in early 2025, more than 4,000 patients have chosen the optional AI-enhanced as an optional supplement to their traditional screening.

The software provides a second look of a mammogram to complement the radiologists' independent readings and presents a combined report to provide the potential for more accuracy for all women, including those with dense breast tissue, implants or other risk factors.

The advantages of AI supplementation for breast imaging include increased accuracy, earlier detection, personalized patient insights and greater peace of mind for patients.

"AI is ushering in a new era in mammography and breast cancer detection, and it's only a matter of time before tools like this become commonplace in breast imaging," said Dr. Kenneth Meng, a radiologist at Providence St. Joseph Hospital. "The ProFound AI Suite from iCAD performs a detailed analysis of a mammogram and alerts the interpreting physician to any suspicious areas that may be too subtle for the human eye to detect, additionally, it can reassure physicians who may be questioning a particular region, eliminating the need for additional screenings and false positives."

Early detection is key to staying ahead of breast cancer and staying healthy. For more information and appointments, please call 714-771-8360.