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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Los Angeles' healthcare leaders are a unique group. Not only do they manage the institutions and organizations that help our society live healthier, they also happen to be tremendous businesspeople with great business stories.

Hospital CEOs, healthcare company executives, programs benefiting the community, entrepreneurial clinicians, and education leaders providing the next generation of healthcare practitioners with the information and tools they need to service our region are all a part of an industry that will always be needed. It makes sense that we’d pause at least once per year to celebrate their individual and collective achievements.

We have set aside this special section of the Los Angeles Business Journal to honor these individuals, organizations and programs that have made strides in helping Los Angeles (and beyond) receive better healthcare. We have chosen to recognize leaders and organizations that make an impact to both lines: those leading the frontlines of healthcare and those protecting the bottom lines.

This special section you are reading now spotlights those outstanding honorees we celebrated at our Healthcare Leadership Forum and Awards event on Thursday, May 11th at the Omni Hotel Los Angeles.

Eleven inspirational honorees have been announced this year and described in this section. We applaud each of these esteemed honorees, as well as the wonderful collection of finalists, also detailed in these pages.

We hope you enjoy this special section, which contains some insights on the creative ways in which some of LA’s leading healthcare individuals and organizations stand out in their efforts to keep us well or make us better.

Special thanks go out this year to our Platinum Sponsors in this endeavor, City of Hope, Montage Insurance Solutions, Moss Adams and University of Phoenix. And again, congratulations to all the great healthcare leaders in Los Angeles who play such an integral role in our lives and the lives of our families, friends and coworkers.

Best regards,

Matthew A. Toledo
President and Publisher

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles congratulates this year’s honorees at the Los Angeles Business Journal’s Health Care Leadership Forum & Awards.

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THE COUNTDOWN TO A CURE
FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES
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A diabetes powerhouse made even stronger — City of Hope’s Diabetes & Metabolism Research Institute. Here, major breakthroughs have changed the lives of millions of diabetes patients around the world. One of the biggest, synthetic human insulin, was developed through research conducted at City of Hope, which is a direct result of work pioneered by Art Riggs, Ph.D., our institute director, and his team. And now we are looking to the future. The near future. With a goal of curing type 1 diabetes in six years. We aim to do that thanks to a transformative gift from the Wanek family and the generosity of countless others. The Wanek Family Project for Type 1 Diabetes at City of Hope: committed to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes. To learn more about our groundbreaking work in diabetes, visit CityofHope.org/1td
**HOSPITAL CEO OF THE YEAR**

**DAN F. AUSMAN**  
President & CEO  
Methodist Hospital of Southern California

In 2011, Methodist Hospital in Arcadia announced the appointment of Dan F. Ausman as president and chief executive officer. Since then, Ausman has strived to further the mission and values of Methodist Hospital, a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission.

Ausman has earned the reputation as an extremely talented leader with exceptional credentials and experience. Under his leadership, Methodist Hospital continues to focus on exceptional patient experiences and meeting the needs of the surrounding community. Ausman defines success as “patient safety and clinical outcomes.” He believes an effective business leader shows passion, honesty and vision. And he says his most effective communication skill is “the ability to articulate vision and inspire.” Ausman has also served as vice president of operations and president of California operations for Vanguard Health Systems. In that role, Ausman managed three acute care hospitals, with 491 beds in Irvine. He served as president and CEO for Irvine Regional Hospital and Medical Center, a 176-bed facility owned by Tenet Healthcare. He also has held positions as CEO for Monterey Park Hospital in Monterey Park, executive vice president for Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Ausman received his bachelor’s degree from UCI, and master’s in public administration from USC’s Health Services Administration graduate program. He has more than 30 years of healthcare administration experience focusing on strategic development, financial success, cultural awareness and change, and quality of care. In 1998 and again in 2002, Ausman was awarded the Tenet Circle of Excellence Award by Tenet Healthcare and was recognized for performing at high levels in the areas of quality, service and operations.

**HOSPITAL CEO OF THE YEAR**

**GUSTAVO VALDESPINO**  
President & CEO  
Valley Presbyterian Hospital

Gustavo Valdespino was appointed President and CEO of Valley Presbyterian Hospital in September of 2009. Valdespino is a seasoned leader with more than 25 years of hospital management experience. Prior to joining Valley Presbyterian Hospital, he served as Senior Vice President of Operations for Tenet Health Corporation’s Southern California region. He also served as President and CEO of St. Vincent Medical Center and as CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County.

Valley Presbyterian Hospital, the San Fernando Valley’s only independent, nonprofit hospital, remains a strong and vital asset to its patients and community, thanks in large part, to the leadership of Valdespino. He was appointed President and CEO at a time when the hospital — which largely serves an underserved patient population — was experiencing financial challenges. Valdespino was recruited to continue the turnaround started by the hospital’s former CEO Albert Greene, who passed away. The Hospital has experienced a tremendous turnaround with Valdespino at the helm.

Since his arrival, VPH has grown net assets nearly three-fold, from $60 million in 2010 to $210 million in 2016. A strategic financial leader, Valdespino created a board-led financial investment review committee in 2013, and under that committee, has grown a cash reserve of more than $169 million by carefully managing cash flow, while making wise investments in its 1,600 employees, infrastructure and equipment. Since Valdespino’s arrival, the hospital has built robust community education programs for pregnant women and their newborns as well as other community programs focused on diabetes education and prevention, nutrition and community classes for seniors. What’s more, the hospital has created community partnerships with more than 50 local community-based organizations focused on health and human services, community education, economic development, youth and many others. And, the hospital has implemented a community health fair that attracts more than 900 community residents each year.
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HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

STEVEN T. ROSEN, M.D.
Provost, Chief Scientific Officer
City of Hope

Steve T. Rosen, M.D., joined City of Hope in March of 2014. Since then, he has led the institution’s scientific direction, including the latest research and therapies to treat a wide variety of cancers. These include T cell therapy and bone marrow and blood stem cell transplantation. (City of Hope’s Hematologic Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplantation Institute is one of the world’s largest and most successful bone marrow and blood stem cell transplant centers to treat blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma and blood-related disorders.) In addition, Dr. Rosen leads City of Hope’s scientists, clinicians and administrative leaders to develop strategies that help the institution quickly turn breakthrough discoveries into practical benefit for cancer patients around the world.

Dr. Rosen is a key leader in these efforts as he directs City of Hope’s Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Beckman Research Institute and the Irel & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences. In addition, Dr. Rosen has recruited some of the top cancer doctors in the nation to City of Hope, including Drs. Larry Kwak and Ravi Salgia.

Dr. Rosen also leads his own basic science and clinical laboratory research teams. In 2016, his research team was awarded a $2.3 million Research Project Grant (R01) from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to fund studies associated with a phase III clinical trial in relapsed/refractory adult acute myeloid leukemia (AML). His leadership and vision helped secure the establishment of the Jacki and Bruce Barron Cancer Research Scholars’ Program that was made possible with a $5 million gift from The Harvey L. Miller Family Foundation and in partnership with the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), promoting innovative and collaborative research, as well as the exchange of ideas and information between exceptional cancer researchers in the United States and Israel.

MEDICAL GROUP CEO OF THE YEAR

MARK GROSSMAN, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer, UCLA Community Physicians & Specialty Care Networks
UCLA Health

Dr. Mark Grossman is the Chief Medical Officer of the UCLA Community Physicians Network, a group of primary care offices throughout the West Los Angeles area. He has a faculty appointment as Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. His clinical interests include general primary care of adults and children, newborn care, geriatric medicine, and preventive medicine. He is actively involved in teaching medical students/residents, patient safety, quality improvement, and e-health information technology. Dr. Grossman directly manages and runs two of UCLA’s most successful physician and provider groups – its Community Physician Network and Behavior Health Associates. His colleagues report that Dr. Grossman repeatedly demonstrates success after success in terms of furthering UCLA’s missions. He is innovative, progressive, hard working, dedicated, and shows extreme compassion to his patients, peers, and staff. His hands-on approach and dedication to his patients is clearly seen, admired and emulated within his group and beyond. By “being in the trenches,” he has been able to garner complete respect and admiration from his group.

Dr. Grossman began his current role overseeing the Community Physician Network in 2007. During that time, the group was losing a significant amount of money and there was not a lot of stability. Within five years, through Dr. Grossman’s management and leadership, the group broke even. Within seven years, the group became profitable and has now emerged as the most profitable primary care group at UCLA. The group’s productivity, quality, and patient satisfaction ratings are also among the strongest across all of California and continue to improve year after year. His leadership and oversight of the group’s growth and expansion has been nothing short of spectacular and he continues to innovate and find ways to improve the group’s productivity, efficiency, and overall delivery of care.
“Toby was a speaker at one of our Legal Updates and updated our group to some of the legal ramifications of Health Care Reform. I found Toby to be well informed. He is extremely knowledgeable and very passionate about Health Care Reform and it’s legal impact on corporate America.”
- Dick Gast, President, SMA of Southern California

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HEALTHCARE CEO OF THE YEAR

DAVID ALLERBY
CEO
24Hr HomeCare

David Allerby is the Owner and Co-Founder of 24Hr HomeCare, a company providing premiere non-medical homecare services. Allerby oversees all of 24Hr HomeCare’s operations to insure efficiency, quality of caregivers, and world-class customer service. He brings close to 10 years of experience in the home care industry to 24Hr HomeCare. Allerby’s achievements are echoed by the voices of his 140+ employees (and counting). Together, under his leadership, 24Hr HomeCare generated over $60 million in 2016. In addition to working tirelessly to improve the lives of clients, caregivers, and employees, Allerby also gives back to the community. For years, he has actively served on the Home Care Aide and Licensed Home Health Committees for the California Association for Health Services at Home.

Among Allerby’s innovative programs is a partnership he fostered between Uber and UCLA Health, Stanford Healthcare, Avenues Village, Wise & Healthy Aging, and Age Well Senior Services to create RideWith24 – a partnership with Uber that allows clients to utilize Uber’s services to get to doctor appointments, family outings, and wherever else they might want to go. Allerby and 24Hr HomeCare have also partnered with Stanford Health’s Cardiovascular Health Team to show how professional caregivers serve as care coaches and have a positive impact on health outcomes for patients with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF). Goals include reducing hospital readmission rates, improving post-acute medical appointment show up rates, helping Stanford’s patients to recover at home comfortably vs. an institution, and teaching patients to set and achieve goals. Through Allerby and his team’s hard work and trust in his vision, 2016 proved to be 24Hr HomeCare’s best year yet, and 2017 is shaping up to be better than ever. Thanks to Allerby’s dedication and tenacity, 24Hr HomeCare will be leading the charge in client-centered homecare for years to come.

HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

CAMILLE M. GOLDSMITH
Director of Nursing Services
Hollenbeck Palms

Camille Goldsmith brings widely varied career experiences and lifelong learning to the major challenges facing the healthcare industry. In her career, she has served leadership roles in major Los Angeles acute care hospitals, including as VP of Nursing at AMI Tarzana Medical Center and St. John’s Hospital and Medical Center in Santa Monica, Associate Director of Nursing at UCLA Hospital and Clinics, and Director of Nursing at Resthaven Psychiatric Hospital and Mental Health Center. Today, in the long-term care field, she serves as Director of Nursing Services at Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Community and Country Villa Westwood.

Goldsmith has facilitated Joint Commission Accreditation for Long-Term Care and Assisted Living at Hollenbeck Palms; and has helped the facility achieve a 5-Star Nursing Home Compare rating. Her colleagues and students describe her as enthusiastic, articulate and outspoken, pleasant, and remaining very current and committed regarding contemporary health issues. With her years of teaching at the University of Phoenix and constant update of theoretical frameworks for nursing and evidence-based practice, rather than purchasing a standard Policy and Procedure book, Goldsmith has written evidence-based policies and procedures, which facilitated Hollenbeck Palms being one of the only nursing homes in the United States to receive Joint Commission accreditation both for Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living. She has also conducted psychosocial interaction groups with Independent Retired Seniors and also very impaired Residents in Skilled Nursing, facilitating their discussion of lifestyle problems and challenges. For this group and their families, as well, she has had forthright and informative discussions regarding end-of-life issues and advance directives. Ultimately, Goldsmith contributes value to the healthcare industry as a whole through her extension to the thousands of students she has taught and the hundreds of patients, seniors, and families she has counseled and assisted.
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HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL CENTER OF THE YEAR

DIGNITY HEALTH CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTERS

Located in the heart of Downtown LA, Dignity Health California Hospital Medical Centers is a 318-bed non-profit hospital that has been providing the residents of Los Angeles with quality, compassionate care for over 127 years. The community hospital is a recognized leader in excellence, innovation and community service, providing a full continuum of acute care services, including a Level II Trauma Center, state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Keith P. Russell Women’s Birthing Center, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), seven operating suites, and a free-standing Los Angeles Center for Women’s Health. With the largest private Trauma Center in Los Angeles County and the 13th largest center for births in California, California Hospital Medical Center offers a unique balance of leading technology and quality care delivered by more than 400 physicians and 1,600 employees.

Also known for its extensive community benefit programs and designation as a major teaching hospital, California Hospital is dedicated to comprehensive health and wellness. It goes beyond the acute-care setting of the hospital to help improve the long-term health of the communities it serves. The hospital conducts a community health assessment and identifies strategic priorities based on this assessment. The hospital fulfills its mission by investing in community outreach and educational programs, participating in advocacy efforts, and establishing partnerships in the community to improve health. Each year, California Hospital impacts the lives of individuals through wellness exams, diagnosis, state-of-the-art research and medical treatments, community events, educational programs, and other services. Last year, California Hospital Medical Center provided over $101 million in community benefits. To better meet the needs of its community, California Hospital recently opened a free-standing, state-of-the-art facility one block from the hospital, Hope Street Family Center, which provides in-home and on-site educational, health wellness, behavioral health, developmental, and social services, that support children and families.

COMMUNITY CLINIC OF THE YEAR

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CLINICS

The mission of Northeast Community Clinics (NECC) is to provide comprehensive, quality healthcare in a culturally sensitive and linguistically competent manner to low-income, underserved, and indigent patients in the communities of the greater Los Angeles region, regardless of financial status. As a nonprofit healthcare facility, NECC has provided primary healthcare services to the low-income residents of Los Angeles County since 1971 with its first location in Highland Park. After launching an aggressive expansion campaign in 2003, NECC now serves the greater Los Angeles community with 16 clinic locations.

NECC now provides comprehensive primary care to over 45,000 patients annually, regardless of their ability to pay. The range of services includes: pediatric, prenatal, family planning, adult general medicine, 24-hour emergency coverage through a physician on-call, and a myriad of social services including transportation, behavioral health, nutrition, health education, referrals to specialists and hospital in-patient care. All of the Northeast Community Clinic sites are located in Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/ MUP), which indicates the level of poverty and need of the community residents. Patient demographics are reflective of a diverse metropolitan area. This information is important to tailoring their services to the healthcare needs of their patients and in becoming a premier provider for the Affordable Care Act. Many NECC clinics operate on weekends and during after hours patients are directed to a NECC Healthcare Provider through the 24-hour on-call Provider Access Line. To continue to serve its rapidly growing constituency, NECC is meeting the medical and healthcare challenges of the next decade. Its goal is to reduce childhood obesity, mitigate pollution-induced asthma, reduce teenage pregnancy and STIs, and address diabetes – a disease rampant in our communities. At its core, NECC believes it can eliminate health disparities and achieve healthier communities by addressing the overall wellbeing of a patient.
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Gustavo Valdespino
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hospital CEO of the Year Award Finalist

Lori Burnell
Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer
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Program participants have demonstrated improvements in depression, hypoglycemic symptoms, medication adherence and self-reported confidence in ability to make behavior changes - all lasting results from a six-week program taken a year prior. Additional studies found decreases in A1C and symptoms of hypoglycemia for up to 18 months. These programs reach underserved populations as evidenced by the over representation of these populations in many studies and the current adoption of the programs by the Pan American Health Organization. A study by Canary Health proved that after a 2-year period, 5.5% of patients at risk for diabetes developed diabetes without intervention. Only 1.1% of the population who participated in VLM developed diabetes. The results were an 80% reduction in new diabetes cases. Patients with intervention also demonstrated a reduction in developing Cardiovascular disease, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, Sleep Apnea and joint-related diseases. Improving patient health trajectories resulted in reduced utilization and health costs over the 2-year period resulting in a 3:1 return on investment for the health plan. Canary Health offers the only digital health self-management solutions on the market that address the whole person including co-morbidities of chronic disease, thereby preventing the progression of multiple chronic conditions. Peer-led workshops offer patients a unique forum in which to share their stories and support each other in a broader capacity, beyond addressing the condition itself and resulting in proven and sustained positive health outcomes.

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The streets of Los Angeles are home to an estimated 46,874 people experiencing homelessness, an increase of 5.7% from the year prior. These individuals have significant health challenges and are frequent visitors to the region’s hospitals. In 2007, National Health Foundation (NHF) conducted a study that demonstrated hospitals were keeping patients experiencing homelessness for an additional four inpatient days because of a dearth of safe discharge options. This was a two-fold problem: hospitals spending excessive dollars housing patients ready for discharge; and patients with no safe, clean place to recuperate upon discharge. In response, NHF led a multi-sector collaborative effort that resulted in Los Angeles’ first recuperative care program in collaboration with JWCH Institute. Since then, NHF has established its independent Pathway Recuperative Care, serving Los Angeles County with 40 beds between two locations, Mid-City and San Gabriel. To be in line with the needs of the community and the movement of the field of public health, NHF’s new mission is to take action on the social determinants of health. A $250,000 grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation provided NHF support to develop the Bridge Housing program, which has become enmeshed in the County’s plan to end homelessness, and link up with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) funding streams to provide ongoing support. Today NHF provides bridge housing for up to ten clients at one time and since the start of the Hilton award, has successfully placed more than 200 individuals into permanent housing. Since the inception of NHF’s Recuperative Care Program in 2010, NHF has worked with 63 hospitals making over 2,700 referrals to the Recuperative Care Center. The Center has connected 44 percent of its clients to transitional or permanent housing and produced an estimated $13.2 million in cost savings for hospitals.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

SUSAN G. KOMEN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

SUSAN G. Komen is the world’s largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Komen has set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Komen was founded in 1982 by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy’s life. Komen Los Angeles County is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. Through events like the Komen 20th annual Race for the Cure, Komen Los Angeles County has invested $10,535,590 in community breast health programs in Los Angeles County and has helped contribute to the more than $920 million invested globally in research. Susan G. Komen is the only organization that dedicates 75 percent of net proceeds to the community in which it was raised. The remaining 25 percent of the net funds raised support Komen’s National Research Program, which is regarded as the most innovative and responsive grant program in breast cancer research.

Metastatic breast cancer (MBC, also called stage IV or advanced breast cancer) has spread beyond the breast to other parts of the body. Most women with metastatic cancer develop it when the cancer returns at some point after their initial breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. With an estimated 150,000 women currently living with metastatic breast cancer in the United States, Komen Los Angeles County is dedicated to understanding and addressing the unique needs of this growing group. Through its Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer event series, Komen Los Angeles County is building a local community to help these women connect with one another, share information and health resources, and gain access to key opinion leaders and researchers in the field.

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CLINICS

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There were so many excellent contenders for the Health Leadership Awards this year, we couldn’t list them all, as we did in 2014 when we ventured without recognition. Congratulations to each of the following Health Leadership Award finalists listed below alphabetically and grouped as individuals and organizations.

**INDIVIDUAL FINALISTS**

**MOHAMMAD ABDELNASEER, CENTINELA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Mohammad Abdelnaser, RN, MSN, MBA, is the Chief Nursing Officer at Centinela Hospital Medical Center, a 369-bed general acute care hospital servicing Inglewood and the surrounding LA area. During his tenure, he has been instrumental in assisting Centinela Hospital to achieve quality distinctions in 2016, leading the Hospital to Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety Excellence Awards, top ranking in the nation for stroke stroke and “Top 120 Hospital” in the nation distinction by Truven Health Analytics in 2016. Abdelnaser started with Centinela Hospital as Director of Emergency Services after several decades of experience in nursing leadership roles within Critical Care, Emergency Care and Trauma. He has worked both in the United States and abroad and speaks multiple languages. He received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Jordan. He obtained both his Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

**RAMIN BASCHISHI, MD, MAKE-A-WISH GREATER LOS ANGELES**

Dr. Ramin Baschish has been the Chief Operating Officer of Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles for over six years. She oversees all regional operations, including financials and programs. She has been an integral part of the organization’s huge success since her service, her passion and commitment is at the highest level. Her colleagues and associates report that she is an excellent communicator and the Make-a-Wish staff are appreciative of her high skill level, knowledge, medical experience and ability to motivate. She is also committed to and respected in the greater Los Angeles community and has been able to bring significant corporate donors to the table. Wishes provided for children fighting life-threatening illnesses in the region have grown dramatically with the help of Dr. Baschish and her extensive network. In 2016, she was directly responsible for the relocation and expansion of the LA office, facility, which can now provide additional services to the Los Angeles community.

**AIRE BELDELGUN, MD, FACS, KITE PHARMA, INC.**

Dr. Aire Beldelgum has been a leader in developing novel cancer treatments and closely involved with founding and advancing several successful private and public biopharmaceutical companies. Today, Dr. Beldelgum is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Kite Pharma, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of innovative cancer immunotherapies with a goal of providing rapid and durable objective responses and eliminating the burden of chronic cancer. The company is focused on chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) and T cell receptor (TCR) engineered cell therapies designed to empower the patient’s immune system to fight cancer and kill tumors. Kite, with headquarters in Santa Monica, California, has built a manufacturing facility in El Segundo and employs almost 450 in the Los Angeles area. He has authored several books in oncology and more than 500 scientific and medical papers related to urological cancers, immunotherapy, gene therapy, and cancer vaccines.

**SUNNY BHATIA, MD, MAMA, FACC, FSCAI, SHERMAN OAKS HOSPITAL/HENRY RIVIERA MEDICAL CENTER**

Sunny Bhatia, MD is the Chief Medical Officer for Prime Healthcare, Division I that includes Prime Healthcare’s 17 hospitals located in California and Nevada. Dr. Bhatia also serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Sherman Oaks Hospital and Encino Hospital Medical Center, two of Prime Healthcare’s acute care, community hospitals located in Los Angeles County. Under Dr. Bhatia’s clinical leadership, Sherman Oaks was recognized in 2016 and 2017 as a “Top 120 Hospital” in the nation by Truven Health Analytics. Further, in 2016, Sherman Oaks and Encino Hospitals, combined, received more than 26 individual clinical awards from Healthgrades, including the 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award for both facilities. Dr. Bhatia is an interventional cardiologist and is a quad board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, and Interventional Cardiology. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology as well as the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions.

**JOHN BISHOP, LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL / MILLER’S CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL**

John Bishop is the CEO of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach Community Hospital Long Beach. He started at MemorialCare as CEO of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills and San Clemente. Previously, he was senior vice president of Public Accountant with Ernst & Young, LLP, consulting with some of the country’s best-known health care organizations. In 2003, Bishop joined the Long Beach executive management team as CEO of Long Beach Memorial, Miller Children’s, Community Hospital and St. Joseph’s Health Plan and oversaw financial operations of Memorial Medical Center Foundation, a philanthropic support organization for the three hospitals. Bishop is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Southern California. He resides in Long Beach and enjoys travel, golf, and spending time with family.

**LORI BURNELL, VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL**

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**LAURA CAHN, CASSILETH PLASTIC SURGERY & SKIN CARE**

Dr. Lisa B. Cassileth has built a career high-lighted by her dedication to the advancement of patient care, support of female physicians in a male dominated industry, and commitment to education by mentoring and training surgical residents. Dedicated to advancing the standard of care in breast health, Dr. Cassileth has pioneered a mastectomy reconstruction approach as an ideal way for breast cancer patients to avoid multiple procedures and be able to recover as rapidly as possible. The innovative Cassileth One-Stage Breast Reconstruction technique has helped hundreds of breast cancer patients obtain breast reconstruction surgery simultaneously with their mastectomies, eliminating the need for multiple procedures, and ensuring that they wake up from surgery without the loss of their breasts. By raising awareness about the need for more standardization, Dr. Cassileth has set a higher standard and inspired patients to demand Nipple-Sparing Mastectomy, whenever safe, and get the lowest complication rates possible, and the aesthetic results these brave mastectomy patients deserve.

**CASTULO DE LA ROCHA, ALTA MED HEALTH SERVICES**

Castulo de la Rocha is President and CEO of AltaMed Health Services Corporation and has been a leading community health care leader for more than 35 years. During this time, he has taken AltaMed, a non-profit community health clinic, from three employees to a fully accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with nearly 2,400 employees. AltaMed is also accredited by the Joint Commission and National Center for Quality Assurance as a Patient Centered Medical Home. Today, AltaMed is the largest FQHC in the state of California and among the top five in the nation, delivering nearly one million patient visits annually over more than 40 sites, including 27 clinic sites and eight senior care service centers. de la Rocha’s dedication to and success in providing high quality, affordable and accessible health services to underserved communities has earned him national recognition in the health care field, including the U.S. Surgeon General’s Gold Medallion for Public Health.

**NICK DESAI, HEAL**

Nick Desai is a serial entrepreneur in healthcare technology. His current start-up is Heal with co-founder and wife Dr. Renée Das. The duo have raised $50 million from top investors in an attempt to bring on-demand doctor house calls to the masses. Previously, Desai was the Founding CEO of Fit Orbit from its inception in October 2008 thru December 2014. He raised $15.5 million in venture capital, secured partnerships and recruited a world-class team. During his tenure, the company helped over 20,000 people lose weight and get in shape with their own Fitbit online weight loss coach. Desai’s current role at Heal could be one of the most important companies in LA technol- ogy scene. While Heal’s model is designed to provide convenience for everyone, it is also great for physicians as the platform allows doctors to spend more time visiting with patients, and less time dealing with the overhead of running an office.

**SUSAN M. DOST, SHERIDAN IN HOME CARE**

Susan Dost is CEO and President of Sheridan In-Home Care. Established May 2001, Sheridan employs 160 caregivers and has served over 4000 clients. Her company is one of the only companies in Greater LA to offer benefits to all caregivers, a 401K plan and continuous education. In the ever-changing landscape of home care for the elderly, Susan has maintained high standards for caring, and retaining employees. She has always been a thoughtful leader, a pioneer in the home care industry and a compassionate entrepreneur who empowers others to foster a better lifestyle for older adults. She has worked tirelessly to employ caring individuals, treat them with the ultimate respect and give them access to full benefits. She has also been instrumental on the Board of American Home Care, advocating for companies to be registered with the State and only use employees with护卫 stringent requirements.

**JAMES B. EDWARDS, CLOUDBREAK HEALTH**

As the CEO of Cloudbreak Health, James Edwards is on a mission to “Humanize Healthcare. Cloudbreak is a healthcare solutions innovator that was formed by bringing together two companies: Language Access Network, the pioneer of Video Interpreting, and Connection, the world’s first true telehealth marketplace and the first unified telehealth platform. The platform is delivering high quality care for patients living over one million miles from their care facilities nationwide over the Connection Telehealth Delivery Network, a private path broadband network optimized for secure and high quality healthcare collaboration. Edwards has led Cloudbreak from its origins as a language interpretation service to hospitals to a pioneer and innovator in the telemedicine industry. With the recent introduction of its unified telemedicine platform, Cloudbreak has brought all of the specialties a patient could need onto a single platform, all accessible with the simple touch of a button.

**DR. MARILYN FARLEY, BALDWIN HILLS MEDICAL GROUP**

Dr. Marilyn Farley, Founder/CEO of the Baldwin Hills Medical Group, has provided complete medical care for households and individuals for over 20 years. He earned his medical degree from Charles R. Drew-UCLA University of Medicine and Science, is board certified in family medicine and completed his residency at Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa, serving as chief resident. He is a primary-care physician, trained to detect, treat, and manage a wide variety of common conditions, illnesses, and diseases. He is frequently the initial point of contact for patients and will refer patients to specialists when necessary. Farley also focuses on lifestyle management, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity treatment. Dr. Farley incorporates
both natural and traditional medical techniques to improve patient satisfaction and wellness improvements. Warm, friendly and caring, he takes his time attending to his patients’ questions and concerns and strives to be known as “The Good Doctor” to all those he serves.

JAQUELINE FOLKERT
UCLA HEALTH

Jacqueline Folkert of UCLA Health is an expert event marketing person. She also happens to be a great event operations person who under- stands the nuances of the health care industry. Folkert is skilled in event set-up, community outreach, on-site booth set up, on sports mar- keting, public relations, branding, and overall business building and effective business and also, marketing strategy. She has created a huge profile for UCLA Health in the South Bay and helped fuel its expansion. This includes the title sponsorship of the UCLA Health Training Center, the LA Galaxy, Laker games. She has put together sponsorship deals with the Village Runner 4th of July 5k presented by UCLA Health, with the Bridge to Bridge Race on Labor Day, with the Skechers Walk, and many other events. Folkert is a detail oriented innova- tor when working on events, and her colleagues say she has tremendous follow-through to make sure the UCLA Health event sponsorship is as strong as possible.

DR. EVAN GOLDSTEIN
BESPOKE SURGICAL

Dr. Evan Goldstein is the founder and CEO of Bespoke Surgical. Founded in Manhattan in 2010, Bespoke Surgical is the leading practice delivering concierge-style medical services to address the unique health and wellness needs of the modern gay male. Bespoke Surgical offers an integrated and unified approach to care. Dr. Goldstein has extensive experience educating and shedding light on health care issues specific to the gay community, including anatomical and sexual education, the impact of the period of different same-sex relationship types and their evolving dynamics in the current social climate; HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment; and how recent medical advances have revolu- tionized the way that the gay male has sexually evolved. Dr. Goldstein received his orthopedic doctorate from the University of Medicine and Dentistry School in 2002. Receiving the highest obstetric education was pivotal in shaping his integrated whole-life approach toward his practice of private surgical care.

DEVIN HUGHIE
CHOC, CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY

Devin Hughie is currently the Director of Finances Management for Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). Hughie has also served as the California Society of Healthcare Executives (CSHE) executive board as the state treasurer and as the ASHE region 9 Director. Additionally, he serves as the CSHE state educational commit- tee chairperson chapter, along with other ad hoc committees. Hughie is recognized by the American Hospital Association as a Certified Healthcare Financial Professional (CHFP) and in 2012 received his Senior status (SASHIE). Hughie is known for going above and beyond the call of duty, assisting and teaching others who have no prior knowledge or experience in the CHOC ticking; from electrical, and lighting to HVAC and air conditioning, emergency alarms, hearing, plumbing, painting, minor (and major) building repairs, etc., he literally keeps the hospital facility up and running.

JACK IVE
GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Jack Ives has 40 years of progressive experience in health care clinical, operational, and senior leadership positions in acute care hospitals in California. He began his healthcare career as a licensed physical therapist practicing at Saint John’s Hospital in Oxnard. He continued his progressive healthcare career in hospital administrative roles encompassing operations, strategic planning, managed care, regulatory compliance, physician relations/recruitment, community outreach, patient quality/service/ safety and maintenance of financial accountability. He also completed the sale of two community hospitals. He is experienced in the organizational cultural transitions linked to hospital mergers and the operational skills and group leadership requisite for successful man- agement performance in multihospital systems. Ives received his Bachelor of Arts in Zoology and postgraduate certificate in Physical Therapy from the Loyola Marymount University and is a Masters in Public Health from UCLA. He is a 25-year Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

NEAL KAUFMAN, MD, MPH
CANCER HEALTH

Neal Kaufman, MD, MPH, is currently the Chief Medical Officer at Canary Health, an almost two-year old transformative healthcare company that provides evidence-based, digital self-management programs for the prevention, management and treatment of progressive chronic diseases. Canary Health was created March 27, 2015 with the amalgamation of four previously independent organizations/activities. Under Dr. Kaufman’s clinical stewardship, Canary Health programs have published studies and real-world experience demonstrating their positive impact on patients. Throughout his career, Dr. Kaufman has used his experiences and research to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable population of all ages. This includes his current focus on the compelling effects of chronic illnesses and how digital technology enables lasting behavior change and improved business and health outcomes. Through his varied roles as clinician and digital health executive, he has improved the health and well-being of diverse populations, and led efforts to plan, implement, evaluate and evolve health and social services approaches at the individual, family, clinic, community and governmental level.

SKYE KELLY
HEAL ONE WORLD

Skye Kelly took her own life’s challenges and turned them into a life of helping others in the community live more healthful and fulfilling lives. At 18, Kelly was in a life changing acci- dent, leaving her disabled and with little hope. Through pure will and ingenuity she was able to find resources to help her get her health back and a bright future. After twelve successful years in Real Estate, she decided to start a non-profit to give back to others in need of physical and mental well being who could not afford traditional treatments. She started Heal One World by holding free yoga and tai chi classes at neighborhood studios. Herself a yoga, tai chi, meditation teacher and cranial and Feldenkrais practitioner, she has done special training to teach trauma informed yoga and massage. Now with 310 volunteers provid- ing free classes and treatments, Heal One World has made an incredible difference in countless lives.

TODD HOPKINS LAMANAN, MD
LANMANAN SPINAL NEUROSURGERY

As world-renowned Beverly Hills spinal neu- rosesurgeon, Dr. Todd H. Lamanan of Lamanan Spinal Neurosurgery believes, without a healthy spine, there is no healthy life. As he decrees, movement is life. Following his own experienc- es undergoing a number of spinal surgeries, Dr. Lamanan combined this firsthand knowledge of this with his fundamental understanding of spi- nal health to devote his career to helping others live pain-free lives and restore their mobility. As a specialist in the advancement of spinal health and spine surgery for more than 30 years, his attention to guaranteeing his patients the utmost in compassionate and skilled care under his watchful eye and steady hand has earned him top honors, his patients’ trust and respect, and recently in being named one of the Top Doctors in America. He is also sought after by people from around the globe, with many of his patients traveling thousands of miles to see him and receive his sophisticated professional care.

CHRISTOPHER LAU, MD
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CLINICS (NECC)

Led by executive director Christopher Lau, MD, Northeast Community Clinic’s (NECC) mission is to provide comprehensive, quality care in a culturally sensitive, evidence-based, ag- gressively competent manner to low-income, underserved, and indigent patients in the communities of the greater Los Angeles region, regardless of financial status. Under the lead- ership of Dr. Lau, in 2003 NECC launched an aggressive development campaign including the construction of new clinic locations as well as the improvement and expansion of existing clinics throughout the L.A. area. With two years of leading NECC, Dr. Lau continues to work with local, state and federal government offi- cials and agencies to lobby for both support and resources so that they may continue to provide quality services as well as to facilitate expan- sive growth to keep up with the ever-growing communities they serve. Recent expansions at the Wilmington and Highland Park sites are testament to the work NECC has done in gar- nering support and resources from governmental partners.

DEBORAH LERNER, MD
EISNER PEDIATRIC & FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Deborah Lerner is one of Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center’s (EPFMC’s) six full-time, board-certified family physicians. As chief medical officer, she oversees the Adult Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, Dental Clinic, Women’s Health Center, OB Panel, Pharmacy, and Mental Health Department. Dr. Lerner is responsible for both treating patients in the Adult Clinic and supervising the work of more than sixty providers of EPFMC and recent. She serves as a key member of the EPFMC senior management team, providing input on strategic and long-range planning and financial governance. Dr. Lerner is very active in the community clinic world on issues of specialty care access for the underserved and workforce development and serves as the chair of the local AMEC. She received her bachelor’s degree from UC Berkeley and her MD from UCSD.

PRECIOUS MAYES
WAVE INNOVATIONS, LLC

Precious Mayes is an entrepreneur by nature. She founded WAVE Innovations, LLC in 2010 as an independent healthcare consulting company with fresh visionary ideas. Initially, she created this company to provide customized services to healthcare providers that range from the physician community, insurance/managed care companies, accountable care organizations, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, acute care hospitals, long term acute, hospice, home health, and pharmaceuticals. One of Mayer’s long-standing clients is a acute hos- pital, Pacifica Hospital of the Valley based in San Fernando Valley. Her role in this hospital is Chief Strategist. An example of success due to her leadership includes increasing from 33 beds to 98 in the 3-year time period. Mayer suc- cessfully accomplished state approval to expand the unit to an additional 35 beds. She also helped increase accounts receivables by 25 million dollars. During the past year, Mayes expanded WAVE Innovations to many other industries outside of healthcare, such as energy efficiency.

JOE PETERSON, MD
MEDICAL TACTILE, INC., AND SURE, INC.

Dr. Joe Peterson is Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of SureTouch device, and deploys turkey breast cancer screening programs in the US and abroad. The portability and low cost of the SureTouch device allows women unprecedented easy access to breast cancer early detection in settings, populations and countries where early detection is absent or inadequate, including the US. Dr. Peterson formed Sure to expand the scope of the mission of Medical Tactile, Inc., from device maker to healthcare services company providing turkey breast cancer screening programs that include mar- keting, promotion examination, training, and back office services supporting the global deployment of the SureTouch device. Sure has expanded beyond a device offering to include a cloud-based, multilingual EMR, telemedicine capability, and a clinical & genetic research database - all called SureCloud - as well as fleet management operations that monitor the status and performance of each device in real time.

MARK PILON
SUSAN G. KOMEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Mark K. Pilon, the executive director of Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County since 2013, is an inspirational leader who has developed and grown the non-profit’s profile, presence, hand- raising efforts and results. He has improved local recognition for the LA County affiliate, de- veloped and implemented strategies for major shifts in messaging and local revenue streams includ- ing recurring gifts through the Core of Komers, a business influencers organization, recognized
processes and initiated the first collaborative effort for a single grant initiative to serve the African American community in California. Under Pilot’s leadership last year, over 10,000 attendees, nearly 4,000 participants and 400+ breast cancer survivors were present at the 2016 Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County Race for the Cure, raising almost $800,000. With funds raised, Pilot makes sure that Komen studies the unique needs of Los Angeles County to formulate a community profile, which allows the target grant funding to address the most significant breast cancer issues facing local communities.

BRADLEY SCHMIDT
INGLEWOOD IMAGING CENTER, LLC

Bradley Schmidt is the founder and CEO of Inglewood Imaging Center. The idea for the center came when Schmidt was working in San Francisco as a 29 year-old successful sales executive with CTI Molecular Imaging, when one of his cancer imaging business owners said, “you’re really good at speaking ‘Doc,’ and you have passion for radiology technology and people – you should start your own radiology center.” Schmidt set to work raising money for his concept of effective technology and people − you should start your own radiology center.” Schmidt set to work raising money for his concept of effective technology and people − you should start your own radiology center. In June of 2016, he started underwriting the initial costs, bringing in key partners to start the imaging center.

DEBORAH SCHULTZ
P R N NURSING CONSULTANTS

Deborah Schultz is a nurse practitioner who has served as an instructor for the University of Phoenix for over ten years. She began her nursing career in 1969 as a nurse’s aide. She became a school nurse practitioner through a certification program at UCLA in 1976 and later became a family nurse practitioner through the Master’s in Nursing Program at UCLA. She also has a teaching credential and school nurse credential from California State University at Northridge. She has routinely attended a number of specialty courses to remain current in her field. In June of 2016, Schultz retired from the Los Angeles Unified School system. Within two months of her retirement, she became a consultant to the Los Angeles schools through P R N Nursing Consultants. She currently teaches classroom teachers about high-risk students and continues to work with students as an assessor in the field of special education.

CRAIG STATTON
ATHERTON BAPTIST HOMES

Rev. Craig Statton is the Chief Executive Officer of Atherton Baptist Homes in Alhambra. After seminary, Statton spent 27 years serving as a minister in churches in central California. In 1993 he became the senior pastor of the Selma First Baptist Church and pastored there for 18 years. In 2012, Statton moved to southern California and discovered Atherton. During his early years at Atherton, he served as the Director of Planned Giving, but soon discovered a compatibility and enjoyment with the senior living industry and particularly Atherton. This affinity lead to more education first with a certificate as a Gift Planning Professional, a license as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) Administrator, then a Graduate Certificate in Long Term Care and finishing the requisite hours to become a licensed Skilled Nursing Administrator. Upon completion of the coursework, Statton was promoted to the COO position and 6 months later became the President and CEO in August of 2014.

MITCHELL THOMAS
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Mitchell Thomas has worked in health care finance for over 30 years. He joined Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH) in the hospital’s planning phase in November 2014 and became an employee shortly after hospital opening in June 2015. As chief financial officer for MLKCH, Thomas is responsible for accounting, finance and all aspects of the revenue cycle, as well as treasury, purchasing and materials management. Thomas’ depth of experience has allowed him to identify and implement best practices and strategies for success at MLKCH. His extensive background in managed care contracting and knowledge on how to guide organizations through contract renegotiations, and major financial events, has allowed him to help guide MLKCH from pre-planning phase to full functioning operations. He has acted as a sphere of knowledge in getting MLKCH not only up and running – but running smoothly. No small feat for a community hospital with no prior activities or internal processes.

CRAIG THOMPSON
APLA HEALTH

It is one thing to sit at the helm of an HIV/AIDS nonprofit organization for nearly two decades. It is another to successfully lead that organization through a significant change in its mission, name, and service delivery model and ensure that it stays true to the spirit of what its founders intended more than 30 years ago. That...
is what Craig Thompson has accomplished by transforming AIDS Project Los Angeles into APLA Health, a federally qualified health center focused on low-income individuals in the LGBTQ community that also provides social support services to those living with HIV and works to end the epidemic. Under Thompson, APLA’s dental program also continued to expand, with new clinics opening in downtown Los Angeles and South Los Angeles and dental services being a cornerstone of the new health centers APLA Health opened in 2014 and 2016. APLA had also spearheaded a food pantry network that delivers critically needed food to those living with HIV.

MINDA WILSON  
OURCARE HUB

After the sale of her healthcare-related business in 2012, Minda Wilson founded the Affordable Healthcare Review in 2013 as a not for profit educational organization with the goal of providing accurate, non-partisan information about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its impact on businesses and individuals. Affordable Healthcare Review urged people to become their own affordable healthcare advocates. Also an engineer by training, Wilson developed Our Care Hub, an app for navigating the experience for participants with hands-on patient care while becoming a member of a patient-care team. COPE provides an intensive on-boarding, a clinical/shadowing experience designed to give pre-health professionals access to direct patient care while becoming a member of a patient-care team. COPE provides an intensive on-boarding, a clinical/shadowing experience designed to give pre-health professionals access to direct patient care while becoming a member of a patient-care team. COPE Health Solutions, formerly Community Outreach Prevention and Education (COPE), started as a community outreach program formed by a group of UCLA student volunteers with the common goal to provide health education to the underprivileged and uninsured in the Los Angeles community. In the years following, COPE Health Solutions has evolved into a thought leader in health care that provides business, clinical integration and health workforce solutions, while continuing to focus on improving the health of the community, now through the redefinition of health care systems. The COPE Health Scholars program offers an experience designed to give pre-health professionals access to direct patient care while becoming a member of a patient-care team. COPE provides an intensive on-boarding, a clinical/shadowing experience for participants with hands-on patient care in a clinical and administrative setting. In addition, the Health Scholars Program offers unique programs tailored to high school students, nursing students, pre-med students as well as international students.

SYNERMED

SynerMed is a market-leading healthcare Management Service Organization that is headquartered in Monterey Park, dedicated to innovating healthcare through an integrated system of tools, purpose-built web platforms and professional services that connect physicians, members, hospitals and health plans with a strategic focus on bringing a whole-person-care approach to some of LA County’s most vulnerable families. SynerMed’s mission is to transform the healthcare delivery system by rewarding high-quality, value-based care. It provides the infrastructure that physicians need to support population health and the needs of the most vulnerable populations. Its physician-led, “Accountable Care” management structure organizes groups of providers and holds them accountable for the quality and cost of care for their beneficiaries. This model optimizes collaboration, efficiency and quality in healthcare delivery. In addition, SynerMed utilizes cutting-edge technology to create important synergies between medicine and technology. It is entrusted to manage the care of 1.3 million lives and $650,000,000 of healthcare dollars through its 10,000 contracted providers.
Cancer Death Rates Continue to Decline

Overall, cancer death rates continue to decrease in men, women, and children for all major racial and ethnic groups, according to the latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, 1975-2014. The report finds that death rates during the period 2010-2014 decreased for 11 of the 16 most common types of cancer in men and for 13 of the 18 most common types of cancer in women, including lung, colorectal, female breast, and prostate cancer. Meanwhile, death rates increased for cancers of the liver, pancreas, and brain in men and for liver and uterine cancer in women. The report finds overall cancer incidence rates, or rates of new cancers, decreased in men but stabilized in women during the period 1999-2013.

The NIH’s efforts to dramatically reduce the prevalence of cancer and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families, through research into prevention and cancer biology, the development of new interventions, and the training and mentoring of new researchers. For more information about cancer, please visit the NCI website at cancer.gov or call NCI’s Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

NIH Begins Study of Vaccine to Protect Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases

Experimental vaccine targets mosquito salivary gland

At National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, has launched a Phase 1 clinical trial to test an investigational vaccine intended to provide broad protection against a range of mosquito-borne diseases, such as Zika, malaria, West Nile fever and dengue fever, and to continue to support communities and families to evaluate progress in improvement of cancer detection, and treatment, and to apply proven interventions broadly and equitably.

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(1) Honoree Dr. Mark Grossman (UCLA Health); (2) Honorees Jeanette Pena, Kelly Bruno and Chelsea Aiken (National Health Foundation); (3) Honoree Adam Kaufman (Canary Health); (4) Sponsor and Nominee Mohammad Abdelnaser (Centinela Medical Hospital Center); (5) Honoree and Sponsor Dr. Steven Rosen with Family Candace Rosen, Melissa Rosen and Colleague Martha Valenzuela (City of Hope); (6) Honorees Barbara Buza and Sandra Marquez (Dignity Health California Hospital); (7) Honoree David Allerby (24HR HomeCare); (8) Honoree Mark Pilon (Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County); (9) Honorees Gregorio Valdez and Brenda Ramirez (Northwest Community Clinic); (10) Honoree Camille M. Goldsmith (Hollenbeck Palms); (11) Panelists Dr. Joseph Alvarnas (City of Hope), Marguerite Callaway (University of Phoenix); Tobias Kennedy (Hewitt Insurance Solutions), Del Ren Wens (Nico Adams); (12) Moderator Harry Nelson (Melanoma Research)