LOS ANGELES’ PHYSICIANS ARE A UNIQUE GROUP. Not only do they help our society live healthier, they also happen to be good businesspeople with great business stories. That’s why doctors are no strangers to the pages of the Los Angeles Business Journal. Whatever the economic climate, there is always a need for good healthcare – and the doctors are the essential ingredient of an industry that is always in demand. It makes sense that we’d pause at least once per year to celebrate their individual and achievements.

We have set aside this special section of the Los Angeles Business Journal to shine a spotlight on some of those doctors that have made particular strides in helping the people in Los Angeles receive better healthcare. Whatever the effort – be it saving lives, conducting pivotal research, or managing the preventive care efforts of our region’s hectic citizens…it is all appreciated!
Fahed Bitar • Citrus Valley Health Partners

Dr. Fahed Bitar serves as both the Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and the Medical Director of the STEMI Receiving Center located at Inter-Community Hospital in Covina (an affiliate of the Citrus Valley Health Partners system). His specialty is Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Bitar has become a true champion for the heart programs at Citrus Valley Health Partners. He is always looking for opportunities to grow the programs so that the surrounding communities have access to the latest technology and innovative cardiac procedures. One of many examples of his commitment to his patients has been his leadership and ongoing support of the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement program.

David Cannom • Good Samaritan Hospital

Dr. David Cannom is the Director of Cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital. He founded Los Angeles Cardiology Associates (LACA) in 1985. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Minnesota, he completed his internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. His cardiology fellowship was completed at Stanford University. Dr. Cannom is recognized throughout the world as an expert in the treatment of ventricular arrhythmias. He is a past President of the Los Angeles Affiliate of the American Heart Association, past Governor of the American College of Cardiology in California, and immediate past President of North American Society for Pacing and Electrophysiology.

Ashkan Ehdaie • Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Ashkan Ehdaie, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at UCLA and current physician in the Department of Cardiology at the Smidt Heart Institute, Cedars Sinai Medical Center. He specializes in Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and manages patients with heart rhythm disorders. Dr. Ehdaie served as Chief Resident for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of California, Los Angeles, from 2011-2012 after completing his internship and residency at the same institution. As a rising clinician in cardiology, Dr. Ehdaie was selected to continue his clinical fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. From 2012-2013, he was the Elad Cordy M.D. Outstanding Cardiology Fellow of the Year. From 2014-2015, he was Chief Fellow of the Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship. He continued on to complete his Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship from 2015-2016 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Ali Marshedi- Meibodi • Centinela Hospital Medical Center

Dr. Ali Marshedi-Meibodi, MD, specializes in cardiology and interventional cardiology and has been in the Los Angeles area for over a decade. His Cardiology fellowship was completed at the Cedars Clinic Foundation in New Orleans with a subspecialty fellowship in Interventional Cardiology completed at Loyola University in Maywood, IL. He has and continues to contribute valuable insights in several academic texts and articles covering cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Meibodi was recently named Chief of Staff Elect at Centinela Hospital Medical Center.

Leslie Saxon • Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Leslie Saxon is a professor of clinical medicine (clinical scholar) at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias and preventing sudden cardiac death. In addition to her work in cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Saxon serves as the executive director of the internationally acclaimed USC Center for Body Computing (CBC) and newly formed USC Virtual Care Clinic (VCC). The CBC is currently a place for all USC schools, including medicine, engineering, business and the cinematic arts, to form interdisciplinary relationships and accelerate the future of fully integrated, “connected” medicine alongside public and private sector partners. She is a well-known authority on the preclinical and clinical development and testing of wearable and implanted technology, including networking devices used in medical, wellness and fitness disciplines. With her clinical expertise, she is a valuable strategist in developing device models and software solutions that offer engaging user-feedback based on real-time physiologic data.

Magdi Alexander • Huntington Hospital, Methodist Hospital of Southern California

Dr. Magdi Alexander has over 18 years of surgical experience and many certifications in advanced surgical procedures. Such expertise not only involves Advanced Laparoscopy and General Surgery, but also multiple sub-specialties. Examples include breast surgery, colo-rectal surgery, vascular surgery, wound surgery, and soft tissue & flap surgery. He prides himself on his surgical judgment, considerable surgical technical ability, and maintaining competence in the latest cutting edge procedures. Dr. Alexander has numerous surgical publications and numerous accolades to his credit. Included in his repertoire is the covered Huntington Surgical Teacher of the Year Award, America’s Top Surgeon’s Award, Patient Choice Awards, and Physician of the Year Award. He also has held numerous medical administrative posts including Chairman of General Surgery, Chairman of Vascular, Chairman of Thoracic Surgery, Medical Director of General Surgery, Chairman of Medical Ethics, Peer Review Delegate to Trauma Services, and Quality Management & Peer Review Committee member.

Samuel Kashani • Valley Presbyterian Hospital

Samuel Kashani, MD is board-certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery with expertise in pressure ulcer management and the use of alternative tissues to cover wounds. He specializes in both robotic surgery and undersesa and hyperbaric oxygen therapy and medicine. Dr. Kashani has been a member of Valley Presbyterian Hospital’s Medical Staff since February 2009. He received his medical degree from Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, Illinois, and completed his residency at UCSF – East Bay Surgery Program in Oakland. Dr. Kashani completed his fellowship in minimally invasive, advanced laparoscopic, and bariatric surgery from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Kashani is an active member of various societies including American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, American College of Surgeons and American Medical Association.

Simon Keushkerian • Glendale Adventist Medical Center

Dr. Simon Keushkerian received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut – Lebanon in 1981. He completed his general surgery residency at the University of Kansas. Throughout his 26 years in Glendale as a general surgeon, Dr. Keushkerian has performed many breast surgeries and is highly experienced in several types of common breast surgery procedures. Additionally, he dedicates time to serve the needy with yearly medical and surgical missions to Peru, Armenia, the Philippines and Malawi. He is board certified in general surgery and is the present Chief of Staff at Adventist Health Glendale.

Stephen Sener • Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Stephen Sener, MD is a professor of clinical surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and chief of surgical oncology at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a renowned breast surgeon and has published more than 80 peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as numerous books and book chapters. Dr. Sener has been a volunteer with the American Cancer Society since 1984 and served as national president in 2004-2005. He earned his medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, where he also completed his residency. Dr. Sener went on to found Los Angeles Cancer Society clinical fellowships at Evanston Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Richard Frieder • Providence Saint John’s

Dr. Richard Frieder’s 35 year medical career began in 1982 after his graduation from the University of California Davis School of Medicine, after which he went on to and complete his residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He is currently an Assistant Professor of clinical cancer genetics, cancer risk assessment and prevention at John Wayne Cancer Institute and Assistant Clinical Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Genecology at UCLA’s David Geffken School of Medicine. Frieder specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of hereditary diseases. His practice focuses on clinical management of both cancer patients as well as unaffected family members who demonstrate high-risk genetic or personal cancer risk profiles.

Michael Friedls • Glendale Adventist Medical Center

Dr. Michael Friedls is a practicing OB/GYN specialist (Obstetrician & Gynecologist) in Glendale. He graduated from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine in 1974 and has been in practice for 45 years. Dr. Friedls affiliate with many hospitals including Glendale Adventist Medical Center and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Mehdi Kebria • City of Hope

Dr. Mehdi Kebria, M.D. grew up in a family of physicians and is proud to carry on that tradition. He is board-certified in gynecologic oncology and obstetrics and gynecology and specializes in ovarian, cervical, vaginal and uterine cancers. As an accomplished clinician, Dr. Kebria has expertise in advanced robotic surgery and the use of cidofovir surgery with HIPEC in the treatment of gynecologic cancers. Prior to City of Hope, Dr. Kebria served as director of robotic surgery and director of quality and patient safety at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. A native of Iran, Dr. Kebria received his medical degree from Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Science in Tehran. He completed residencies at University of Connecticut (Gynecology), the Cleveland Clinic (OB/GYN) and the Mayo Clinic (Gynecologic Oncology). A sought-after medical expert, Dr. Mehdi appears frequently in the media as an expert on women’s cancers and has published dozens of peer-reviewed articles.

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Edward Tangchitnob • Queen of the Valley Hospital

A skilled, highly-regarded gynecologic surgeon, Edward Tangchitnob, MD, provides gentle and effective care for patients throughout the Los Angeles area at Tangchitnob MD in West Covina. With a background in engineering and medicine, Dr. Tangchitnob is uniquely trained to deliver expert surgeries including hysterectomies and procedures to remove fibroids and endometriosis lesions, as well as treat other women’s health issues. Tangchitnob was instrumental in helping Queen of the Valley Hospital become a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery (CoERS) by the Surgical Review Corporation, becoming the first Los Angeles County hospital to have achieved the designation. It is only one of five in California. Dr. Tangchitnob is also certified as a Master Surgeon in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery.

Steve Vasilev • Providence Saint John’s Health Center and Professor at John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica

Steve Vasilev, M.D., is the only quadruple board certified OB-GYN, Gyno-Oncology and Integrative Holistic Medicine physician in the United States. He received his medical degree from the University of Southern California and completed his residency and fellowship at LAC-USC Medical Center. Dr. Vasilev also holds a MBA from UCLA, and is currently Medical Director of Integrative Gynecologic Oncology at Providence Saint John’s Health Center and Professor at John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica. Since completion of his fellowship training in gynecologic oncology at the USC Kenneth Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center he has been recognized as a surgical innovator and thought leader while actively involved in the training of future gynecologic oncologists at City of Hope, UCI, Irvine, USC and UCLA. He has been involved in running research programs in multiple venues since 1977.

Mike Y. Chen • City of Hope

A prolific researcher, talented physician and board-certified neurosurgeon, Mike Y. Chen, M.D., Ph.D., has been on the City of Hope team since 2007. Dr. Chen specializes in complex operations for the removal of brain and spine tumors. He also frequently treats benign and degenerative conditions of the spine for City of Hope patients. As a contributor to the advancement of neurosurgery, Dr. Chen devises new surgical techniques, works with medical device companies to design new tools and teaches procedures to other surgeons. She received her education at Johns Hopkins University, Pennsylvania State University, Thomas Jefferson University, and Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia. He did his fellowship at National Institutes of Health, Surgical Neurology Branch and completed his residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System.

Claudia Munoz • Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina

Dr. Claudia Munoz serves as the Medical Director of Neurosciences at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina, an affiliate of Valley Health Partners. She previously served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology and Director of Epilepsy at UC Riverside School of Medicine. She also was a co-investigator with the Hoag Foundation Sports Concussion Project, a pilot study identifying genetic and inflammatory biomarkers predictive of outcome following concussion in young athletes. As a public health coordinator with the Guatemalan Refugee Project, she developed camp-based public health programs for Cuban and Haitian refugees. Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Stanford University Master of Public Health, Tulane University School of Public Health. Doctor of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Neurology Residency, Department of Neurology, UCI Medical Center Epilepsy Fellowship, and Washington University Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

John S. Yu • Cedars-Sinai

John S. Yu, MD, is an internationally renowned neurosurgeon specializing in the treatment of malignant and benign tumors of the brain and spine. He is an expert in the use of radiation therapy and radiosurgery to stop the progression of tumors, and he leads research in immunotherapy, gene therapy, and bone marrow-derived neural stem cells as new approaches to treating tumors. Dr. Yu’s research experience dates back to the early 1980s when he was in the Honors research program at Stanford and a student of French literature and biology at the Universite de Paris and Institut Pasteur, where he conducted research in the Department of Immunology. For the past decade he has been awarded National Institutes of Health grants for his work to find new ways to undermine glialomas and glioblastoma multiforme.

Tonya Barauskas Dorff • City of Hope

Tonya Barauskas Dorff, M.D., is an associate clinical professor in the Department of Medicine Oncology & Therapeutics Research and serves as head of the genitourinary cancers program at City of Hope. She is an internationally recognized leader in prostate cancer, and is renowned for her work in other genitourinary tumor types, including kidney, bladder and penile cancer. Dr. Dorff’s research interests in prostate cancer are wide ranging. In the area of clinical trials, she has been heavily involved in the design and conduct of trials related to PSA-recurrent prostate cancer. Dr. Dorff leads City of Hope’s joint effort with the Prostate Cancer Foundation to develop novel immune-based strategies for prostate cancer. Specifically, she leads an effort to develop chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells – cells that are primed to target prostate cancer tissue. These strategies have been transformative in certain blood-based cancers.

Patricia Ganz • UCLA

Patricia A. Ganz, M.D., a medical oncologist, has been a member of the faculty of the UCLA School of Medicine since 1978 and the UCLA School of Public Health since 1992. Since 1993, she has been the Director of Cancer Prevention and Control Research at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Ganz is a pioneer in the assessment of quality of life in cancer patients and survivors, and is active in clinical trials research with the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP). She has focused much of her clinical and research efforts in the areas of breast cancer and its prevention, and was a member of the NCI Progress Review Group on Breast Cancer. At the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, she leads the research program focused on Patients and Survivon. In 1997, she established the UCLA Family Cancer Registry and Genetic Evaluation Program, which serves patients and survivors, as well as those at high risk for familial/hereditary cancers.

Christy Russell • Keck Medicine of USC

Christy Russell, M.D., is associate professor of medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, Director of the USC Norris Breast Center and chief of medicine at USC Norris Cancer Hospital. She is a medical oncologist specializing in breast cancer at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and, as a board certified physician in both internal medicine and medical oncology, Russell has served as chief of staff and as a member of the Norris Leadership Council. Russell lectures nationally and internationally and has authored numerous publications on breast and recticular cancer. She is a member of the Medical Advisory Board for the Wellness Community in Pasadena and a board member of the American Cancer Society.

Marilou Terpenning • Providence St. John’s Health Center

Dr. Marilou Terpenning is an oncologist in Pacific Palisades and is affiliated with Providence St. John’s Health Center in Santa Monica. She received her medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Terpenning is also the managing partner of Santa Monica Hematology-Oncology Consultants in California with four physicians and 20 employees. She maintains another large practice in rural Owens Valley, east of the Sierra Nevada and serves as clinical associate professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Gregory J. Adamson • Huntington Hospital, Congress Orthopaedic Associates

Dr. Gregory Adamson is subspecialty trained in sports medicine, shoulder and elbow surgery. He is board certified in both Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. His surgical practice emphasis is on arthroscopic ligament, tendon, and cartilage repair, as well as reconstruction involving the knee, shoulder and elbow. His non-surgical practice encompasses athletes at all levels of accomplishment and all stages of life. Sports team coverage has been an important part of his career, having served as an associate team physician for the Lakers, Dodgers, Kings, Anaheim Rams and Angels. He presently serves as the head team physician at Occidental College and as team physician at California State University Los Angeles, Providence Christian College and Eagle Rock High School. Clinical and basic science research rounds out his clinical practice. He remains very active as a Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at USC and as the Program Director for the Congress Orthopaedic Associates Sports Medicine Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship.

Earl Warren Brien • Cedars Sinai Medical Center

Dr. Earl Warren Brien, MD serves as a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Surgical Director of the Sarcoma Service at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Brien has a wealth of knowledge, first-hand experience in treating patients with soft tissue sarcomas coupled with years of providing strategic counsel to both biotech and medical device companies. He has been a Director at Cytrex Corporation since December 2, 2016. Dr. Brien is a Board Certified Orthopedic and Sarcoma Surgeon. Over his more than 20 year career, Dr. Brien has received numerous research grants, given over 140 scientific presentations and been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and books.
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Todd Dietrick • Huntington Hospital, Congress Orthopaedic Associates

D r. Todd Dietrick’s practice in joint replacement and reconstructive arthritis surgery focuses on minimizing pain and restoring normal function. While joint replacement is a highly successful procedure, Dr. Dietrick has noticed that traditional techniques are often painful and require prolonged recovery periods. Through less invasive techniques, he finds patients have better pain control and a rapid return to function. During hip replacement, Dr. Dietrick utilizes an anterior approach to the hip joint, which does not cut muscles or tendons. In his clinical practice, Dr. Dietrick chooses to focus on joint replacement surgery of the hip and knee.

Mark J. Jo • Huntington Orthopedics

D r. Mark Jeffrey Jo, M.D., is a skilled Orthopedic Specialist offering advanced, custom care solutions for all types of orthopedic issues in patients of all ages. At Huntington Orthopedics in Pasadena, Dr. Jo uses state-of-the-art techniques to assess and treat a wide array of orthopedic diseases and injuries, specializing in complex fracture care; anterior hip replacement; 3D printing custom knee replacements; and sports related injuries. Dr. Jo has published numerous articles and textbook chapters and continues to lecture and teach orthopedic surgeons and residents. Dr. Jo takes immense pride and feels extremely honored to be entrusted by his patients with their orthopedic needs. Dr. Jo has significant experience in both traditional and innovative minimally-invasive approaches to care, including PRP therapy to stimulate natural healing.

Jay Lieberman • Keck Medicine of USC

D r. Jay Lieberman is professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, the Director of the Institute of Orthopedics at the Keck Medical Center of USC, and the President of USC Care. Dr. Lieberman is internationally recognized for his expertise in primary and revision total hip and knee replacement and treatment of osteonecrosis (bone death) of the hip and knee. He is interested in improving outcomes after total hip and knee replacement and how pain management, aggressive physical therapy and preventing deep vein blood clots affect the results of total joint replacement surgery.

Pamela Luk • Congress Orthopaedic Associates, Methodist Hospital of Southern California

D r. Pamela Luk specializes in the management of foot and ankle disorders at Methodist Hospital of Southern California and with the Congress Orthopaedic Associates in Pasadena. Fellowship-trained at one of the premier orthopaedic foot and ankle centers in the country, she offers both conservative and surgical options for the treatment of a broad spectrum of conditions including post-traumatic arthritis, sports related injuries, osteochondral lesions of the talus, flatfoot deformity, hallux rigidus, hallux valgus, Achilles tendinopathy, neuronomas, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and lower extremity sequelae of rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes. Dr. Luk is also certified in the use of OssaTron Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy for the treatment of chronic plantar fasciitis.

Vahe R. Panossian • Huntington Orthopedics and Huntington Hospital

V ahie Robert Panossian, M.D., is a top-ranked orthopedist providing skilled, compassionate care for patients in Pasadena. At Huntington Orthopedics, Dr. Panossian offers a full array of treatment options for adult and pediatric injuries and diseases, including treatments for ankle pain, osteoporosis, tennis elbow, shoulder dislocation, simple and complex fractures, cartilage damage and knee injuries including ACL injuries and meniscal tears. As a board-certified orthopedist, he has significant experience in state-of-the-art treatment techniques including PRP treatment and minimally-invasive arthroscopic surgery techniques for joint replacement, cartilage transplants, meniscal transplants and more. In addition, the practice offers physical therapy services to help patients heal following injuries, diseases, and surgery.

Bhavana Arora • Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

D r. Bhavana Arora has made significant contributions to the health care of children in Los Angeles in her various leadership roles. She joined the staff at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in 2016 and currently is the Medical Director for the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Health System and the CHLA Health Network. In this role she has helped organize more than 160 pediatrics in private practices throughout Los Angeles County who are now engaged in improving delivery of quality health care to the 280,000 children these practices serve.
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Robert H. Cho • Shriners For Children Medical Center

Dr. Robert H. Cho is a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, Chief of Staff of Shriners For Children Medical Center Pasadena, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at UCLA. He completed his fellowship in 2010 in pediatric orthopedics and scoliosis at Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego. Dr. Cho then took on a staff position at Shriners Hospital for Children Los Angeles as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon with subspecialty in scoliosis and spinal surgery. Since that time, he became fully integrated into the mission of providing world class orthopedic care to children from all walks of life throughout the Southwestern United States and internationally. Dr. Cho became the Chief of Staff of Shriners Hospitals For Children Los Angeles and helped to orchestrate its move to its new home at Shriners For Children Medical Center Pasadena.

Andre Panossian • Shriners For Children Medical Center

Dr. Andre Panossian, M.D., FACS, FAAP, is a pediatric plastic surgeon at Shriners For Children Medical Center. Dr. Panossian is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and has devoted his career to reconstructive and aesthetic surgery. He has additional expertise in treating children and has performed over 5,000 reconstructive surgeries. After completing his training, Dr. Panossian joined the University of Southern California (USC) Division of Plastic Surgery, where he participated in the teaching of plastic surgery residents and medical students. While at USC, he established the Facial Paralysis Center for individuals suffering from facial nerve disorders and has performed facial reanimation surgery for hundreds of patients. Dr. Panossian also helped establish the Vascular Anomalies Center at USC, that oversees the care of individuals dealing with complex vascular birthmarks and malformations.

Mona Patel • Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in the Department of General Pediatrics

Dr. Mona Patel is an innovator and pioneer in delivering pediatric care to children with complex special needs living in Los Angeles County. An attending physician at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in the Department of General Pediatrics, she holds several administrative leadership positions with the CHLA and AltaMed partnership. She has also organized a coordinated health care delivery system for more than 1500 families with special needs that include accessible care, coordinated care, and comprehensive care, helping this diverse and socio-economically challenged population. Her delivery system takes into consideration the mental health needs of the patient and the family, while recognizing the stress of the physician and health team caregivers.

Andrew Louis Da Lio • UCLA

Dr. Andrew Louis Da Lio, MD, is the Clinical Professor and Chief in the Division of Plastic Surgery at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and specializes in cosmetic surgery and microsurgical breast reconstruction. Dr. Da Lio joined the faculty of the UCLA Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery as an Assistant Professor in 1997. Dr. Da Lio’s main areas of clinical expertise are in facial aesthetic surgery, microsurgery, and breast reconstruction. His research focuses on microsurgery, objective assessment of abdominal wall function after free TRAM flap breast reconstruction, the use of nuclear medicine imaging in differentiating benign and malignant lesions after breast reconstruction, and the role of decision analysis in breast reconstruction surgery.

Garth Fisher • Private Practice

Garth Fisher, M.D. is a world-renowned Plastic Surgeon with over 20 years experience, who is board-certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He is one of the most widely known and altogether best plastic surgeons in the US. His office is located in Beverly Hills. Dr. Fisher is the plastic surgeon who originated the television series, “Extreme Makeover” which was an instantaneous phenomenon and was the initial doctor selected for the ABC hit series. Dr. Fisher specializes in aesthetic/cosmetic plastic surgery of the face, nose, breast and body, and is considered one of the best facial plastic surgeons in the world.

Murtaza (Mort) Rizvi, M.D. • Huntington Orthopedics & White Memorial

Dr. Murtaza (Mort) Rizvi, M.D., is an experienced Hand Surgeon and Plastic Surgeon, specializing in hand surgery and craniofacial surgery, providing skilled, state-of-the-art care for adult and pediatric patients throughout the Pasadena and Los Angeles area. Dr. Rizvi practices at Huntington Orthopedics, a top-ranked provider of the most advanced orthopedic options treatment options for hand fractures and pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, trigger finger. The practice also provides physical therapy services and both traditional and minimally-invasive surgical options including arthroscopic surgery for joint replacement and other issues, as well as innovative PRP therapy to promote natural healing responses following disease, injury or surgery.

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Jeffrey L. Rosenberg • Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital

Dr. Jeffrey Rosenberg is a plastic surgeon in Los Angeles and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. He received his medical degree from Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He is one of 102 doctors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and one of six at Good Samaritan Hospital who specialize in Plastic Surgery.

Michael Agress • Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

Michael Agress is a board certified adult psychiatrist practicing for more than 25 years at Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center. He received his medical degree from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College and completed his residency in psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. His practice is limited to adult psychiatry; predominately biological psychiatry.

Vivien Burt • UCLA Health System

Vivien Burt, M.D., Ph.D is a psychiatrist practicing in Westwood and Long Beach. She has more than 20 years of experience in adult and reproductive psychiatry. She is a Professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Founder and Director of The Women’s Life Center of the Resnick UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Dr. Burt has authored numerous articles and book chapters in the field of women’s psychiatry and has lectured both nationally and internationally on the subjects of mood disorders and women’s mental health. She is the first author of The Clinical Manual for Women’s Mental Disorders and women’s mental health and has provided expert testimony in the area of women’s mental health, she was awarded the Andre Boivin Professorship of the Motherisk Program of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

Steven Siegel • Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Steven Siegel is a practicing physician-scientist specializing in the treatment of schizophrenia and psychosis. He came to USC after 20 years at the University of Pennsylvania, where he had active roles in research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Siegel received his M.D. and Ph.D. in Neurobiology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1996 after completing an undergraduate degree in Neuroscience at College University in 1986. He later completed residency in Psychiatry and a Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania before joining the faculty in 2001. Dr. Siegel has made contributions to understanding the basic neurobiology of schizophrenia, autism, drug abuse and nicotine dependence, as well as making significant contributions in the translation of his research to the bedside. He has published more than 130 manuscripts spanning topics related to drug abuse, basic research in animal models of schizophrenia and autism, as well as clinical aspects of schizophrenia. He is on the editorial board of several leading journals related to psychiatry and neurobiology.

Peter. C Whybrow • UCLA

Dr. Peter C. Whybrow, physician-in-chief of Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, is also the executive chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. An international authority on depression, manic-depressive disease and the effects of thyroid hormones on the brain and human behavior, Dr. Whybrow has lectured widely across the United States and Europe. He is a founding member and fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American College of Psychiatrists and the American Psychiatric Association. Born in England, Dr. Whybrow received his training in endocrinology and psychiatry in London and North Carolina. He was a member of the scientific staff of the British Medical Research Council before coming to the United States to join the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School as chairman of psychiatry, and later as executive dean.

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