Los Angeles is home to many of the nation’s best healthcare practitioners and centers of excellence and this is our annual opportunity to shine a light on some of the finest.

For our Top Doctors profiles this year, we analyzed each of the many nominations received and pulled a few particularly outstanding medical professionals each from 21 disciplines of focus: Anesthesiology; Cardiology; Colon & Rectal; Dermatology; Ear, Nose & Throat; Emergency Medicine; Endocrinology; Family Medicine; Gastroenterology; Infectious Disease; Internal Medicine; Neurology; Obstetrics & Gynecology; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Orthopedics; Pediatrics; Plastic/Reconstruction; Pulmonology; Radiology; and Urology. Doctors were selected based on their good standing, reputation, thought leadership and success here in Los Angeles.

Methodology: The professionals featured in these pages did not pay to be included. Their profiles were drawn from nomination materials submitted to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Those selected for inclusion were reviewed by the editorial department and chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community.


DEBRA LOTSTEIN

Chief, Division of Comfort and Palliative Care, Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Debra Lotstein is the founding chief of the Division of Comfort and Palliative Care at CHLA, expanding the size of the division’s faculty and staff from four to 16 over the past seven years. Through inpatient and outpatient care, the division has greatly increased the institution’s capacity to provide care focused on relief of suffering and promotion of quality of life for children with serious illness and their families. The division focuses on relief of pain and other physical symptoms, psychosocial support for patients and their families, and support for medical decision making when cure of disease may not be possible.

HARRY BALIAN

Board-certified in nuclear cardiology, Dr. Balian is an Interventional Cardiologist who has specialized in interventional cardiology. He received his medical degree from Chicago Medical School and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of California, Irvine, where he was also a cardiology fellow. Dr. Balian completed his interventional cardiology training at George Washington University. Dr. Balian was instrumental in launching the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement procedure at Adventist Health Glendale and other life-saving interventional cardiology techniques.

SUNNY BHATIA

CEO, Region I and Corporate Chief Medical Officer, Prime Healthcare

Sunny Bhatia, MD, MIM, FACHE, FSCAI is an interventional cardiologist who is quadruple board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, nuclear cardiology, and interventional cardiology. As a physician leader, interventional cardiologist, founder of medical groups and executive leader of one of the largest health systems in the United States, Dr. Bhatia leads with the heart of a physician-focused on clinical excellence, patient experience and financial stewardship. Dr. Bhatia is responsible for establishing and facilitating processes to ensure quality, engagement and alignment of all C-suite leaders and physicians, including setting strategic direction and priorities for enhancing the quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare delivery at the region’s 17 hospitals.

RAVI DAVE

Director of Interventional Cardiology, UCLA Health

Dr. Ravi Dave is the program director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program at UCLA Health. He is also serving as the director of the Cardio Catheterization laboratories at Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Community Cardiology Practices. His clinical interests include percutaneous coronary interventions using all devices, treatment of chronic total occlusions of coronary vessels, performing complete revascularization in high-risk indicated patients, MitraClip procedure and percutaneous treatment for peripheral artery disease. Dr. Dave has been in practice at UCLA for over 20 years and has a high volume procedural practice. He has been voted as a Super Doctor every year since 2007.

IVAN C. HO

Director of Cardio Electrophysiology, Director of Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC, Keck Medicine of USC

Since recruitment to Keck Medicine of USC, Dr. Ivan Ho, MD, FACC, FHRS has successfully restarted the EP fellowship training program at Keck Medicine and achieved initial accreditation from AGME in 2020. He has also built up the clinical EP program at Keck Medicine by recruiting three new EP faculty over the last year, increasing the volume of EP procedures even through the COVID pandemic. His EP department now has one of the most diverse and experienced EP squads in the country. He has been involved in the development of many research protocols testing cutting-edge mapping and ablation technologies for complex arrhythmias, as well as implantation of advanced leadless pacedmakers in both chambers of the heart.

GUY MAYEDA

Chief of the Vascular Program, PIH Health Physicians; President, Los Angeles Cardiology Associates; PIH Health

Guy Mayeda, MD, FACC, FSCAI is an interventional cardiovascular specialist with additional expertise in endovascular interventions for coronary artery disease, critical limb ischemia, dialysis access, heart failure and aortic aneurysms/ dissections. Dr. Mayeda has been in practice as an interventional cardiologist since 1995. He is currently the president of Los Angeles Cardiology Associates and chief of the Vascular Program for PIH Health Physicians. Dr. Mayeda finds that the most gratifying aspect of interventional cardiology is the ability to quickly intervene and treat patients with acute life-threatening illnesses and restore them to their former functional status.

MARC SAKWA

Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery, MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute, Medical Director, Adult Cardiovascular Surgery, MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute, MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Marc Sakwa, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive procedures for complex heart conditions. Dr. Sakwa is a renowned cardiovascular surgeon with expertise in minimally invasive surgical procedures for complex heart disease. His clinical interests include aortic and mitral valve heart surgery with two- to three-inch incisions in the chest compared to traditional open-heart surgery. The significant advantage includes quicker recoveries, reduced hospital stays, less post-operative pain, smaller scars, and an earlier return to normal activities. His research focuses on valvular repair, replacement and evaluation of new technologies for valve disease.
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City of Hope physician Fornati Bedell, M.D., M.H.S.
Hossein Mahboubi, MD is a board-certified otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon with fellowship training in otology, neurotology and skull base surgery, a subspecialty focusing on the diseases of the ear and hearing, balance, and facial nerves. Dr. Mahboubi completed his residency in otolaryngology - head and neck surgery at UC Irvine following a post-doctoral research fellowship at the same institution, which helped develop his passion for treating ear and skull base diseases. He then spent two years completing a clinical fellowship in otology and neurotology at House Ear Clinic and UCLA where he advanced his skills in cochlear implants, stapedectomy, and complex ear and lateral skull base surgery.

A highly renowned surgeon, scientist, and educator, Dr. Maie St. John is a professor and the chair of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery and professor of bioengineering at UCLA. She also holds the Thomas C. Calcaterra, MD, chair in Head and Neck Surgery and is co-director of the UCLA Head and Neck Cancer Program. Dr. St. John’s laboratory studies the mechanisms of tumor progression and metastasis in head and neck cancer and seeks to identify and study novel genes and pathways for future targeted therapies, while actively incorporating the results of their laboratory-based research into the development of novel therapeutics.

Dr. Scott Braunstein has been a leading ER doctor at Cedars Sinai, for the past 15+ years. In June 2020, he took over as medical director for Sollis Health, a private membership-based ER alternative, which expanded from its home base in New York. Sollis Health is the only facility of its kind: a 24/7 medical center, staffed only by trained ER staff, with advanced monitoring and imaging capabilities (MRI, CT, ultrasound) onsite. Dr. Braunstein has hired an LA team, including emergency physicians, nurses, advanced care providers, radiology technicians, that has grown to over 50 employees.

Raynard Samos, M.D., is an endocrinologist at City of Hope, specializing in diabetes, thyroid diseases and pediatric endocrinology; he also serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism and as the interim fellowship program site director. In the time of COVID-19, Dr. Samos added another position to his crowded schedule, that of clinical lead for the National Pacific Islander COVID-19 Response Team. As a result of his tireless advocacy, including testimony before Congress, in December 2021 Dr. Samos was named a commissioner to the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.
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Drs. Stephanie Smooke Praw is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Fellowship Program Director, Director of Education for the Division of Endocrinology, and clinical endocrinologist. After pursuing undergraduate studies at Yale University and a master's degree at the University of London, Dr. Smooke Praw completed medical school at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine followed by internal medicine training at UCLA Hospital. Following her residency, she served as chief resident for the Department of Internal Medicine before completing her endocrinology fellowship at UCLA. Dr. Smooke Praw joined the UCLA faculty in 2009. She sees patients in the UCLA Endocrine Center and the UCLA Cedars-Endocrine Center. Dr. Stephanie Smooke Praw is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Fellowship Program Director, Director of Education for the Division of Endocrinology, and clinical endocrinologist. After pursuing undergraduate studies at Yale University and a master's degree at the University of London, Dr. Smooke Praw completed medical school at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine followed by internal medicine training at UCLA Hospital. Following her residency, she served as chief resident for the Department of Internal Medicine before completing her endocrinology fellowship at UCLA. Dr. Smooke Praw joined the UCLA faculty in 2009. She sees patients in the UCLA Endocrine Center and the UCLA Cedars-Endocrine Center.

Cynthia Chen-Joea, DO, MPH, CFPH, is board-certified in family medicine. She is the associate program director for the Ematae Health Family Medicine Residency Program and the director of Inpatient Medicine at Ematae Health. She practices a full spectrum of care both in an inpatient and outpatient setting. Her patients include newborns, adults and the elderly. She also offers osteopathic manipulative therapy for her patients. She is also the chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, leads medical student education, and serves as USC Clinical Faculty teaching medical students. She oversees several curriculum areas, including Practice Management, and created the Inpatient Curriculum and Procedures Clinic at the residency program.

Ashwin Ashok MD joined PIH Health in 2013 as a valued member of the PIH Health’s Gastroenterology team, a group of experts specializing in gastrointestinal health. He currently serves as section chief in Gastroenterology at PIH Health where he oversees inpatient and outpatient Gastroenterology/Hepatology consultation, general endoscopy and advanced endoscopy. He derives the most satisfaction from caring for patients with digestive and liver disorders. Trained in advanced endoscopic treatments, Dr. Ashok manages cirrhosis, chronic liver disease, hepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, celiac disease, GERD, and other general GI issues. Dr. Ashok also offers his advanced training and expertise in Endoscopic Ultrasound.

D. Lin Chang earned her medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. She completed her gastroenterology fellowship training at the UCLA affiliated training program in gastroenterology. Dr. Chang’s clinical expertise is in disorders of gut-brain interactions which include irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), chronic constipation and functional dyspepsia. Her research is focused on the pathophysiology of IBS related to stress, sex differences, genetic and epigenetic factors, neurotransmitter alterations, and gut microbiome and the treatment of IBS. She is co-director of the G. Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience.

Marc Edelstein, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, FASGE is a highly acclaimed gastroenterologist and is recognized as an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of digestive disorders and the performance of endoscopic procedures. He completed his fellowship in gastroenterology at UCLA Medical Center in 2001. Dr. Edelstein joined the medical staff of Cedars-Sinai in 2003, where he now serves as chief of staff. Under the dures of COVID-19, Dr. Edelstein created new ways to communicate and amplify the outstanding work of his medical staff and that of Cedars-Sinai’s leaders, and as a result, medical center communications will continue to evolve well beyond COVID-19.

David Del Bello MD is an internal medicine doctor who specializes in infectious diseases, for which he completed a fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He enjoys the thorough process of medicine, which is magnified in many ways in his subspecialty. He likes formulating thoughtful differential diagnoses, taking action based on his initial assessments and having results that confirm or challenge those assessments. As an internist, Dr. Del Bello counsels his patients on their disease processes and actions they can take to treat or prevent it from happening again, so patients can have greater control over their health.

Sohaneet Bassi, MD, is a well-respected infectious disease specialist with nearly 30 years of experience treating patients with a variety of complex chronic conditions. He is currently the chair of the Pharmacetical and Therapeutics/Infection Control Committee at Foothills Presbyterian Hospital. He is also a physician/partner at Foothills Infectious Disease Medical Group, Inc., where he consults and delivers specialty medical treatment to patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Dr. Bassi attended the Armed Forces Medical College (in India) before completing an internship and residency at Grant Hospital of Chicago. He also completed a fellowship at the University of Illinois.

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**MAITA KUVHENGUHWA**  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
MLK Community Medical Group

Dr. Maita Kuvhenguhwa holds a bachelor’s of Science in Biology from the University of California, Irvine, and received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of California Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine and the Charles R. Drew University/UCLA Medical Education Program. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and in Infectious Diseases, and is a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. She is one of the most visible community leaders for educating the public and has appeared on a number of local broadcasts to share her knowledge regarding the coronavirus.

**ELIZABETH MASLOW**  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Adventist Health Glendale

Dr. Elizabeth Maslow is an infectious disease physician in Glendale, who practices at Adventist Health Glendale. She received her medical degree from UCLA and completed her ID fellowship at USC. She specializes in practicing and teaching antimicrobial stewardship. Dr. Maslow serves as a key member of Adventist Health Glendale’s COVID-19 Advisory Team and she cares for patients with infections that are difficult to diagnose and treat, which can be life-threatening.

**ARLEEN BROWN**  
General Internist  
UCLA Health

Dr. Arleen F. Brown is a general internist and health services researcher with expertise in quality of care for older adults and minorities with diabetes. She has focused on health care system, social, and individual level determinants of health for persons with diabetes. She headed a project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on quality of care for older persons with diabetes in fee-for-service and managed Medicare. Dr. Brown was also a co-principal investigator of a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to examine the quality of diabetes care for persons with diabetes in managed care.

**STUART MILLER**  
Internal Medicine  
Huntington Health Physicians

Dr. Stuart Miller is a founding physician member of our medical group, Huntington Health Physicians, beginning in 1995. In addition to providing excellent care for his patients, he has held various leadership positions within the organization including president of our medical group, interim medical director, and is currently the chairman of our internal medicine department, overseeing 19 internists across three offices. During his time in these positions, Dr. Miller helped grow and integrate Huntington Health Physicians’ services, laying the foundation for a broad network of care for its patients, from inpatient to outpatient care. He has also served as medical director of Monte Vista Grove Homes for 30 years.

**YASER BADR**  
Neurology  
Spine and Brain Neurosurgeon  
Adventist Health Glendale

Yaser Badr, MD completed his neurosurgical residency at Louisiana State University-New Orleans in 2012. He then completed a neuro-interventional fellowship at St. John Providence Health System in Detroit, Michigan in 2013. Dr. Badr’s neurosurgical practice includes management of cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, acute stroke management, traumatic brain injury, traumatic and degenerative spine diseases, complex spinal surgery, brain tumors and peripheral nerve surgery. Dr. Badr’s goal is to provide his patients with the best brain and spine care available today.

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**SAID R. BEYDOUN**  
Neurology  
Professor of Clinical Neurology; Richard Angus Grant Sr. Chair in Neurology; Division Chief, Neurovascular Medicine; Program Director, Clinical Neurophysiology; Keck Medicine of USC

To date, Said R. Beydoun, MD, FAAN has trained 60 fellows as a Fellowship Program director. His work mentoring fellows and training young physicians in neuromuscular medicine and clinical neurophysiology has received USC Department of Neurology Teaching Awards. He has also been principal investigator in more than 60 clinical research studies in multiple domains in neuromuscular medicine mainly in the field of myasthenia gravis, multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN), chronic inflammatory demyelinating neuropathy (CIDP), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and diabetic neuropathy.

**JOHN LINDBERG**  
Internal Medicine  
Medical Director of Rehabilitation Services  
Emanate Health

John Lindberg, MD, is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He is the medical director of Rehabilitation Services and chairperson of the Physician Advisory Council at Emanate Health. He has been a dedicated, compassionate physician in the San Gabriel Valley for nearly 30 years. He is certified in both Wound Care and Hyperbaric Oxygen therapy. Dr. Lindberg helped achieve CARF Certification (the highest level of accreditation) for the Acute Rehabilitation Unit. He has medical oversight of outpatient and inpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, including the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. Dr. Lindberg also oversees family medicine residents rotating through the Wound Care Center.
RICHARD M. YOUNG
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Medical Director, Neurointerventional Program
Emanate Health

Richard Young, MD, joined Emanate Health as the medical director for the Neurointerventional Program in 2018 after he completed his Neurointerventional Fellowship from UCLA. He is also an accomplished neurosurgeon who focuses on cerebral vascular disease. He has accomplished much as a private practice neurosurgeon with Inland Neurosurgery Institute, becoming a partner in two years. As a fellowship-trained neurointerventionalist, he has brought a medical subspecialty that was lacking in the San Gabriel Valley. He is a surgeon who can perform both minimally invasive surgery for the blood vessels of the brain and open brain surgery when needed.

JACQUELINE BRACY
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Gynecologist Specialist Only
Emanate Health

Jacqueline Bracy, MD, is a gynecologic surgery specialist and has over 34 years of experience in the medical field. She is president of the Emanate Health Medical Group and owns a private gynecology practice in Glendora. Dr. Bracy holds an undergraduate degree from Yale. She earned a medical degree from State University of New York Health & Science Center and completed residency at Kings County Hospital in New York. She also holds a postgraduate degree in Health Administration from USC. At Kings County Hospital, Dr. Bracy was awarded the Leon C. Chesley Award for outstanding research and the Schuyler G. Kohl Award for excellence in teaching.

HOWARD C. MANDEL
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Chair
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Howard C. Mandel, MD, FACOG, is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist who has dedicated his life to the practice of high-quality health care and ensuring access to such care. He works tirelessly to ensure all women can access high-quality care, wherever they may live. To this end, Dr. Mandel’s extensive leadership in political advocacy and his education of the public has spanned more than 35 years. Dr. Mandel currently advises Senators Michael Bennet and Mark Warner on health care policy. He also serves as the president of the City of Los Angeles Health Commission.

JENNIFER McNULTY
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Program Director for the ORION Gynecologic Medical Education Program
MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach

Jennifer McNulty is a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Miller Children’s & Women’s—one of the few hospitals left in the region that has in-house maternal fetal specialists 24/7. Dr. McNulty’s clinical focus is the care of women and their fetuses who are at high risk for and/or have developed complications or challenges during the pregnancy. Dr. McNulty provides special care for the fetus who may require additional monitoring, in utero diagnosis and treatment, and/or coordination of care before birth. Dr. McNulty especially loves to work in partnership with women from the pre-conception time, through the pregnancy, delivery and postpartum.
JOSEPH OZOUNIAN
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Daniel R. Ozounian Jr, MD Endowed Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Keck Medicine of USC

Joseph Ozounian has worked in healthcare his entire professional career, and has been dedicated to academic medicine for decades. His research is in the area of clinical obstetrics, with over 100 peer-reviewed publications, books, and book chapters produced. In addition, he maintains a vibrant and active clinical practice where he takes care of patients with complex maternal and fetal disorders. In his practice he sees private patients but also works on teaching service at the LAC+USC Medical Center, which is a large tertiary safety-net hospital caring for the most vulnerable patients in the County. He is also training a new generation of women’s healthcare physicians.

Sara Soto MD MPH is an obstetrician-gynecologist at PIH Health in Whittier. She has been practicing medicine for 14 years and specializes in all aspects of obstetrics and gynecological care, from early womanhood through pregnancy, menopause, and beyond. Dr. Soto chose to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology because she enjoys the unique combination of primary care, surgery and delivering babies. She enjoys seeing her female patients transition from young women into mothers, and feels privileged to be a part of those unique and memorable moments in their lives. She is committed to providing her patients with compassionate, comprehensive care.

STACY GRAY
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Stacy Gray, MD, A.M., is one of the country’s leading advocates of genetic testing for all patients, with the intent of using that genetic information to create a precise therapeutic plan for each individual with cancer, and with a focus on preventing cancers before they happen. Dr. Gray has been a key part of the ongoing scientific push to use an individual’s genomic information to identify cancer risks for the last 15 years, and her recent 2021 appointment as director of City of Hope’s Clinical Cancer Genomics division will allow her to continue that leadership role in the field.

HEINZ-JOSEF LENZ
ONCOLOGY

Professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine, J. Terence Lanni Chair of Cancer Research
Keck Medicine of USC

Heinz-Josef Lenz, MD, has won many prestigious awards for his practice and research. Dr. Lenz considers it a pleasure working at USC, with one of the most diverse patient populations in the US. As associate director of clinical science and co-leader of the Translational Science Program, he has worked closely with the Community Outreach Program to increase accrual of minorities at USC. His research focus is on diseases in our catchment area particular colon cancers.

JESSICA RAYHANABAD
ONCOLOGY

Medical Director, Breast Surgery, MemorialCare Tidahl Cancer Institute
MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Jessica A. Rayhanabad, MD, is a board-certified breast surgeon who specializes in the surgical oncology and treatment of malignancies of the breast. She stays on the cutting-edge of her specialty to provide women with optimal treatment options, including oncoplastic breast surgery, which combines the expertise of a breast oncologist and the techniques of a plastic surgeon to preserve the physical appearance of the breast while removing the cancer. These surgeries may help women feel more confident after breast surgery and reduce the need for a second surgery. She also uses a surgical technique called intraoperative radiation therapy, which integrates a lumpectomy and radiation treatment into a single surgery.

ANGELA SIE
ONCOLOGY

Imaging Director, MemorialCare Breast Center MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center

Angela Sie, MD is a board-certified radiologist and medical director of breast imaging at the MemorialCare Breast Center at Long Beach Medical Center. She was instrumental in leading the opening of a satellite breast center in the community, which expanded access for women to get their breast cancer screening. She is a leader in developing and strengthening best practices for screening at Long Beach Medical Center. Dr. Sie actively participates in community outreach initiatives for Long Beach Medical Center, often volunteering her time at events to educate the community on the importance of getting screened for breast cancer.
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Dennis J. Slamon, MD, PhD serves as director of Clinical/Translational Research, and as director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and executive vice chair for research for UCLA’s Department of Medicine. For 12 years, Dr. Slamon and his colleagues conducted the laboratory and clinical research that led to the development of the first new breast cancer drug Herceptin, which targets a specific genetic alteration found in about 25 percent of breast cancer patients. He came to Los Angeles in 1979 to become a fellow in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UCLA.

Lori Birndorf has dedicated her practice to taking care of patients in nursing homes. She travels to nursing homes all over southern California to take care of those patients who would not otherwise be able to come to her office. During COVID, she has put her own health at risk taking care of some of these most vulnerable community members. She has been in practice in the Los Angeles area for 18 years as a comprehensive ophthalmologist and has had a great deal of experience in treating people with a variety of eye diseases, particularly glaucoma and diabetes.

Ronald Wolf, MD, is a surgical oncologist who specializes in treating pancreatic and liver tumors at the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Medical Center. Because Dr. Wolf exclusively treats tumors of the pancreas and liver, he has the expertise to treat the most complex cases. This level of expertise is typically not available outside of academic institutions. He also serves as a professor for the Department of Surgery, Division of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery at the UC Irvine School of Medicine and is a committee member of several national organizations involved in clinical trials.
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Surgical Oncology

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Neurosurgery/Spine Surgery

Harry Balian, MD
Interventional Cardiology

Elizabeth Maslow-Najera, MD
Infectious Diseases

Saeid Safae, MD
Critical Care/Pulmonary

Amirreza Solhpour, MD
Interventional Cardiology

Two-time 5 star rating for quality healthcare by CMS
A Raymond Hah is an academic orthopedic spine surgeon, Raymond Hah, MD’s career has three equally rewarding branches: clinical care, research and teaching. He treats all spinal diseases, but has a special focus in both adult spinal deformity, complex cases, and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Our research group focuses on clinical outcomes and we are very proud of a recent publication highlighting a new technique to reduce complications after spinal deformity patients. Clinical and surgical education is also an integral part of his day to day. Of Dr. Hah’s career achievements, he is most proud of the fellows that he has helped train.

Raymond Hah, MD
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Neuroscience
Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Ronald Kvitne is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and the treatment of knees, shoulders, and elbows. One of the most highly recognized orthopedic surgeons in America, Dr. Kvitne completed his sports medicine-oriented fellowship at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic. Dr. Kvitne has served as team physician for the Los Angeles Kings for over 30 years; as team physician for the Los Angeles Galaxy for over 15 years; as orthopedic consultant for the UFC Mixed Martial Arts fighters from Las Vegas over 15 years; and as team physician for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim over the last three seasons.

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Cedars-Sinai, Kerlan-Jobe Institute

Andrew Wassef, MD
Medical Director, Joint Replacement Center
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Paul Yang, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Emanate Health

Paul Yang, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon whose specialty areas include minimally-invasive surgery, total hip and knee replacement, revision total knee replacement, revision total hip replacement and partial knee replacement. Dr. Yang, who served as the chief resident of Orthopaedic Surgery at UCLA, is also trained in navigation and robotics in orthopedic surgery. He is also a peer reviewer for various orthopedic journals. He has conducted extensive research on the knee joint and associated orthopedic injuries.

Andrew Wassef, MD
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Jacqueline Casillas, MD, M.S.H.S., is a board-certified pediatric hematologist/oncologist and serves as the medical director of Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach. Her research focus includes being the principle site investigator of the Children’s Oncology Group at Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute, offering clinical trials to pediatric cancer patients from birth to young adulthood. Her research portfolio also has been funded independently by the National Cancer Institute and is focused on ensuring access to care and assessment of quality of life for pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors, particularly in diverse, underserved communities.

Jacqueline Casillas, MD
Medical Director, Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute
MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach

Rachel Chapman joined the faculty at CHLA/USC Keck School of Medicine and has been the Medical Director of the NICCU since 2016. Her main area of scholarly interest is in clinical/outcomes research, quality improvement, and education related to Neonatal ECMO and congenital diaphragmatic hernia in the neonate. She has authored multiple peer-reviewed articles and abstracts, in addition to chapters and review articles, and was named a member of the Society for Pediatric Research. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in ECMO and given multiple invited talks related to neonatal ECMO.

Rachel Chapman
Medical Director, Neonatal and Infant Critical Care Unit
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
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D r. Torin Cunningham is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and medical director of the Orthopedic Center at MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach. Dr. Cunningham specializes in spinal deformity/scoliosis surgery for children and adolescents, hip reconstructive surgery and general pediatric orthopedic care. He has been instrumental in bringing the latest equipment and technology to Miller Children’s & Women’s to offer optimal outcomes for children needing specialized orthopedic care, including the EOS Imaging System, which uses X-rays to provide extremely detailed, high-quality images of patients in a standing position.

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D r. Inderpal Randhawa is the medical director of the Children’s Pulmonary Institute at Miller Children’s & Women’s. He has served at Miller Children’s & Women’s in various leadership positions for more than a decade. Dr. Randhawa also is the program director of the Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship at UCI and Miller Children’s & Women’s, and program director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center – a role appointed by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for CF. He has led several initiatives resulting in regional and national acclaim including Disease Specific Certification in Pediatric Asthma from The Joint Commission.

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Kimberly Lee is not only a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, she is also a board-certified head and neck surgeon, giving her qualifications to deliver some of the most complex reconstructive procedures in the face, nose, and neck. As one of only 15% of female facial plastic surgeons, Dr. Lee's specialty lies in her expertise to rejuvenate the face and neck resulting in a balanced, natural appearing result. Using her ability to extrapolate from traditional surgical techniques, she is known for taking unique situations and transforming them into successful and aesthetically pleasing outcomes.

Saeid Safaee, MD specializes in pulmonary diseases and critical care. He received his medical degree from the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and completed residencies in pathology and internal medicine. He also completed a pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Penn State University in Hershey, PA. Dr. Safaee's goal is to achieve complete patient care by involving my patients in each step of their health care process. It is important to him that my patients have a detailed understanding of their disease diagnosis because well-informed patients can actively involve themselves in the decisions that help shape their course of treatment and recovery to a better healthy lifestyle.

David R. Nelson, MD is medical director of Barlow Respiratory Hospital and a board-certified Pulmonologist. He has devoted his entire career to Barlow Respiratory Hospital, first joining the staff in 1991. As a hospital leader, Dr. Nelson serves on the Medical Executive Committee, and the Research, Quality Forum, Credentials and Critical Care Committees. Beyond his service to the hospital, he serves as an educator, preparing the next generation of physicians as an associate professor of clinical medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and clinical instructor in medicine, Department of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine.

Santih Iyert Kumar, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Keck School of Medicine; Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine; Vice Chair of Quality and Safety, Department of Medicine, Keck Medicine of USC. His practice is focused on the management of patients with sleep disorders including obstructive sleep apnea, and chronic lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pulmonary fibrosis. Dr. Kumar is passionate about teaching residents and medical students and is an active researcher in the area of sleep medicine.

David A. Cheek, MD is the Richard and Betty Cook Professor of Radiology and the Director of the Pediatric Radiology Fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Cheek received his medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of California, San Francisco. He completed his fellowship in pediatric radiology at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and UCLA. Dr. Cheek has served on numerous national and international scientific and academic societies and is a member of the Pediatric Academic Society. His research interests include the development and evaluation of novel ultrasound contrast agents, and the development of novel approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric and adult diseases.

Amit Sura has served as one of the leaders in pediatric urology at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. As Chief of Pediatric Urology, he has dedicated his career to the care of children with congenital and acquired urological conditions. He is ajbly known in the field of pediatric urology and has published extensively on the topics of pediatric urological surgery, including the use of laparoscopy and robot-assisted surgery. He is also active in medical education, serving as a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Sura is a member of the American Urological Association and the Society for Fetal Urology, and has served on numerous national and international boards and committees. He is recognized for his contributions to the field of pediatric urology and has been invited to speak at numerous high-profile national and international venues. He is dedicated to research, education and service to the patients.