Torrance Memorial’s Affiliation With USC Keck School of Medicine’s Cardiothoracic Surgery Department

On June 19, 2014 representatives from Torrance Memorial Medical Center and USC’s Keck School of Medicine announced an affiliation to expand heart surgery services and cardiac procedures at Torrance Memorial.

The announcement represents an expansion of the Torrance Memorial Melanie and Richard Lundquist Cardiovascular Institute’s Cardiothoracic Surgery Program. This expansion is possible through the addition of respected USC Keck Medical Center surgeons Jack Sun, M.D., Craig Baker, M.D., Michael Bowdish, M.D., Fernando Fleischman, M.D., and Amy Hackmann, M.D. to Torrance Memorial’s medical staff, joining Torrance Memorial’s John M. Stoneburner, M.D.

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These surgeons will strengthen the existing Torrance Memorial heart surgery program by providing expertise in a variety of procedures such as complex valve repair and replacement, coronary artery bypass grafting, aortic root and arch surgery, surgical treatment of arrhythmias, and percutaneous heart valve therapy. While these procedures, as well as diagnostics and treatment, have always been available at the medical center, the addition of these academic surgical team members will allow for the growth and expansion of the program in the South Bay.

“This affiliation is important for our community because it adds resources to a respected and growing program supported by an experienced clinical team,” said Craig Leach, President/CEO, Torrance Memorial Medical Center. “Additional surgical coverage will ensure that community members will have a highly skilled team available in an emergency and to treat highly complicated cases of heart disease and structural heart defects.”

“The future of health care delivery will partner leading academic medical centers with incredibly strong community hospitals. This relationship allows the innovation, strength and expertise of academic centers to be delivered to local communities. Residents in the South Bay can expect excellence in cardiac surgical care at Torrance Memorial Hospital as we embark on this important relationship between a top tier academic medical center and a pioneering and visionary community hospital,” said Dr. Vaughn A. Starnes, M.D., Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, USC Keck School of Medicine.

In addition to welcoming the USC team, Torrance Memorial also announced the addition of Salmon Azam, M.D., from Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, Wash., who specializes in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (commonly known as TAVR). Candidates of this procedure are high risk and were once inoperable due to severely calcified aortic valve stenosis, also known as narrowing of the aortic valve opening, which restricts normal blood flow to the body.

Medical Executive Committee Approvals

Items approved at the last Medical Executive Committee meeting can be viewed by using this website link and selecting the particular month: [http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Medical_Staff/MEC_Authorization.aspx](http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Medical_Staff/MEC_Authorization.aspx).

If you have any questions, please contact the Medical Staff Services Department at (310) 517-4616.
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### CME CONFERENCES

**Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.**

**Health Conference Center**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 [AMA PRA Category 1 credit™](http://www.ama-assn.org). Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This credit may also be applied to the CMA Certification in Continuing Medical Education.

For up-to-the-minute conference information call (310) 784-8776 or visit: [http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx](http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx)

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### July 2014

**July 2, 2014**

**NO CONFERENCE**

**July 9, 2014**

“Diagnosis & Treatment of Gout”

Peng Fan, M.D.

UCLA School of Medicine

Commercial Support: None

**July 16, 2014**

**NO CONFERENCE**

**July 23, 2014**

“Prevention of Bloodstream Infections”

Hidenobu Shigemitsu, M.D.

USC School of Medicine

Commercial Support: None

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### July 30, 2014

**NO CONFERENCE**

### August 6, 2014

**NO CONFERENCE**

### August 13, 2014

**NO CONFERENCE**

### August 20, 2014

“Advances in Anticoagulation”

Samuel Berkman, M.D.

UCLA School of Medicine

Commercial Support: Daiichi Sankyo
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