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## CHOC Children's Pressroom

### MORE THAN 50 CHOC CHILDREN'S DOCTORS NAMED "PHYSICIANS OF EXCELLENCE"

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More than 50 CHOC Children's physicians, including specialists and pediatricians, are featured as "Physicians of Excellence" in the January 2010 issue of *Orange Coast* magazine. The "Physicians of Excellence" program was developed by the Orange County Medical Association, the largest physician membership association in the county. The annual program honors the region's outstanding physicians for their dedication to the medical profession and their service to the community.

To be selected, physicians were required to be certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties board member; be in good standing with the Medical Board of California; maintain a primary practice in Orange County for the last five years; and be in practice within his/her specialty for the last five years. Additionally, physicians were required to meet at least three of the following criteria: leadership; teaching/mentoring; medical research/scientific advances; and humanitarian service.

Congratulations to these CHOC doctors for being named "Physicians of Excellence." They are part of a dynamic team of pediatric experts, caring for the two million children who depend on CHOC.

#### Allergy/Immunology

Mark Howard Ellis, M.D.  
Sherwin A. Gillman, M.D.  
Paul Y. Qaquandah, M.D.

#### Anesthesiology

Paul Yost, M.D.

#### Cardiology

Anjan S. Batra, M.D.  
Farhouch Berdjis, M.D.  
Anthony Chang, M.D.  
James Chu, M.D.  
Jodie E. Gandy, M.D.  
Keith M. Weiner, M.D.

#### Cardiothoracic Surgery

Richard N. Gates, M.D.  
Brian A. Palafox, M.D.

#### Critical Care

Nick G. Anas, M.D.  
Jason M. Knight, M.D.  
Paul Lubinsky, M.D.

#### Diagnostic Radiology

David S. Karlin, M.D.  
Dan Vu, M.D.

#### Endocrinology

Mark Daniels, M.D.  
Timothy K. Flannery, M.D.

#### Gastroenterology

Phyllis Agran, M.D.  
Kenneth Grant, M.D.  
Mitchell Katz, M.D.

#### Hematology/Oncology

Ivan I. Kirov, M.D.  
Geetha Puthenveetil, M.D.  
Leonard Sender, M.D.  
Wei-Ping (Violet) Shen, M.D.

#### Infectious Disease

Behnoosh Afghani, M.D.  
Antonio C. Arrieta  
David J. Lang, M.D.  
Jasjit Singh, M.D.

#### Medical Genetics

John Jay Gargus, M.D.

#### Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Vijay Dhar, M.D.

#### Neurological Surgery

William G. Loudon, M.D.  
Michael Muhonen, M.D.

#### Neurology

Ira Lott, M.D.

#### Ophthalmology

Sanford Chen, M.D.  
Florencio C. Ching, M.D.

#### Orthopedic Surgery

Francois D. Lalonde, M.D.  
Samuel R. Rosenfeld, M.D.

#### Otolaryngology

Gurpreet S. Ahuja, M.D.  
Roberto L. Barretto, M.D.  
Felizardo S. Camilon, Jr., M.D.

#### Pathology

Shu-Yuan Liao, M.D.  
Aaron Franklin Sassoon, M.D., Ph.D.

#### Pediatrics

Steven Abelowitz, M.D.  
Katherine Andreeff, M.D.  
Marc Lerner, M.D.  
E. Daniel Mackey, M.D.  
Stephen E. Osburn, M.D.  
Sameer Pathare, M.D.  
Mary Ann Wilkinson, M.D.

#### Psychiatry

Hoang D. Nguyen, M.D.

#### Pulmonology

David A. Hicks, M.D.  
Anchalee Yuengsrigul, M.D.

#### Surgery

Mustafa Kabeer, M.D.  
Vinh T. Lam, M.D.

#### Vascular/Interventional Radiology

Howard L. Dorne, M.D.  
Kurt L. Openshaw, M.D.

*CHOC Children's is exclusively committed to the health and well being of children through clinical expertise, advocacy, outreach and research that brings advanced treatment to our patients. CHOC's regional healthcare network includes two state-of-the-art hospitals in Orange and Mission Viejo, several community clinics, a residency program that trains tomorrow's pediatricians, and four centers of excellence - The CHOC Children's Heart, Cancer, Neuroscience, and Orthopaedic Institutes.*

*CHOC earned the Silver Level CAPE Award from the California Council of Excellence - the only children's hospital in California to ever earn this distinction, and was awarded Magnet designation - the highest honor bestowed to hospitals for nursing excellence. Recognized for extraordinary commitment to high-quality critical care standards, CHOC is the first children's hospital in the nation to earn the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.*

For more information about CHOC Children's, visit [www.choc.org](http://www.choc.org).

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