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Mission Hospital Names 2010 Chief of Staff

Christopher Nolan, M.D. Takes on Leadership Role

Mission Viejo, CA – Plastic Surgeon, Christopher Nolan, M.D., has been elected Chief of Staff at Mission Hospital. Nominated by his peers and voted into office by the active medical staff, Dr. Nolan will serve his current term which runs through December 2010. As Chief, Dr. Nolan is the chairperson of the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) and leader of the medical staff. Dr. Nolan will direct policies and procedures generated by the MEC and will be responsible for self governance of the medical staff at both the Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach campuses. He previously served as Chief of Staff Elect.



Dr. Nolan is a full-time plastic surgeon in solo private practice. He has been a member of the active staff at Mission Hospital for 25 years and previously served as Chief of Surgery.

“Dr. Nolan has been with Mission Hospital for more than two decades and during this time he has held a number of leadership positions,” said Markie Cowley, Chief Operating Officer, Mission Hospital. “Interestingly enough, Dr. Nolan was educated by the Sisters of St. Joseph throughout his primary grades, and Loyola Marymount University, so he is well versed in Catholic tradition, making him an astute co-minister of our hospital. He is quiet, insightful and well-respected by his colleagues as well as hospital staff. His approach and style in situations is to be inclusive, respectful, and listen to others. I look forward to working with him and know he will be a great partner and will represent Mission well in all venues.”

“I look forward to working with our Board of Trustees to continue the healing ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph,” expressed Dr. Nolan. “I have had the great good fortune of seeing Mission Hospital grow from a small community hospital to a major medical center and I take pride in knowing that as Chief of Staff, I can continue to make a difference, always seeking ways to change good to better and better to best.”

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Nolan joins three other elected officers of the medical staff, Chief of Staff Elect Farzad Massoudi, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Marquez, M.D., and 2009 Chief of Staff Richard Kozak, M.D. The MEC also includes the elected chairmen of

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the six medical staff departments and the appointed chairmen of medical staff committees. This committee oversees the quality of medical care provided in the hospital, resolves issues related to medical care or its medical staff members, and works collaboratively with hospital administration and the Board of Trustees to fulfill the hospital's obligations to its patients.

Dr. Nolan is a Diplomat of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. He is an active member of several professional organizations including the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the California Plastic Surgery Society, the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association, the Orange County Medical Association and the Orange County Society of Plastic Surgeons. He received his Doctorate of Medicine (1977) at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts and completed his residency at University of California, Los Angeles and University of Florida.

A strong believer in giving back, Dr. Nolan is active in many community services and donates his time to several charitable organizations, including missionary medical services in rural Mexico. He remains active with the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and was a founding member of Opera Pacifica. He has appeared in series on Discovery Channel, Discovery Health Channel, Animal Planet and German television, as well as newspapers the *Orange County Register* and *Los Angeles Times*.

About Mission Hospital

Mission Hospital provides south Orange County communities with access to advanced care and advanced caring through two convenient locations, Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach. Mission Hospital has been serving the greater needs of the community for nearly 40 years, improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo is an acute care, full-service facility providing the most advanced healthcare services and diagnostic care to south Orange County. One of only three designated trauma centers in the county, the hospital offers 24-hour emergency care and specialized services through its *Mission Imaging Center, Mission Heart Center, Mission Stroke Center, Mission Maternity Center and Mission Women's Wellness Center*. The hospital also offers the highest level of care in orthopedics, rehabilitation, cancer, spine and vascular services. Mission Hospital Laguna Beach's healthcare services include 24-hour emergency, intensive and medical-surgical care as well as behavioral health including psychiatric services and chemical dependency and chronic pain medicine abuse treatment. CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital, a separately licensed pediatric hospital on the Mission Viejo campus, serves as the only designated pediatric healthcare center in south Orange County. A member of the St. Joseph Health System, the 509-bed hospital is one of 14 not-for-profit hospitals sponsored by the St. Joseph Health Ministry. For more information, visit mission4health.com.

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