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New to UC Irvine Healthcare



Troy Hutchins, MD • Neurointerventional Radiology

Dr. Troy Hutchins, a board-certified radiologist specializing in neuroradiology, is a member of the Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center, a Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center, one of only a few in Orange County. Hutchins performs diagnostic and therapeutic neurointerventional procedures, including spinal and head and neck biopsies, spinal CT myelograms, kyphoplasty, vertebroplasty, cerebral angiograms,

stroke and vasospasm treatment and aneurysm treatment. He also is part of the diagnostic neuroradiology team and has a special interest in imaging head and neck diseases. Hutchins received his medical degree from Medical University of South Carolina and completed his residency in radiology at Tulane University. He completed a fellowship in neuroradiology at University of Utah Health Sciences and received additional neuroradiology training at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.



Tatiana Kain, MD • Nuclear Medicine

Dr. Tatiana Kain is chief of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging at UC Irvine Medical Center, which includes general nuclear medicine, cardiac single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), positron emission tomography (PET), CT scans and lymphoscintigraphy. She provides treatments for thyroid cancer, benign thyroid conditions, Zevalin™ treatment for lymphoma and palliative therapy for widespread bone metastasis.

Kain received her medical degree from Ben-Gurion School of Medicine in Beer-Sheba, Israel, and completed residencies in nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was an assistant professor of radiology at Yale University School of Medicine, director of nuclear medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn., and an attending radiologist at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Conn. Kain is a national examiner for the American College of Radiology Nuclear Medicine/PET Accreditation Program.



Shabira S. Khoury, MD • Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. Shabira S. Khoury is a physiatrist in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, specializing in the care of patients with musculoskeletal problems. Khoury works with patients with simple to complex conditions to restore their quality of life by improving their function and independence. Her special interest is management of soft tissue and musculoskeletal injuries related to the spine and peripheral joints through various conservative treatments and intra-articular joint injections.

She sees patients at both UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange and Gottschalk Medical Plaza in Irvine. Khoury received her medical degree from Ain Shams University in Cairo and completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Toronto. As a staff physiatrist at the Scarborough Hospital and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, she led a rehabilitation team of residents, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and social workers. She is certified by the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada.



Suzy Kim, MD • Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. Suzy Kim, a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, is medical director of the Acute Spinal Cord Injury Program with UC Irvine Healthcare. Kim works with brain and spinal cord injury patients in the acute hospital setting with the trauma team to begin neural and muscle stimulation as soon as their conditions have stabilized. In the outpatient setting, she develops individual comprehensive rehabilitation plans, offers electrodiagnostic evaluations, and coordinates other aspects of specialty care to optimize recovery. Kim also has extensive

experience with Botox® for functional management of spasticity. Kim earned her medical degree at the USC Keck School of Medicine and completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, affiliated with Northwestern University. She is board certified with subspecialty certification in spinal cord injury. Kim also is director of the Clinical Spinal Injury Program and scientific liaison for the Reeve-Irvine Research Center at UC Irvine. Her research interests include exercise-based therapies to promote neuroplasticity and robotic-driven technology and mental imagery to improve gait.



Michael K. Louie, MD • Urology

Dr. Michael K. Louie is a urologist specializing in the treatment of prostate cancer, kidney cancer, stone disease of the urinary tract, and other urological conditions. He performs minimally invasive surgery including laparoscopic, endoscopic, and cryoablation. He is experienced in robot-assisted laparoscopic surgery for both kidney cancer and prostate cancer using the da Vinci Surgical System®.

Louie received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed his residency in urology at Ohio State University. He then completed a fellowship in minimally invasive urologic surgery at UC Irvine Medical Center. His research interests include robotic and laparoscopic instrumentation and surgical technique, percutaneous treatment of renal cancers, and clinical outcomes of prostate and kidney cancer surgery.



Binh V. Nguyen, MD • Interventional Neuroradiology

Dr. Binh Nguyen is a radiologist with subspecialty training in diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology. He is a member of the UC Irvine Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center, a Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center, providing the latest endovascular treatment for acute stroke. He also performs minimally invasive endovascular procedures for other cerebrovascular conditions such as atherosclerosis,

aneurysms, vasospasm and arteriovenous malformations. Further, he treats brain and spine tumors, traumatic vascular lesions, vertebral body compression fractures and spinal vascular malformations. Nguyen received his medical degree from UCLA and completed a residency in radiology at University of South Alabama Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in diagnostic neuroradiology and interventional neuroradiology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.



Leslie Randall-Whitis, MD • Gynecologic Oncology

Dr. Leslie Randall-Whitis is a gynecologist specializing in the treatment of cervical, uterine, ovarian, vaginal and vulvar cancers and in trophoblastic disease. She offers minimally invasive and radical surgery for cancers, as well as urologic and gastrointestinal surgery for women with gynecologic cancers. She also provides counseling for pregnant women with cancer, fertility-sparing options for women with

gynecologic cancers, and risk reduction in women with genetic predisposition to gynecologic cancers. Randall-Whitis earned her medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, where she also completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at UC Irvine Medical Center. She is a member of the cooperative Gynecologic Oncology Group and has presented research on their behalf at several professional society meetings.

Renowned Eye Specialist Named Chair of Ophthalmology



Dr. Roger Steinert

Dr. Roger Steinert, an internationally recognized authority in cataract surgery, corneal transplantation and refractive surgery, has been appointed chair of the Department of Ophthalmology in the School of Medicine and director of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute at UC Irvine.

Steinert, a professor of ophthalmology and biomedical engineering, has performed extensive research in cataract surgery, serves as medical monitor of several FDA trials and holds seven U.S. and numerous international patents. In his leadership of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute, he works closely with some of the country's leading eye technology companies in the development of sight-saving innovations.

The Gavin Herbert Eye Institute is actively raising funds to launch Phase I of the campaign to build a three-story, 60,000-square-foot facility on the main campus in Irvine. The new building will house an outpatient surgical center, consultation offices, teaching and conference facilities, and faculty and administrative offices. Basic research will be relocated into an adjacent laboratory building.

"UC Irvine offers the only full-service, comprehensive consultation eye physicians and surgeons between Los Angeles and San Diego," said Steinert. "This building program will provide the needed infrastructure to combine our cutting-edge patient care with the translational research and teaching opportunities created by the unique environment of Orange County's high-tech industry and the greater UC Irvine community."

Steinert joined the UC Irvine faculty in 2004 from Harvard University, where he completed undergraduate studies, medical school and his training in ophthalmology before being serving on Harvard's faculty for 23 years. There, he became intrigued by exotic lasers developed in France and Switzerland to cut and reshape eye tissue. He made it his passion to unlock the power of those lasers, pioneering new laser surgery techniques to stave off blindness and strengthen eyesight. Steinert's early work with lasers helped lay the foundation for LASIK surgery.

Last year, UC Irvine's Academic Senate awarded Steinert its prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, to honor his outstanding contributions.

He serves as associate editor of the journal *Ophthalmology* and is former president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Steinert is included among America's Top Doctors and Best Doctors in America, and *Ophthalmology Times* has listed him among the 100 top ophthalmologists.

News in Brief

U.S. News & World Report has ranked UC Irvine Medical Center among the "America's Best Hospitals" for the ninth consecutive year. Among the top 50 hospitals, UC Irvine is listed 18th for urology and 29th for gynecology.

The **UC Irvine Cardiovascular Center** has opened, integrating the specialties of cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery and vascular surgery to provide comprehensive outpatient services for patients with complex cardiovascular diseases. The center, located at UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, offers a spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using the latest technology. For more information, call 714.456.6699.

The National Cancer Institute has reapproved the **Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center** at UC Irvine as one of 40 comprehensive cancer centers in the nation. Comprehensive centers are designated for their commitment to integrated research, prevention, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation programs. The designation is the highest honor given by the NCI in recognition of excellence in cancer research and treatment. The Chao center first received comprehensive status in 1997 and is the only facility of its kind in Orange County. "This is a great testament to our faculty, staff and community supporters who are committed to finding new and improved preventions and treatments for cancer," said center director Dr. Frank L. Meyskens Jr.

Patients with chronic pain can receive specialized treatment at **UC Irvine Pain Medicine**, which recently opened at Gottschalk Medical Plaza on the Irvine campus. Its multidisciplinary treatment team includes physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists, anesthesiologists, neurologists and psychologists to care for patients with back and neck pain, headache, carpal tunnel syndrome, whiplash, and pain associated with diabetes, arthritis, cancer, trauma and surgery. The only multidisciplinary practice of its type in Orange County, it offers a spectrum of techniques for pain management, and treatment may involve a combination of strategies. The outpatient practice has treatment and recovery rooms on site. For more information or a referral, call 949.824.7246.

Orange County's Health Care Agency has designated UC Irvine Medical Center a **Stroke-Neurology Receiving Center** as part of Southern California's first program to direct patients to hospitals best equipped to provide state-of-the-art stroke care. "This is an enormous step forward for the health of Orange County's residents," said Dr. Steven C. Cramer, director of UC Irvine's Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center, a Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center. Cramer was honored by Orange County Emergency Medical Services for spearheading the effort to create the designation program. Paramedics and

ambulances will now take patients in the early hours of a stroke to one of six receiving centers that offer high-level neurovascular care and have specialists available 24/7.

The **fifth annual UC Irvine Epilepsy symposium**, "Manipulating Neural Networks to Treat Refractory Epilepsy," is set for Jan. 23, 2010, at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering in Irvine. The one-day CME will explore such topics as advances in imaging and video EEG to diagnose and to identify candidates for palliative surgery for intractable epilepsy, and risks and indications for corpus callosotomy and neurostimulation. For more information, call 714.456.3707.

The American College of Surgeons recently reverified UC Irvine Medical Center's trauma center as a **Level I trauma center**, the only one in Orange County and one of only 10 in California. The designation, which UC Irvine has held since the 1980s, means the medical center addresses every aspect of injury – from prevention to treatment to rehabilitation – and meets the nation's highest trauma care standards for treating children and adults. The trauma center treated nearly 2,500 patients in 2008 for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes, falls and assaults. "UC Irvine's trauma center is the backbone of Orange County's emergency medical system," said Dr. Michael Lekawa, trauma surgeon and director of trauma services at UC Irvine Medical Center. "We care for nearly half of the county's trauma cases each year and are a resource for area hospitals in dealing with the most critical and complicated cases."

Wanted: Your Opinion

In an effort to improve *Physician to Physician* and to enhance communication with community physicians, we are conducting a readers' survey. The one-page questionnaire is enclosed with this newsletter and can be returned by postage-paid mail or by fax. In addition, the survey is available online at www.ucihealth.com/survey. Respondents will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of the winner's choice. Please help us learn what you want in this newsletter by taking a minute to complete and return the survey. Thank you.

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