

HOSPITAL UPDATES

MESSAGE FROM DR. JAMES V. LUCK, JR.
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Why does a hospital last 100 years?

To my mind, there are two reasons. One is the continuing strength and currency of its mission. The other is the continued commitment and support of its volunteers, benefactors and staff.

A hospital comes into existence in the first place because it is needed. Whether in the number of patients it treats or the specialized treatment it offers, it fills a specific and pressing void. If, over time, it continues to respond successfully to changing needs, then its survival is assured. As you know, Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital was founded in response to such a need – a critical need for specialized orthopaedic care that was accessible to every child, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

The Hospital continues to meet that need while continuing to advance orthopaedic care for all patients worldwide through leadership in medical education and musculoskeletal research. We are proud to be as relevant now to children and adults suffering from musculoskeletal disorders as we were nearly a century ago.

I always feel privileged – and gratified – when I consider the exceptional ensemble of supporters we have at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. That's why I'm eagerly anticipating our Benefactor Celebration Luncheon on September 29, 2010, at which the Hospital will recognize guests including board members, benefactors and Legacy Society Members for their generous financial commitment to the hospital.

CLEFT LIP AND PALATE PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY SMILE TRAIN



To learn more about how Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital makes a difference in the life of a child, click [here](#).



The LAOH Craniofacial Cleft Lip and Palate Program recently received a special grant of \$5,000 from Smile Train.

Libby Wilson, M.D. directs the program, which is unique in its field. Every child treated is assigned his or her own core team that is called into action during the treatment process. This coordinated Cleft Team works side-by-side with the patient's own pediatrician or primary care physician to ensure a depth and breadth of treatment that is unparalleled in expertise and care.

This beautiful six-year-old from Afghanistan had her cleft lip and palate repaired through the program this summer. The second photo was taken five weeks after her surgery and the day before she returned home.



MARIA AGUILAR RETIRES

Maria Aguilar has retired after 30 years with the International Children's Program (ICP), 18 of them as its coordinator.

On August 30, her friends and colleagues here at LAOH



wished her well with a luncheon celebrating her passionate dedication to the program and its patients.

Since its founding, the ICP has treated more than 100,000 low-income and uninsured children from various countries, in cases that include hip relocations, spinal fusions, and the correction and treatment of club foot and congenital deformities.

HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES



Richard "Rich" Hondel has joined LAOH from Molina Healthcare, where he was Vice President of Human Resources for over 12 years. Rich's extensive background in healthcare also includes work for a number of acute care hospitals. Rich says he's extremely proud and honored to be a part of such a prestigious organization as LAOH, and that he welcomes the opportunity to

make his own contribution to its continued success. Welcome, Rich!

RESEARCH UPDATES

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: SUSAN KRUM, PH.D.



Estrogen is an important regulator of female development, and also plays a role in many other tissues, including the bone. Low circulating estrogen is an important risk factor for post-menopausal osteoporosis. The focus of the Krum Lab is to determine the molecular mechanism of how estrogen is protective of bone. Dr. Krum is using the latest technology to discover all the genes regulated by estrogen in bone cells. The long-term goal of the lab is to discover an estrogen-like molecule to treat

osteoporosis, without having effects in other tissues, such as causing breast cancer or cardiovascular problems.

Dr. Krum received her Ph.D. from UCLA in 2004. She then did her postdoctoral fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. Dr. Krum joined UCLA in 2008 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center at UCLA. Dr. Krum is currently funded by a **B**ridging **I**nterdisciplinary **R**esearch **C**areers in **W**omen's **H**ealth (BIRCWH) grant from the NIH and the UCLA/Orthopaedic Hospital Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

You can read more about our center and our research faculty at these sites:

- [Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital - Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center](#)
- [UCLA/Orthopaedic Hospital - Department of Orthopaedic Surgery](#)

FOUNDATION UPDATES

FOUNDATION EVENTS

Celebration Luncheon to Recognize Supporters

On September 29, 2010, Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital will hold a celebration luncheon to recognize supporters for their outstanding financial contribution to the hospital. Guests will be treated to a sneak preview of Centennial Celebration plans.

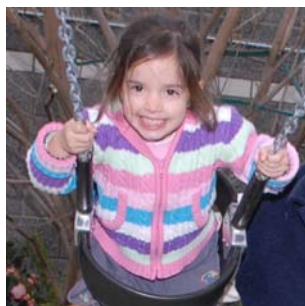
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR LAOH



Join us in spreading the good word about LAOH with pins and car stickers. These are non adhesive, peel off stickers that can be placed unobtrusively in your back window that don't leave marks when removed.

Call the Foundation at (213) 742-1500 to receive yours today!

SHARE YOUR UPDATES & PHOTOS--WIN A PRIZE



The eNews Updates share exciting news and stories with Friends of Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. Every time you share a story, you will be entered into a monthly raffle for a fun prize!

Whether you are a patient or family member who has experienced our care, a dedicated staff member, volunteer, or a devoted supporter, we want to hear from you to share your updates in future editions.

All submissions are subject to the discretion and edits of the editor including content, deadlines and format restrictions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Show your support for Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital and our wonderful support groups by attending the following events:

October 2, 2010

Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Play Club

Everychild Universally Accessible Playground, LAOH Downtown Campus

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Hosted by Las Ninas, these play days give children with disabilities the opportunity to play with their typically-abled peers, while giving their parents a chance to share experiences and advice with other parents/caregivers.

October 15, 2010

Las Madrecitas Annual Fall Fundraiser

Trump National Golf Course, Palos Verdes Peninsula

For more information contact Jane Long at (310) 544-0259.

October 19, 2010

La Canada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild Annual Book and Author Luncheon

Angeles National Golf Club, Sunland, California

For more information contact Joan Cleven at (818) 249-4603.

October 28, 2010

Bone Health Across the Lifespan

Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center, UCLA Campus



The Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center will host an evening reception and panel of experts on bone health throughout the lifespan. Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital physicians Deborah Kado, M.D., Deborah Krakow, M.D., Aurelia Nattiv, M.D. will be featured. For more information, call the Foundation Main Line at (213) 742-1503.

December 15, 2010

Annual Toy Party for Patients

Andrew Norman Hall, LAOH Downtown Campus

Look for more news to come! Lots of exciting opportunities for you to be involved.

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