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CPMC Heart and Vascular Center Welcome Reception on January 31, 2008

Please join us in welcoming the most recent additions to the CPMC Cardiovascular Team

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As they join Dr. Vincent Gaudiani
and all of the extraordinary members of
California Pacific Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Center

January 31, 2008
Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails
5-7PM

CPMC – Enright Room
2333 Buchanan Street
San Francisco

Validated Parking at 2405 Clay Street Garage Only

RSVP by January 23 to 415 600-5876 or CalitiJ@sutterhealth.org

Mark Your Calendars – April 10 -11, 2008 - McClelland Visiting Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine - A Symposium on Valvular Heart Disease

The next McClelland Visiting Professorship Program will take place during the dates of April 10-11, 2008. Our speakers include Dr. Robert Bonow, Goldberg Distinguished Professor, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Northwester Memorial Hospital; Co-Director, Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute and Dr. Tirone David, Chief of Cardiac Surgery, Toronto General Hospital; Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Topics to be covered during this event include:

- Aortic Valve Endocarditis and Prophylaxis
- Percutaneous Valve Strategies
- Mitral Valve Pathology and Disease Management
- Aortic Valve Disease Management / Is REPAIR Ready for “Prime Time”?
- **Special Nursing Event** – The Changing Face of the Patient with Valvular Heart Disease
- **Special Evening Event** at the St. Francis Yacht Club - Mitral Regurgitation - Patient Selection and Surgical Management

For more information and/or to register for this program please contact Paula Rowbury, Program Supervisor, via phone at 415 600-5896 or via e-mail at rowburp@sutterhealth.org

Last Call to Register for the SPHC 4th Annual Nursing Symposium Series – Cardiac Surgery in the 21st Century - Nip/Tuck/Beat!

The Sutter Pacific Heart Centers is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 4th annual Nursing Symposium on 2/6/08 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Registered Nurses who attend this program will receive 6.9 contact hours of BRN credit and 5.75 hours of ANCC credit. **Attention Radiology Technologists: This continuing education activity has been approved by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) for up to 5.5 Category A Continuing Education Credits.** The topics that will be addressed during this program are listed below.

- Aortic and Mitral Valve Surgery
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Cardiac Transplant
- Post Op Management of the Cardiac Surgical Patient
- Epicardial Pacemaker Wires: Common Problems and Use for Rhythm Diagnosis
- Walking the Fine Line - Case Studies in Interventional/ Cardiac Surgery

For more information about this program and/or to receive a copy of our program brochure, please contact Paula Rowbury, Program Supervisor, via telephone at 415 600-5896 or via e-mail at rowburp@sutterhealth.org.

Save the Date - St. Luke's Hospital 3rd Annual CHF Symposium - February 14, 2008

- February 14, 2008 - St. Luke's 3rd Annual CHF Symposium - “Diastolic Heart Failure”

For more information about this program, please contact Dr. Edward Kersh at 415 970-0135

Sutter Pacific Heart Centers Annual Physician Symposium Shows Optimistic & Favorable Trends

On October 27 & 28, 2007, the Sutter Pacific Heart Centers held its second annual physician symposium at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay. The focus of our program was "Current Topics in Cardiovascular Medicine: Translating State of the Art Diagnosis and Treatment into Clinical Practice". Our faculty, which consisted primarily of Sutter Health Physicians and three invited speakers, offered a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach on the following topics: Congestive Heart Failure, Cardiovascular Intervention, Electrophysiology and Prevention.

Our average overall program rating considering everything (as taken from our evaluation forms) ranged from 3.87 to 3.97 (with 4 being excellent). Below is a sample of the marks and comments received from our audience:

- Ø Very thought provoking with good basic science and clinical application
- Ø This is an area I know little about but is important in my patient population
- Ø Definitely will return, thank you for this learning opportunity mixed with fun and relaxation
- Ø I will recommend it to my Cardiac Physician peers

When comparing our programs in 2006 to 2007, there was a 21% overall increase in attendance, and our attendance by our target audience of primary care, internal medicine and family practice physicians and cardiologists almost doubled.

We are very optimistic about the positive attendance trends and the very favorable comments and marks received on our evaluation forms and we look forward to offering this program again in 2008.

CPMC Pulmonary Hypertension Center

We would like to give a warm welcome to Dr. Ramona Doyle, who joins the Pulmonary Hypertension Center at the CPMC-Pacific Campus with Dr. Noreen Henig and Dr. Ernest Haeusslein. Dr. Doyle was the Co-Director of the Vera M. Wall Center for Pulmonary Vascular Disease at Stanford University. During her 12 years on the faculty at Stanford, Dr. Doyle served as Director of the Fellowship Program in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical Director of the Lung and Heart-Lung Transplantation Program and led the Pulmonary Hypertension Service. Sheila McDonagh, RN, BSN, is the full time nurse coordinator who assists with all three physicians and can be reached at 415-600-6572.

The CPMC-Pacific Campus Pulmonary Hypertension Center provides pulmonary, cardiology, full diagnostic services, and a large array of therapeutic interventions. To refer a patient for an urgent consultation at the Pacific Campus, please call us at 415-600-1051.

CPMC to Participate in Two New Studies:

Yale Virgo Study - (Variation in Recovery: Role of Gender on Outcomes in Young AMI Patients)

Yale investigators have recently launched the \$9.7 million **VIRGO** study, a 4-year effort awarded by the National Institutes of Health to study young women with heart disease. Despite perceptions that young women are protected from heart disease, it is one of the leading causes of death in women 55 years and younger. Building on more than a decade of work studying sex differences in heart disease, this landmark multi-site study will enroll 2,000 young women and 1,000 men for comparison. As the largest, most comprehensive investigation of young women with heart attacks, VIRGO will identify key determinants of recovery and discover knowledge that will assist in improving care in this population.

The multidisciplinary research team from Yale University, in collaboration with California Pacific Medical Center Study Investigators, **Dr. Fiona Dulbecco and Evelyn Taverna, RN, MS, CNS**, will address questions ranging from genetics to clinical care and outcomes. For more information about VIRGO, email: virgo@yale.edu.

Impella Trial

CPMC will be one of the study sites for the Protect II study, a multicenter, prospective study to compare the outcomes of patients with LV dysfunction undergoing high risk elective percutaneous coronary intervention randomized to receive either the Impella device or intra-aortic balloon counterpulsation. The Impella device is a percutaneous left ventricular assist device which is placed in the left ventricle via the femoral artery. The device is designed to pump up to 2.5 liters of blood per minute using a miniaturized corkscrew pump positioned in the left ventricle. This device will permit temporary cardiac support during and after high risk percutaneous intervention in patients with either unprotected left main disease, single remaining vessel or multivessel coronary disease and poor LV function (an ejection fraction of less than 35%). **Dr. Peter Hui** is the principal site investigator for this study.

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to bring you up to date on the new features, programs and other newsworthy information from the cardiovascular programs at Marin General Hospital, Novato Community Hospital and California Pacific Medical Center (including St. Luke's). We welcome your input and any newsworthy content you may have for this publication.