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CPMC Provides opportunities to Help Your Patients Get Heart Healthy

For your patients, learning about heart disease - and the risks associated with it - is what February's American Heart Month is all about. In cooperation with CPMC's Community Health Resource Center, SPHC and CPMC is presenting several opportunities for your patients to learn the best ways to keep heart healthy. For more info, please direct your patients to the following website: <http://cpmc.org/services/cardiac>.

Marin General Hospital: Door to Dilation Times

MGH excelled in its door to dilation times in 2006 with an average of 58.76 minutes, surpassing its 2005 performance of 62.88 minutes and performing well within the national standard of 90 minutes. Recognition goes to its established process and the excellent teamwork between Cardiology, Cath lab, Emergency Department, and EMS.

Marin General Hospital: CHF Core Measures

MGH ended 2006 with scores in the top ten percentile on all four quality indicators for the CHF Core Measures. High performance resulted from increased awareness, system wide tracking, and collaborative efforts among physicians, nursing staff, and case management.

Marin General Hospital: Women and Heart Disease

This February MGH is committed to promoting awareness of *Women and Heart Disease* to its nursing staff and all hospital staff with special educational programs and a Brown Bag Lunch series. A multidisciplinary team of clinicians will share their expertise. The hospital "goes red" on February 14th when all staff are encouraged to wear red.

February's Heart Month Brings New Heart Team to CPMC

CPMC is pleased to introduce a new team of cardiac specialists whose goal is to provide the best outcomes and the best service in California - a team which fully embraces going "Beyond Medicine" in their treatment of patients:

Vincent A. Gaudiani, MD, Surgeon in Chief of CPMC's Heart Institute, has performed over 10,000 operations, focusing on valve repair and replacement and electrophysiologic surgery. He has a passionate interest in quality assurance in cardiac surgery.

Luis Castro, MD, Chief of Adult Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, has performed nearly 3000 surgeries and has particular interest in aortic root reconstruction. He is fluent in Spanish.

Conrad Vial, MD, Associate Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery, has spent the past 19 years at Stanford University and performs both cardiac and non-cardiac thoracic surgery. Dr. Vial is particularly interested in cardiac valvular disease and minimally invasive cardiothoracic surgery. He is fluent in Italian and Spanish.

Adam Harmon, MD, was Director of Cardiac Surgery for three years at Washington Township Hospital (Fremont) before joining Dr. Gaudiani's team. Dr. Harmon's areas of interest include Adult Cardiac Surgery and General Thoracic Surgery.

Ramin Beygui, MD, Director of the Heart Transplant Program, most recently served as Assistant Professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery at UCLA School of Medicine. His clinical areas of interest include: Aortic Aneurysm, Aortic Valve Surgery, Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery, Heart Transplant, Lung Transplant, Mitral Valve Surgery and Tricuspid Valve Surgery.

Mark Your Calendars - February 27, 2007 - SPHC 3rd Annual Nursing Symposium Series - Managing the Cardiovascular Emergency: Achieving Quality in the Midst of a Crisis

SPHC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Nursing Symposium on 2/27/07 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Registered Nurses who attend this program will receive 6 contact hours of BRN credit and 5 hours of ANCC credit. Radiologic Technologists who attend this program will receive up to 6 ASRT Category A Credits. The topics that will be addressed during this program are listed below.

- Acute Myocardial Infarction: The Amazing Race...Time is Muscle!
- Think "FAST" for Stroke
- The Silent Epidemic: Sudden Cardiac Death
- Acute Aortic Emergencies: Don't Try This at Home

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

Mark Your Calendars - Next McClelland Visiting Professorship Program: 04/25 - 04/27

The next McClelland Visiting Professorship Program will take place during the dates of April 25 - 27, 2007. We are very excited to have Drs. Donald Baim, Dean Kereiakes and William O'Neill who will be presenting a series of several lectures and case presentations over 2 1/2 days located at MGH and CPMC facilities, as well as offsite locations for our Special events. In addition, because of the outstanding caliber of our three visiting professors, we will be conducting a full day symposium on intervention; this very special event will be on Thurs, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at CPMC's Enright Room. The topics that will be addressed during this program are listed below.

- MGH Grand Rounds and Case Presentations - Offered at MGH Conference Center on Wed, 4/25/07 from 7:45 - 10:30 am - also - Via Live Teleconference to CPMC from 7:45 - 9:15 am
 - "Chronic Total Coronary Artery Occlusion"
 - "Status of Embolic Protective Devices"
 - "Anti-Platelet Therapy"
 - Case Presentations
- CPMC Cardiology Grand Rounds - Offered at CPMC on Wed, 4/25/07 from 12:00-1:00 pm
 - "Leading Edge Therapy of Acute MI"
 - "Regionalized Care of Acute MI"
- CPMC Cardiovascular Surgery Grand Rounds - Offered at CPMC on Fri, 4/27/07 from 8:00 - 9:00 am
 - "Percutaneous AVR, MV Repair"
- CPMC Cardiology Grand Rounds - Offered at CPMC on Fri, 4/27/07 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm
 - "Percutaneous Therapy for Structural Heart Disease (PFO, ASD, HOCM)"
- Special Nursing Event: "The Percutaneous Approach to Valvular Heart Disease - An Overview" - Offered at Fresca Restaurant on Wed, 4/25/07 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Registration Required
- INTERVENTIONAL SYMPOSIUM - Offered at CPMC on Thurs, 4/26/07 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm - Registration Required
 - "PCI vs. Surgery - Which Procedure for which Patient?"
 - "New Drug Eluting Stent Platforms"
 - Case Presentations by Local Physicians
 - "The Great Debate: Drug Eluting Stents Have Done Away with the Achilles Heel of Stenting (Restenosis) Vs. "Yes, But it May Have Been Replaced by the Sword of Damocles (Thrombosis)"
 - "Challenges in Stenting Complex Coronary Lesions"
 - "The Vulnerable Plaque - Identification and Proposed Solutions"
- Special Evening Event: "What do We Want Interventional Cardiology to Look Like in Five Years?" - Offered at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor on Thurs, 4/26/07 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm - Registration Required

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