



Newsletter



President's Message

Greetings to CARES Friends,



CARES Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon is coming soon on Wednesday, April 29th. Join us for lunch and our special speakers,

Dr. Inderbir Gill & Daniel Park, P.A.

It will also be our pleasure to honor the CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine, **Dr. Tamara N. Brown**, Chief, Department of Otolaryngology, as well as the Nurse of the Year (to be announced on April 27th). Watch your mail for the invitation.

Richard Miller from the California Dept. of Education visited the CARES Child & Family Program to complete its Contract Monitor Review. Congratulations to **Maritza Morales**, Director, CARES Child & Family Program, and to the Childcare Staff for their hard work. Mr. Miller gave them very high marks that resulted in the successful outcome of the review! **Mindy Halls**

CARES Celebrates "46 Years of Service"

Inderbir S. Gill, M.D., M.Ch., will be the keynote speaker for the CARES Annual Meeting. With the assistance of **Daniel Park, P.A.**, Dr. Gill will highlight some of the latest innovations in Robotic and Laparoscopic Surgery.

Dr. Gill joined USC in 2009 as Chairman & Professor of the Department of Urology. Prior to this, he was Chairman & Professor, Department of Urology at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, where he was on faculty for 12 years (1997-2009).

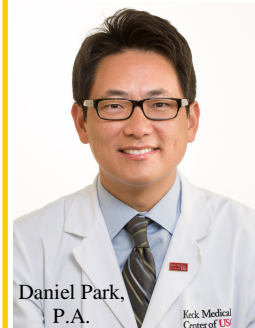
During his past 4 years at USC, USC urology has seen dramatic growth in scientific stature, clinical volumes and financial productivity. As a result, USC urology has progressed in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings from not being ranked in the 'Top 50' to No. 20 in 2014.

His academic track record includes over 551 peer-reviewed scientific papers, 10 textbooks and editorial boards of 9 urologic journals. Google ranks him the No.1 "Author in Urology." Funded by the NCI, he has been invited for over 450 visiting professorships, lectures and live surgery demonstrations world-wide. He has been elected to the prestigious American Association of Genito-Urinary

Surgeons (2003) and the Clinical Society of AAGUS (2009).

Dr. Gill has received many honors: The Dr. B. C. Roy National Award for Eminent Medical Person awarded by the President of India, the St. Paul's Medal by the British Urological Association (the highest honor that can be bestowed by the BAUS), named honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, served as President of the 24th World Congress of Endourology and SWL (organized in Cleveland one of the most successful world congresses to date, with more than 1700 attendees from 62 countries), the 2013 "USC Presidential Medallion" (the highest annual academic honor that USC can bestow from among the 40,000+ faculty/students from all 19 of USC's schools), listed among "Best Doctors in America," and his minimally invasive team has won over 35 best abstract awards at annual meetings of the AUA and other urologic societies over the past 5-7 years.

An acknowledged world leader in the field, he will show how his team is actively developing flexible robotics and innovative concepts leading toward scar-free surgery and real benefits to patients.



Daniel Park, P.A.

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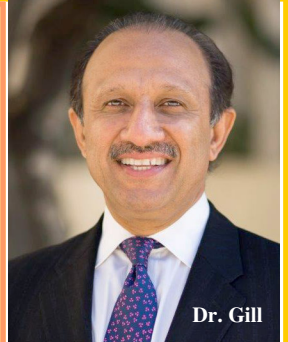
Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 10:00 a.m., The Valley Hunt Club

Inderbir Gill, M.D., M.Ch.

Chairman & Professor, Catherine & Joseph Aresty Department of Urology
Executive Director, USC Institute of Urology
Associate Dean (Clinical Innovation), Keck School of Medicine, USC

Daniel Park, P.A.

Director of Clinical Operations, USC Institute of Urology
"The Future is Now: Robotic and Clinical Urology"



Dr. Gill

Daniel Park, P.A., Director of Clinical Operations & Senior Physician Assistant, USC Institute of Urology - Keck Medical Center of USC, Keck School of Medicine, oversees the clinical activities of the department at Keck, the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and multiple satellite clinics in both Central and Southern California regions. With his 14 years of experience in inpatient and outpatient settings, in the multiple arenas of private practice, HMO, and a major academic medical center, he has been

able to build consensus across various teams and liaison for senior hospital administrators including the CEO, COO, and the Chairman of Urology. His other responsibilities include direct patient care, overseeing the duties of 9 other PAs and helping to coordinate care amongst the attending faculty members, fellows, researchers and residents. He created and directed the on-going monthly "Life after Prostate Cancer" patient seminar series that has increased patient satisfaction. He has his Master of Health Administration

from USC Price School of Public Policy.

He has served as a guest lecturer for the department since 2012 and will be presenting Robotic Surgery with Dr. Gill at the CARES Annual Meeting. His other interests include: helping Team 100 Long Beach to provide food/resources to the underprivileged, collaborating with medical professionals for disasters as a member of the Long Beach Community Emergency Response Team, acting as a rescue scuba diver, and volunteering as a medical missionary to Mexico and Cambodia from 1995 to the present.

Remembering Joan Carpenter

Recruited in February 1969 by Betty Ann Hibbard to be the treasurer of CARES, she was in charge of all CARES' financial transactions in the early years. Joan certainly was a beloved member of CARES and a financial wizard in those pre-computer days. Her handwriting is all over those meticulously kept Auxiliary journals, and she made every penny count. Even after she moved up north to the state of Washington, she continued to support CARES. Joan was the CARES Volunteer of the year in 1978. She will be missed.

In Memoriam

L. Patrick Brennan
Jacklyn Burchill
Joan Carpenter
Dr. Donald Petit



CARES & The Arts Council Bring Music to the Medical Center!



Lou Adler of the Monterey International Pop Festival Foundation has donated a brand new ebony Pearl River console piano for the Clinic Tower Lobby at the LAC+USC Medical Center. At any one time, there can easily be 100 or more patients and visitors in this lobby waiting for appointments, prescriptions and financial screening; so the lovely notes of the music will filter into the space, and will help to make their visit more pleasant.



Richard B. Brock, a retired Nursing Director and CARES Board member, premiered the piano for patients and visitors on March 17th. The impromptu concert delighted everyone in the lobby...some sang and even danced along to favorite songs, including a tune composed by Mr. Adler, "Wonderful World."

Mr. Adler has roots in Boyle Heights, so many many thanks to him for so generously giving back in this thoughtful way. 🎵

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Tamara N. Brown, M.D.
CARES 2015 Woman of the Year in Medicine

Dr. Tamara N. Brown was nominated for the distinguished CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine award by **Brad Spellberg, M.D., FIDSA FACP**, Chief Medical Officer, LAC+USC Medical Center, and to quote Dr. Spellberg: "I cannot think of anyone more deserving. Her commitment to our patients, campus, and colleagues is tremendous. The Keck School of Medicine of USC Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Chair, **Dr. John Niparko**, wholeheartedly agrees."



Because of her specialty in "Ear, Nose and Throat," she has treated many patients with facial fractures, deafness, oral cancer, and osteosarcoma.

This award is presented annually to the female physician who not only is knowledgeable and has excellent medical practicing skills, but is one who treats her patients with kindness, patience and respect. Dr. Brown's fluency in Spanish and experience in sign language assist her in treating her patients with understanding and compassion.

Perhaps her belief that good patient/physician communication is essential to quality patient care led her to become the Chair of EConsult for the Subspecialty Group Otolaryngology. She navigated the group while the Department of Health and Human Services created a much needed centralized referral system. Efficiently processed patient information is vital in the delivery of healthcare, so as the subject matter expert, she assisted in the creation of an electronic medical record system named ORCHID for the Medical Center (see description of ORCHID below). Also, she has

As the Chief of the Head and Neck Service since July of 2013, and Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology since August of 2012, Dr. Brown handles administrative affairs for the department as well as staffs hospital cases, both operative and non-operative at the LAC+USC Medical Center.


served on the surgical committee responsible for governing actions of surgical specialties at LAC+USC.

A look at her educational background reveals: In 2001, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology (area of concentration: Biopsychosocial Child Development) at Stanford; served as the student representative to the Core Advisory Committee (University of Pittsburgh) to collaborate with the academic dean and eight faculty members to design the mandatory World Geography Course for all "Semester at Sea" participants; in 2002 completed the University of California at San Francisco Medical Post Baccalaureate Program; in 2006 received her medical degree at Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program; and in 2011 completed Internship and Residency in Otolaryngology at USC.

Board certified in Otolaryngology, Dr. Brown is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and received a 2012 USC Teaching Award. When notified of the CARES Woman in Medicine award, Dr. Brown replied, "Wow!! I'm flattered!! It's funny to think that I'm now on this side of the street after going to Bravo Medical Magnet for high school!!"

Congratulations, Dr. Brown, on all your achievements!

Donations Needed:

 **New or gently used books for children or adults.**

 **Items for the CARES "Treasure Trove" Thrift Shop.**

 **Monetary donations can be made through PayPal on the CARES website: lacusccares.org (also check the website for more CARES photos!)**

healthy snacks/juices, and lunches conveniently close to the classrooms to support the learning process.

This portal has already been available since 3/1/15 to patients seen at many of the other DHS hospitals. These patients can now access their medical histories, lab test results and future appointments at: MyWellness.dhs.lacounty.gov.

The ORCHID implementation over the next year will improve the safety, effectiveness, patient centeredness, timeliness, efficiency and equity of patient care.




ORCHID is the new "Electronic Health Record Program" for the LAC+USC Medical Center and other DHS hospitals. A great feature of ORCHID is that it allows patients to view their electronic medical record securely and privately online. "MyWellness" Patient Portal will be opening on May 1st to the patients of the LAC+USC Medical Center. There will be mandatory ORCHID training for all Medical Center staff in the seven weeks leading up to May 1st. **CARES Gift Shop and Coffee Bar will be selling**

Valentine Mail Appeal 

Heartfelt thanks to the following generous supporters who have donated from 12/17/14 to 3/16/15:



This symbol  next to donor indicates donations made in memory of special persons. An * indicates donations made "in honor of."

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience if you would still like to donate to the CARES Valentine Mail Appeal. **Thank You!**

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
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