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Message from Tom Gagen, CEO

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On Monday, Oct. 13, we “broke sand” for the 242-bed Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center that will, for all intents and purposes, put all of Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento’s acute medical-surgical services under one roof. It was a celebration that included remarks from Sutter CEO Pat Fry and Regional Executive Officer Sarah Krevans; community leaders, including Mayor Heather Fargo; and two medical directors, Gregory Janos of the Children’s Center at SMCS and David Roberts, M.D., of the Sutter Heart and Vascular Institute.

Those services, as well as our women’s and birthing centers, will move from Sutter Memorial Hospital by the end of 2011 to the new Women’s and Children’s Center and a vastly remodeled Sutter General Hospital, which will be called the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion. They will be connected seamlessly by a three-story spanning structure above L Street, and together they will form the new Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

Dr. Janos spoke last, and he drew the biggest cheers from the speakers as he announced: “As we break the sand today for the beginning of construction of the Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center, I want to say one thing to all of my colleagues at Sutter Memorial Hospital – yes, it **really is** happening!”

However, the biggest cheers were saved for the stars of the event – more than a dozen children who were either born or treated at Sutter Memorial Hospital. After being announced by our master of ceremonies, actor and comedian Jack Gallagher, they dug into a giant sandbox to the cheers of the few hundred people present.

About half of those children were from the Fred Anderson-David Lucchetti family, which donated \$18 million toward the construction of the new acute-care facility. All of them were born at Sutter Memorial. Also digging in were the Khamsa quadruplets, who became overnight international stars when they beat the 1-in-11-million odds to be one of the handful of natural, surviving identical quads in the world. They, too, were born at Sutter Memorial, with extended stays in the NICU.

Then there were 8-year-old heart patient Hannah Mascrenas, who received a pacemaker three years ago, and 10-year-old oncology patient Austin Perkins, who had a muscle cancer in his left eye that has since been removed. Wearing an eye patch, Austin was all smiles as he dug away in the sand with Drs. Roberts and Janos. I am including a photo of this scene, as it was a special moment in this very historic occasion for SMCS.

It is for these children, and the mothers who bear them, that we are building the Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center. When both it and the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion are completed in three years, you will be hard-pressed to find a better comprehensive medical center in the nation. That assertion is as much a testament to our excellent medical staff and clinicians as it is to the men and women who are involved in its design and construction. Thank you for your part in making this Sutter dream become a reality.



Heart patient Hannah Mascrenas, 8, second from right, gets a little help from Dr. Gregory Janos while Dr. David Roberts and oncology patient Austin Perkins, 10, dig into the sand during the groundbreaking of the Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center on Oct. 13. Also digging in are, from left in the back, Sutter Health CEO Pat Fry, SMCS CEO Tom Gagen, Sutter Regional Executive Officer Sarah Krevans and Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo.

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Physician Satisfaction Surveys

Don't forget to complete your Physician Satisfaction Survey. After you complete your survey, contact Grange Fife or visit the Medical Staff Office at Sutter General Hospital to be entered to win a \$100 Biba restaurant gift certificate; there will be five winners. Every physician who completes the survey will receive a car wash gift certificate. For more information, call Medical Staff Services at (916) 733-3097 or e-mail Grange Fife at fifek@sutterhealth.org.

Pharmacy and Therapeutic Review Team Formulary Changes – 2008

Date	Action	Generic Name	Trade Name
03/21/08	Addition	Memantine	Namenda®
03/21/08	Addition	Fish Oil	
03/21/08	Addition	Rivastigmine	Exelon®
03/21/08	Addition	AquADEKS Softgel & Pediatric Liquid	
03/21/08	Deletion	Adeks tablets & liquid Vitamax tablets & liquid	
03/21/08	Not Approved for Addition	Fondaparinux	Arixtra®
03/21/08	Not Approved for Addition – Auto-substitute immediate release	Carvedilol	Coreg CR®
05/30/08	Addition	Aztreonam	Azactam®
05/30/08	Addition	Aliskiren	Tekturna®
05/30/08	Addition	Fluticasone/Salmeterol Inhalation	Advair HFA®
05/30/08	Addition	Formoterol/budesonide Inhalation	Symbicort®
05/30/08	Not Approved for Addition	Rosuvastatin	Crestor®
07/18/08	Not Approved for Addition	Arformoterol tartrate inhalation solution	Brovana®

Use of Tamper-Resistant Outpatient Prescription Forms is Expanded

Starting this month, in order for Medicaid outpatient drugs to be reimbursable by the federal government, all written, non-electronic prescriptions must contain at least three tamper-resistant features, one from each of the three baseline characteristics outlined in guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This is the second and final phase of implementation of the tamper-resistant prescription policy. The baseline characteristics must: (1) prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form; (2) prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber; or (3) prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

To ensure you understand the requirements, you can access several Web sites for information, including: www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/30_GovtInfo.asp#TopOfPage and www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/rph_fact_sheet.pdf.

The current California tamper-evident prescription forms for Controlled Substances meet the federal Medicaid criteria for all prescriptions (controlled and non-controlled). For more information specific to California, see www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/rxform_look.pdf