



ROBIN DEA, MD Psychiatry Redwood City

Dr. Dea is respected and admired for her abilities as a leader and a program developer. In her dual roles as Chair of the Chiefs of Psychiatry and Regional Director of Mental Health Services, she has overseen the development and implementation of a model of mental health care that is the envy of any health care delivery service in the country. She has also been a tireless advocate for our transgender members. These members often face significant societal and cultural barriers to getting needed medical and mental health care. Known throughout the Region for her clinical expertise in working with transgender patients, she has played a major role in developing appropriate clinical services for them.



MICHELE KNOX, MD Ophthalmology Redwood City

Dr. Knox has made numerous valuable contributions to Redwood City. In addition to being an outstanding ophthalmologist who provides compassionate and high quality care to our members, she is also our Chief of Member Service. Under her leadership, her colleagues and the staff at Redwood City have made the concept of superior service our mantra. She has also played a critical role in supporting newly hired physicians through her work implementing the "Pathways to Shareholder" program. This innovative program helps to support and acculturate newly hired physicians, as they begin their careers with TPMG. Outside of her practice and her leadership roles, she completed her first Olympic distance triathlon in June 2004, and participates in bicycle rides to support multiple sclerosis.

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TODD LASMAN, MD Pulmonology Redwood City

Dr. Lasman spends most of his clinical time in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), treating our most critically ill patients. As the cases he sees in the ICU have become more and more acute over the years, he has risen to the challenge, taking full advantage of technological developments to improve the care he can provide. He enjoys the unique combination of science, technology and people in his practice, and takes great satisfaction in seeing someone who has been critically ill return a few weeks later to say hello. His colleagues widely admire him for his compassion, dedication, sense of humor, and willingness to pitch in and help them when needed.



STEPHEN NUTIK, MD Neurosurgery Redwood City

Dr. Nutik joined the Redwood City Neurosurgery Department in 1979 and has served as the Chief of the Department for over 20 years. Early in his practice, he developed specialized neurosurgical services for patients with skull base tumors throughout the Northern California region. His dedication to developing the quality of neurosurgical care at Kaiser Permanente has been an inspiration to all who know him. A member of the clinical faculty at UC San Francisco and Stanford University, he has taught residents visiting from Stanford University, and always offers his expertise and support to his colleagues for challenging cases. Dr. Nutik demonstrates his love of neurosurgery and his devotion to his patients every day. His integrity, attention to detail, and skills have gained him a reputation as a superb neurosurgeon not only within the neurosurgical community but in the greater medical community as well.

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JEROME STEFANKO, MD

Surgery
Redwood City

Dr. Stefanko is one of the most admired physicians at Redwood City. Respected for the intense dedication he brings to all of his work, he consistently extends himself to his patients and colleagues, and always does so with respect and humility. He performs general surgery, and has special expertise in complex surgical oncology. To say he goes above and beyond in his care of patients only begins to capture his commitment as a surgeon. Incredibly hard working and devoted, he embodies the qualities of the physician as humanist.



ELLEN SULLIVAN, MD Internal Medicine Redwood City

Dr. Sullivan's superb clinical work is only equaled by her passion for taking on administrative challenges to improve the department, the facility, and patient care. A fine diagnostician, she manages extremely complex cases, all the while enjoying warm relations with her patients and keeping them well and happy. She works patiently and tirelessly to improve efficiency and service in the facility, improving our compliance with Medicare requirements through teaching, disseminating information, and even personally reviewing stacks and stacks of charts. As Assistant Chief of Medicine, she notices what aspects of day to day operations need to be improved and then works effectively with colleagues, nurses, physician assistants, and administrative staff alike to bring about those improvements.