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If there's a way for technology to improve patient care, Irene Chen, MD, will help find it, implement it, and make it work.

As Santa Clara's chief technology guru, Dr. Chen has been passionate about helping her colleagues use technology in the most effective way possible. She helped them master KP HealthConnect, Kaiser Permanente's electronic health record system, and numerous other technologies such as the innovative Video Visit. Her use of technology to integrate medical departments with lab and pharmacy services has resulted in improved quality, efficiency, and service.

"Dr. Chen is an inspirational leader who has shepherded a multitude of projects with great aplomb," says Susan Smarr, MD, Physician-in-Chief, Santa Clara. "Her trailblazing efforts have helped position KP as a major landmark on the 'leveraging technology' map."

“ Dr. Chen brings vision and meticulous planning to the rollout of complex technology upgrades, pilots, and programs. ”

– Susan Smarr, MD, Physician-in-Chief