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In many respects, South Sacramento's general surgery department and I came of age together. I was there when the department started in 1984 and have been its chief ever since.

I'm passionate about adopting the most advanced surgical techniques that make procedures more effective, safer, and easier on our patients. I'm equally committed to enhancing the efficiency of our operating rooms and am proud to say that our ORs have become a model for Kaiser Permanente in Northern California.

Of course, it's the people who make any department shine, and I've had the pleasure of building our department from two surgeons to ten. It's been extremely important to me to recruit surgical subspecialists in areas such as complex abdominal aortic aneurysms, colorectal cancer, and oncology. Such a varied array of talented surgeons means we can care for members with even the most complex conditions right in their local medical center.

My enthusiasm for leading this outstanding department is as great today as it was 23 years ago.



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## 2007 Cecil Cutting, MD LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ryan Cox, MD, is the first and only Chief of South Sacramento's General Surgery Department, and that suits everyone just fine.

He joined TPMG in 1984, before the hospital was even built, and has made a major impact ever since. A pioneer of innovative surgical treatments, Dr. Cox introduced sentinel lymph node biopsy techniques and advanced laparoscopic surgery to the hospital. He also initiated an endovascular surgical functionality.

His leadership skills have helped the department achieve outstanding results in access, service, and cost-effectiveness. His operating rooms consistently lead the region in quality and member satisfaction ratings, and have become a model for other surgery departments.

