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It's a bit daunting to be called a "founding father," but I'm happy to accept the title especially when it refers to my work on behalf of the contemporary Hayward and Fremont Medical Centers.

The great benefit of opening new facilities is they expand and enhance care and service to our members. So it was an honor in 2001 when I was asked to help co-lead the effort to certify and open our modern hospital at the Fremont Medical Center. Later, I also helped us get Fremont's Ambulatory Surgery Unit opened and am now part of a terrific team working on the Hayward Hospital Replacement and several Fremont Service Expansion Projects.

As a surgeon with an active bariatric surgical practice and Chair of the Chiefs of surgery for Northern California, I deeply appreciate how our facilities enable us to provide new services that are of great benefit to our members.

I'm proud to be in on the ground floor of opening new facilities and launching new services that are all about caring for our members.



"IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE IN."

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Lawrence Dennen, MD, has had an enormous influence in the GSAA. A year after joining TPMG in 1992, Dr. Dennen became Chief of Surgery in Fremont, where his leadership yielded major improvements in overall performance.

His desire to increase the quality of care has led to service on the Critical Care Committee, the Adult Primary Care Team, the Mammogram Outreach Project, and the Breast Cancer Task Force.

In addition to serving as the Chair of the Chiefs of Surgery, he became an Assistant PIC in 2001, where he co-led the effort to certify and open the Fremont hospital. He was selected as Associate PIC in 2005 and was the physician co-lead for both the Hayward hospital replacement and Fremont expansion projects.

