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I became a doctor to care for children, but it has been a privilege to have had a leadership role that's allowed me to extend that care to so many others.

While I was Chief of Pediatrics at the South San Francisco Medical Center, our medical center became one of three to lead the region in childhood immunizations and in caring for children with asthma. We also became an important site for vaccine research.

Patient safety is also a strong interest of mine, so I welcomed the opportunity to help in developing a system that ensures patients sent home from the hospital have a clear understanding of their medications in order to prevent harmful mistakes.

Our organization's commitment to "do the right thing" for patients inspired me to become involved in teaching physicians to communicate more openly with patients and their families in difficult situations, in order to resolve issues and help set things right again.

I thoroughly enjoy my pediatric practice and my experience as a physician leader in the Medical Group.

"IT'S AN HONOR TO BE TRUSTED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP."

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PEDIATRICS, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

2007 Cecil Cutting, MD LEADERSHIP AWARD

Annette Finkel, MD, has left an indelible mark on KP South San Francisco.

During her tenure as Chief of Pediatrics, the medical center became a regional leader in childhood immunization rates and vaccine research. As APIC, she spearheaded initiatives linking members with primary care physicians.

As the APIC for Human Resources, she organized orientation programs and helped guide professional development for new physicians. As APIC for Risk, Dr. Finkel helped educate physicians on conducting delicate 'adverse outcome' conversations and also formed a round-the-clock situation management team for physicians, patients, and families.

She also helped develop a medication reconciliation system, making South San Francisco a regional leader in this major patient safety initiative.

