

JAMES HINE, MD

Former Chief of Ophthalmology, North Valley

As chief, you must have vision, a passion for our patients, and care deeply about those you lead.

I'm so fortunate to be surrounded by physicians and staff who share my vision to treat our patients as if they were members of our own families.

We've established our own Eye Services call center to make sure our patients see the provider they want, when they want. We have our own advice nurses to take calls to reassure our patients that things are either OK or need attention.

I'm especially proud to have recruited and hired a superb group of subspecialists in ophthalmology. These are the type of subspecialists usually found only at the largest medical centers and academic institutions, so it's a real service to our members to have them with us.

I've just retired as chief after 22 years. I'm delighted to now be spending all my time caring for my patients as though they were my family and friends, and in a very real sense, they are.



"I BELIEVE IN GIVING PEOPLE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED."

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2007 Cecil Cutting, MD

LEADERSHIP AWARD

James Hine, MD, embodies virtually all the traits of a successful leader: he's innovative, supportive and ready for anything.

By generating trust, communicating clearly and fostering innovation, he was able to build his department from six to twenty-five physicians, and from one to five geographically diverse facilities throughout the North Valley; all while keeping everyone focused on patient-friendly service, access and quality care.

Dr. Hine also was the first TPMG Chief in the North Valley to hire subspecialists in Ophthalmology.

After 22 years of building the most comprehensive Ophthalmology Department – with the most eye subspecialists – in the KP system, Dr. Hine retired as chief in 2007, leaving a legacy of innovation and success and a foundation for the future.

