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Opening the Antioch Medical Center is the culmination of my career.

I am most proud of being part of the group that helped design, build, and open the medical center, and I'm proud of how closely we worked together.

When we designed the hospital, we consulted physicians, nurses, and staff on a wide variety of issues, such as how to make the patient rooms more friendly, how to make the operating rooms work better for surgeons, and how to improve patient flow.

I am happy to say that the final design is open and bright, and promotes healing.

I still work the night shift in the emergency department; it's there that we see life up close and personal. This clinical experience has shaped me as a leader, and as a person. But I also have to create a long-range vision of the best way to serve our patients, and our medical and administrative staff. I keep looking for ways to create a better model for the delivery of health care, and for a way we can all contribute to that goal.

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## 2008 Cecil Cutting, MD LEADERSHIP AWARD

A few years ago, KP needed a leader for a new hospital in Antioch – someone who could develop the project, build broad support, and make the vision a reality.

The choice was easy: Dale Poppert, MD. Today, the Antioch Medical Center is a technological and architectural marvel. Offering both in-patient and out-patient care, the facility provides ophthalmology, urology, and orthopedic services, with eleven state-of-the-art operating rooms. And Antioch is the first hospital to open with KP HealthConnect fully operational from day one.

A believer in staying close to the front-line to understand the issues of physicians, patients and staff, Dr. Poppert still works the night shift in the emergency room.

