

DOUG GREY, MD

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2002 Sidney R. Garfield, MD EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Co-founded by Doug Grey, MD, in 1993, Operation Access provides free outpatient surgeries and specialty consultation for children and adults who are ineligible for publicly sponsored programs and cannot afford private health insurance.

Dr. Grey helped create the program because of a desire to use his surgical skills to help people in need right here in the Bay Area. "Volunteering is part of life, its part of my reason for being," he explains.

Currently, 23 hospitals in Northern California participate in the program. In 2009 the group will perform surgical procedures and consultations for over 1,100 underserved, uninsured patients.

Thanks to Dr. Grey and co-founder Bill Schecter, MD, the Operation Access program includes more than 550 volunteer surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and medical technicians.

