

Milestones In Medicine



Spring is a time of change, a time of growth, and at Eisenhower Medical Center, we are growing. In January, the magnificent new Eisenhower George and Julia Argyros Health Center in La Quinta was dedicated, and in February, the first patients were seen. Now, Eisenhower stands ready to serve the city of La Quinta and the neighboring communities.

Work continues apace on the new Eisenhower Walter and Leonore Annenberg Pavilion, and the progress is apparent at every glance. As the Annenberg Pavilion emerges in all of its glory, I could not, simply stated, be more proud.

In this issue of Healthy Living, Eisenhower notes a number of other milestones in medicine. On January 20, 2010, Eisenhower Gynecologist Enrique Jacome, MD celebrated his 100th daVinci Surgical System robotic surgery. Enhancing a surgeon's innate ability, the powerful daVinci® S HD™ Surgical System, the newest generation of robotic surgical technology, permits surgeons to perform traditionally invasive surgeries with a modicum of trauma.

This Healthy Living also highlights other bold new medical technologies at Eisenhower. In the "Center of Excellence" column, we describe four revolutionary technologies that enable Eisenhower's elite team of Neurosurgeons to perform a variety of minimally invasive brain surgeries. In this issue, Healthy Living also features Eisenhower Cardiologists and Cardiothoracic Surgeons utilizing state-of-the-art imaging to treat mitral valve disease and other cardiac conditions with the new Philips Live 3D Transesophageal Echo. You will also read about Eisenhower's Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon David Friscia, MD, who is one of only a few surgeons in Southern California performing a total ankle replacement utilizing the new, highly advanced Wright Medical Technology, Inc. INBONE™ Total Ankle Replacement System.

Healthy Living's theme, this issue, spotlights cancer. In our cover story, Sherry Kovas shares her undaunted spirit of strength, positivism and philanthropy throughout her struggle with breast cancer. In addition, for the first time, Healthy Living's feature focuses on America's most prevalent cancer — skin cancer.

Wishing you a season of good health — and a spring to remember,

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