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Stanford Hospital & Clinics is recognized as one of the preeminent hospitals in the country, where inspiration, innovation and knowledge are uniquely combined for the benefit of our patients.

In this monthly newsletter, we feature the extraordinary people whose accomplishments and dedication change lives every day.

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A Powerful Weapon Against Difficult Cancer



Marsha Badagliacca was 61 and had never smoked, but now had cancerous tumors in both lungs. For five years, one new chemotherapy drug after another kept Badagliacca going, yet the tumors always came back. The CyberKnife, however, Badagliacca said, "gave me a whole new option for fighting the cancer and surviving it." [Read full article...](#)

Mapping A Moving Target

With the look of an overblown toy, the CyberKnife is no knife at all, except in effect. Its tool is radiation, one of the basics of cancer treatment since the 1920's. The CyberKnife's special power is how it puts the radiation into the body. [Read full article...](#)



Q&A with Kai Kuo, Operations Manager, CyberKnife

Kai Kuo has been in health care management for almost six years. Kai began his career with the Stanford Health Information Management Systems Department, assigned to the Cancer Registry. In June 2008 Kai returned to Stanford to become operations manager of the CyberKnife program. [Read Q&A...](#)



Drive-Through Pandemic Exercise Was First in Nation



On June 12, 2009, Stanford Hospital tested something that might one day be the standard for how all hospitals respond when thousands might need care at the height of pandemic—a car drive-through triage and care system to keep people from infecting each other and to care for them as quickly and efficiently as possible. “We know this way is more cost efficient and safer,” said Eric Weiss, MD, Medical Director for both Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. “This doesn’t take any more staff that would be required to see patients in the emergency department.”

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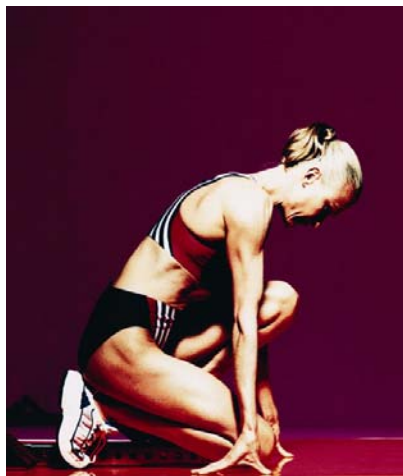
Life Flight Rescue Team Prepares for Unexpected Cases



Twice a year, the nurses who are part of Stanford Hospital & Clinics’ Life Flight helicopter rescue team report for a hands-on refresher in the advanced-skills lab. They practice doing procedures to open emergency airways on pig models, and get the feel of how to treat third-degree burns by making incisions on a block of latex tissue covered with brown suede.

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2009 Summer National Senior Games to be Hosted by Stanford in August!



Stanford Hospital & Clinics, and our new [Stanford Medicine Outpatient Center](#) in Redwood City, is a proud sponsor of the 2009 Summer National Senior Games, August 1 to 15 at Stanford University and the San Francisco Bay Area – one of the world’s largest festival sporting events. In addition to providing medical care at sports venues, we will also present lectures and activities on health and peak performance that are free and open to the public. Urgent care for visitors will be provided by nearby Menlo Medical Clinic.

10,000 athletes ages 50 and over will compete in 25 Olympic and traditional sports. 30,000 visitors from across the United States will attend and watch. Join us as we celebrate health and fitness and cheer these inspiring men and women to personal victory! Visit stanfordhospital.org/seniorgames for information on lectures, activities, and more!

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