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### Welcome to Discover

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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### SHC Events

[40<sup>th</sup> Heart Transplant Anniversary](#)  
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[Stress, Support & Breast Cancer](#)  
Wednesday, October 29

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Sunday, November 2

[Critical Care Nursing Symposium](#)  
November 6 and 7

[Stanford Health Library Lectures](#)  
September – December 2008

[BeWell Health Risk Assessment](#)  
Daily thru December 2008

## IN FOCUS: Radiology & Imaging

### Seeing Disease Sooner – and Stopping It Quickly



Before Michelle Philips found radiologist Dr. Daniel Sze at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, her options were few. "We were told over and over that there was nothing that anyone could recommend that had any chance of getting rid of the tumors in my liver," Philips said. But Sze offered Philips a chance at a cutting-edge procedure available at fewer than 100 U.S. hospitals. Philips is an example of the leading edge of imaging knowledge.

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### Stanford Radiology: Focused on the Future

At Stanford Hospital & Clinics, physicians and patients are in an environment focused on the future of imaging. Dr. Gary Glazer, chair of the Radiology department at Stanford University, oversees some 200 scientists and research staff who want to see their ideas expressed in clinical medicine. What they all seek to do is overcome the boundary of skin, muscle and bone that, for centuries, made the interior of the human body a mystery. Understanding disease through dissection after death did little to advance knowledge. The modern age of imaging did not begin until 1895, with the discovery of x-rays' ability to "see inside the body."

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### Surgeon Sherry Wren Spends Summers in Africa with Doctors Without Borders



Surgeon Sherry Wren, a specialist in gastrointestinal cancer surgery as well as a general surgeon at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, recently spent her third summer in Africa with Doctors Without Borders, an international medical humanitarian organization that helps people in some 60 countries. Assigned to Rutshuru hospital in North Kivu province, near the Rwandan border, Wren spent four weeks doing caesarean sections, skin grafts, amputations and orthopedic surgeries-many without benefit of high-tech instruments and resources available in the United States.

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## Visa Lottery Enables Kenyan to Join the Stanford Hospital Team



After waiting three years to hear about the status of her U.S. visa, Jane Thoronjo was no longer holding her breath. The 36-year old clinical assistant in Stanford Hospital's Dermatology Clinic had almost forgotten about it. "It was always my dream as a young girl to come to the U.S.," Thoronjo says. "When jumbo jets flew over my house, I would think, 'How does it feel to fly to other countries?' And I would think, 'One day I'm going to get into one of those airplanes.'"

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## Surgeons Work to Help Bring 'Dead' Bone Back to Life



When a patient loses bone mass to an infection or traumatic injury, his orthopedic surgeon often struggles to find replacement tissue to repair the damage.

Orthopedic surgeon Stuart Goodman, MD, PhD, who does more than 300 total hip and knee replacements per year at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, nods at researcher Zhinong Huang, MD, PhD, who is pioneering studies in allograft tissue that some day may help to speed the healing process for those undergoing orthopedic surgery.

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## Volunteer "Star"



Helen Fung is an integral part of Interpreter Services at Stanford Hospital & Clinics where she has been volunteering for many years. Helen speaks several languages, including Cantonese, Mandarin and Tagalog, and as the Language Bank Chair she is devoted to doing quality work. Helen helps patients find their way through the Medical Center, assists staff with translation needs and contributes to various community outreach events. "Helen always has a smile, is tireless when it comes to going the extra mile to help people and always finds a way solve obstacles," says Monique Alfaro, Director of Interpreter Services. "Helen is cheerful and enthusiastic in all she does, and along with those beautiful dahlias she brings in to the office from her home garden, Helen makes her environment a beautiful place to be. Our office is fortunate to have her as she is a role model of someone who demonstrates Excellence in Service," says Alfaro. Helen Fung is certainly a star!

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## SHC In The News

### [Success Rate Rising of Transplants Using Donor Tissues](#)

Dr. Gordon Lee, plastic surgeon and director of microsurgery at Stanford Hospital, provides insight in this recent LA Times story about the rising Success of external transplants

### [Stanford Athletes Undergo Extensive Heart Screening](#)

Stanford Hospital doctors collaborate with Stanford University's Athletics department to perform screenings for cardiac ailments for hundreds of Athletes

### [Children Sound the Shofar to Announce Jewish New Year](#)

Stanford University Medical Center's Jewish Chaplaincy program gathers patients, staff and community members for a Rosh Hashana ceremony Stanford Hospital's atrium

### [Stanford's Proposed Hospitals Expansion is Worth Supporting](#)

In this guest opinion Walt Hays, a resident of Palo Alto for more than 30 years, explains why he thinks the Hospital Renewal project is a good Idea for Palo Altans.

### [In The Spotlight – Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, M.D.](#)

Dr. Hoffman discusses the Department of Radiology's push toward minimally invasive molecular image guided interventions.

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