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

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Hospitals Well-Prepared if H1N1 Flu Cases Arise

Stanford Hospital & Clinics and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital have activated their comprehensive pandemic response plan and are fully prepared to handle any local cases of H1N1 influenza that require hospitalization. The new virus has triggered an intense hum of activity at the two hospitals. Lab technicians are running extra flu-screening tests, pharmacists are taking inventory of antiviral drugs, and the occupational health department is making sure every health-care provider who works directly with patients has been fit-tested for a respirator mask. [Read full article...](#)



IN FOCUS: Saving Your Skin

Saving Your Skin – And Your Life



Fair-skinned, fair-haired Robert Mansell grew up in Australia, where sunshine is plentiful. He spent much of his youth outside, for as many hours as there was daylight. That's what kids like him did in the ranching and farming community where he was raised. There was work to be done. Clad in shorts, boots, and a hat, but often shirtless, Mansell didn't ignore the idea of protecting his skin. [Read full article...](#)

Skin Cancer Free Lecture & Screening

Free Lecture

Hayes Gladstone, MD, and Susan Swetter, MD, will give a free talk about skin cancer, skin protection and skin rejuvenation at 6:30 pm, May 13.

Free Screening

Stanford Hospital & Clinics hosts its annual free skin check clinic from 9 am to noon, May 16. [Read full article...](#)



Shadow a Nurse during Nurses Week - Get a Glimpse of the Passion



5:07 p.m.: The call comes in, and within seconds Rick Greenawalt, RN, is wheeling a patient out of room 5 in Stanford Hospital's Emergency Department, to make room for an incoming trauma case. "Bicycle versus delivery van," Greenawalt explains as the team of residents and attending physicians assembles. The patient is 97 out of a possible 99 on the triage decision tree—an impact injury with neck and back pain. And, no, he wasn't wearing a helmet. [Read full article...](#)

HOME Sweet Home - Housing of Medical Emergencies Assists Patients



When Recharad Lewis received a donor kidney from his mother, Tangie Wilson, in mid-December, he and his family knew that they would need lots of trips back to Stanford Hospital & Clinics for follow-up care. The trouble was a two-hour ride each way from Vacaville, and Recharad needed to be at the Hospital for blood work two or three times each week. [Read full article...](#)

Stanford Hospital & Clinics One of First in U.S. to Require Gold-standard Checklist



Before John Morton, MD—or any other of his fellow surgeons—so much as touched a scalpel Monday at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, they verbally reviewed and completed a new surgical checklist that puts the Hospital at the leading edge of a new gold-standard patient safety measure. Although it has mandated an extensive checklist procedure for several years, the Hospital is one of the first in the U.S. to permanently incorporate, in all 40 of its operating rooms, the use of the new, enhanced checklist recommended by the World Health Organization. [Read full article...](#)

Saying the Right Thing - Stanford Hospital & Clinics Medical Translators



"Can you hear me okay?"

From her seat at the back of the hospital classroom, interpreter Amanda Pease whispered Spanish, into a tiny handheld microphone. At a conference table a dozen yards away, a young Hispanic man turned in her direction and nodded yes, one finger tapping the ear bud of his receiver. [Read full article....](#)

Volunteer of the Year



One of the first things a visitor to Sue Passailaigue's Mountain View condo will see is a lap-sized slate blackboard hung on the wall. The words "Home Sweet Home" cross the board in soft chalk curves. A few years ago, this place was Passailaigue's home. She'd been a Palo Alto police officer for 20 years and retired in 1997. Passailaigue, however, is not a good couch potato.

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Heart and Vascular Center Earns Recognition



The Stanford Heart and Vascular Center, long known as a pioneer in clinical care, has been recognized in a nationwide physician survey, as one of the top centers in the U.S. for treatment of difficult heart conditions. When asked where they were most likely to send patients with extremely difficult cases of heart conditions, the surveyed doctors ranked Stanford Hospital & Clinics as one of the top nine hospitals in the nation. [Read full article....](#)

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