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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.

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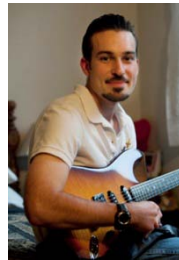
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[SJ Mercury](#) – Stanford Hospital Receives Top Designation

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IN FOCUS: Beyond Medical Basics

Hospital Social Workers Blend Compassion and Counseling



Jim Carrigan was in shock. His son Andrew was lying comatose at Stanford Hospital, bones broken up and down the left side of his body. Before the Carrigans arrived at Stanford to be with Andrew, hospital social worker Tim Chamberlain had phoned them, ready to help them cope not only with the emotional impact of what had happened but with practical issues as well. [Read full article.](#)

Pictures of Health: Art Program Lets Patients Visualize Getting Well



"I've never been into art that much," Erica Arcia said on a recent morning. "That's why I love the program so much - it brings out a lot of things in yourself that you don't think you have." Arcia was talking about Art for Health, a donor-funded program that is part of Guest Services at Stanford Hospital & Clinics. [Read full article.](#)

Notes From the Doc Talks



Presented by the Stanford Health Library, Notes from the Doc Talks is a summary of recent community lectures by Stanford physicians, faculty and medical staff. Recent lectures include Understanding Atrial Fibrillation, Cancer in the Family and Lifestyle and Safety Management. [Read more.](#)

Cross-Country Kidney Chain Beats Transplant Barriers



When surgeons at Stanford Hospital removed a healthy kidney from Yvette Aziz the morning of Oct. 6, and, that same afternoon transplanted a stranger's kidney into her husband, Fred, the procedures were part of an extraordinary cross-country chain of linked kidney donations involving 16 patients and eight kidney transplants at five hospitals over seven days. [Read full article.](#)

Hospital's Pneumatic Tube System is Medical Care Superhighway



Seven thousand times a day, in four miles of tubing laced efficiently behind walls from basement to rooftop, a pneumatic tube system shuttles foot-long containers carrying everything from blood to medication. In a hospital the size of Stanford, where a quarter-mile's distance might separate a tissue specimen from its destination lab, making good time means better medicine. [Read full article.](#)

Memorable Patients: Samuel LeBaron on the Value of a Hug



LeBaron, MD, PhD, emeritus professor and former director of Stanford's Center for Education in Family and Community Medicine, continues to have an active practice at the medical center. When LeBaron recently recounted one of his stories, about a patient who survived a life-threatening illness, he choked on some of the words. But he continued to tell it because he wanted to share the lesson it had taught him. [Read full article.](#)

Hospital Relocates Health Information Management Services (HIMS) to Outpatient Center



Stanford Hospital & Clinics is moving the Health Information Management Services (HIMS) Department out of the main hospital to the Outpatient Center in Redwood City. This relocation is planned for January 15, 2010, and is occurring to make room for clinical support departments on the Hospital's main campus. A satellite office will remain at the hospital temporarily in room HC0021 and will be available for patients to drop off requests for medical records authorization forms, and ask questions concerning release of information. The main office at Redwood City will handle the full process of release of information.

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