



## SCOTT ABRAMSON, MD

Neurology

Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Abramson has long been a stellar neurologist. A TPMG physician for 25 years, he provides superb care to his patients, and also cares deeply about his colleagues. He is so committed to the Physician Communication Consultant role that he even works on the communication consultant projects on his days off! He has led the development of the Physician Wellness program in Fremont, initiating onsite activities for physicians at the medical center, such as the "Virtual Doctors' Lounge" and exercise classes, and he has organized rejuvenating physician weekend retreats.

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## **BENNETT COPLAN, MD**

Pediatrics

Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Coplan is an elder statesman in the Department of Pediatrics. Dedicated and hard working, he goes out of his way to help his patients and colleagues. His many leadership roles over the years have included serving as Assistant Chief and Chief of Pediatrics, Department Coordinator with the Regional Call Center, and Communication Consultant for the Fremont Facility. He is passionate about volunteer work, and his eyes light up when he discusses providing care for children throughout the world. In recent years, he has made a significant mark by volunteering for projects in the community as well as in Central America.

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## **KAVIN DESAI, MD**

Pediatric Cardiology  
Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Desai is an invaluable member and leader of the Pediatric Department at Hayward. His clinical acumen, creative problem-solving skills, and warm relationships with his patients, colleagues, and staff set him apart as a quintessential pediatric cardiologist. He has been a regional leader in Pediatric Cardiology and a technology innovator as co-lead of the GSAA podcast project. He heads the GSAA Innovations Group, volunteers as a Physician Ambassador to the community, and serves as Chief of Outside Referral Management for the GSAA. A committed educator, he is best known as the founder of Camp Taylor, a summer camp for children with cardiac disease where, with his volunteer staff, he provides learning and excitement for hundreds of children each summer. He also teaches fellows at Stanford University.

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## **RICHARD GODFREY, MD**

Surgery

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Dr. Godfrey is one of the hardest working surgeons in the GSAA. An expert in both general and oncologic surgery, he has served as Assistant Chief and Chief of Surgery for the GSAA. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Francisco, and is active in the East Bay Surgical Residency Program. In the midst of a busy surgical practice, departmental leadership, and post graduate teaching, he has repeatedly volunteered his surgical expertise in Central America and Africa. He is, likewise, a frequent volunteer in Bay Area programs, making a difference in underserved communities and in high schools. Civic-minded, skilled and dedicated, he is a model TPMG physician.

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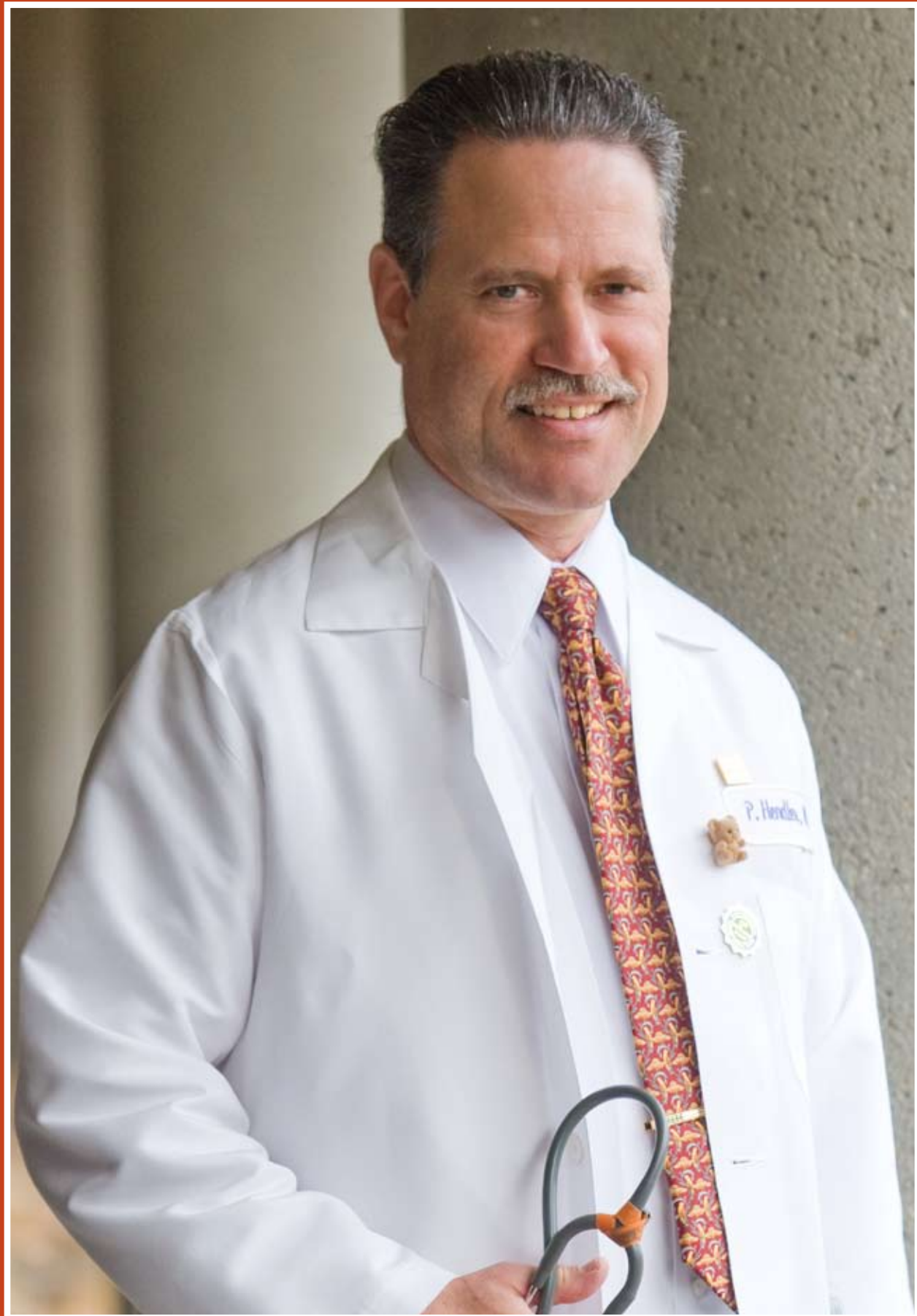


## **ROBERT GREENBERG, MD**

Emergency Medicine  
Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Greenberg came to the GSAA as an Emergency Department physician, and soon developed a reputation for his commitment to using information technology to improve medical care. He participated in the early initiatives of the TPMG Technology Group and has subsequently helped to lead the implementation of the Ambulatory Suite of KP HealthConnect in the GSAA and across Northern California. He has been at the cutting edge of the implementation and optimization of Inpatient KP HealthConnect and has helped introduce various pilot projects. He has provided collaborative and persuasive leadership in all of these major "change management" projects, and now serves as Assistant Physician-in-Chief for Information Technology. Withal, he remains a valued physician late at night in the Emergency Department.

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## **PETER HENDLER, MD**

Rheumatology

Greater Southern Alameda Area

The "father" of the GSAA's Teddy Bear Clinic, Dr. Hendler is not only a gifted physician-educator he is also an innovative technological leader and a model of dedication to serving our members. In the GSAA, he co-directed the podcast project and is our internet "go-to" person. He has served as a Technology Leader at the local, regional and national level, within TPMG and beyond. In his rheumatology practice, he willingly jumps in to cover for his colleagues to ensure seamless care for patients. But he is probably best known for reaching out to the community to promote healthy lifestyles and positive medical experiences for children and adults alike through our free Teddy Bear Clinics.

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## **MATTHEW LANDO, MD**

Head & Neck Surgery  
Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Lando is a consummate head & neck surgeon/otolaryngologist, respected both for his clinical excellence and for his highly personalized care. Admired throughout the region for his clinical and surgical acumen, he takes on many major head and neck cancer cases and consistently provides exceptional service. He is the surgeon his colleagues turn to, and he is always willing to help. He has served as Assistant Chief and has made valuable contributions as a peer review leader. He also contributes to the welfare of his colleagues as a member of the Physician Well-Being Committee. His dedication to excellence has earned him the title of "Physician of the Year" in the GSAA.

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## WESLEY LISKER, MD

Nephrology

Greater Southern Alameda Area

When Dr. Lisker joined TPMG as an internist and nephrologist, he quickly demonstrated exceptional clinical acumen and deep dedication to excellence and kindness in patient care. His thorough patient evaluations and exemplary documentation led him first to the Chief of Quality role, then on to Risk Management, and finally to his current role as Assistant Physician-in-Chief for Quality and Accreditation. Despite the several administrative hats he wears, he always finds the time to provide outstanding service to his patients—up to and including making house calls! It speaks volumes that, on days when he is extremely busy, his patients are willing to wait patiently for him, knowing they will have his undivided attention when it is their turn to be seen.

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## **MIHIR MEGHANI, MD**

Emergency Medicine

Greater Southern Alameda Area

Throughout his career, Dr. Meghani has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for using his exceptional clinical skills and experience to aid disaster victims all over the world. On a pilgrimage to India with his family when an earthquake struck in 2001, he went directly to the stricken region to provide emergency medical care. As a member of the volunteer San Francisco Bay Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team, he served at the World Trade Center after the terrorist attack. In 2005, he volunteered for Kaiser Permanente's Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief Team, remaining for almost a month to take care of patients and handle logistics. A distant relative of Mahatma Gandhi, he embodies the spirit of service to others for which India's great political and spiritual leader was revered. His commitment to humanitarian efforts and to teaching his colleagues about disaster relief is an inspiration to all who know him.

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## DAVID NEWHOUSE, MD

Ob/Gyn

Greater Southern Alameda Area

Dr. Newhouse has been in the field of Women's Health for over 30 years, and brings to his practice of obstetrics/gynecology a special sensitivity about the issues women face. He was the driving force that led to the GSAA's designation as a Center of Excellence for Women's Health, and he is currently overseeing the development of the next provider handbook on Women's Health. His passion for ensuring that all patients have an optimal health care experience has led to his role as Assistant Physician-in-Chief for Marketing and Diversity in the GSAA. His personal quest to better understand his patients' needs for support and services has evolved into the Population Segmentation Project. This work and partnership with TPMG access and service assessment is providing insight, education, and training throughout the region.

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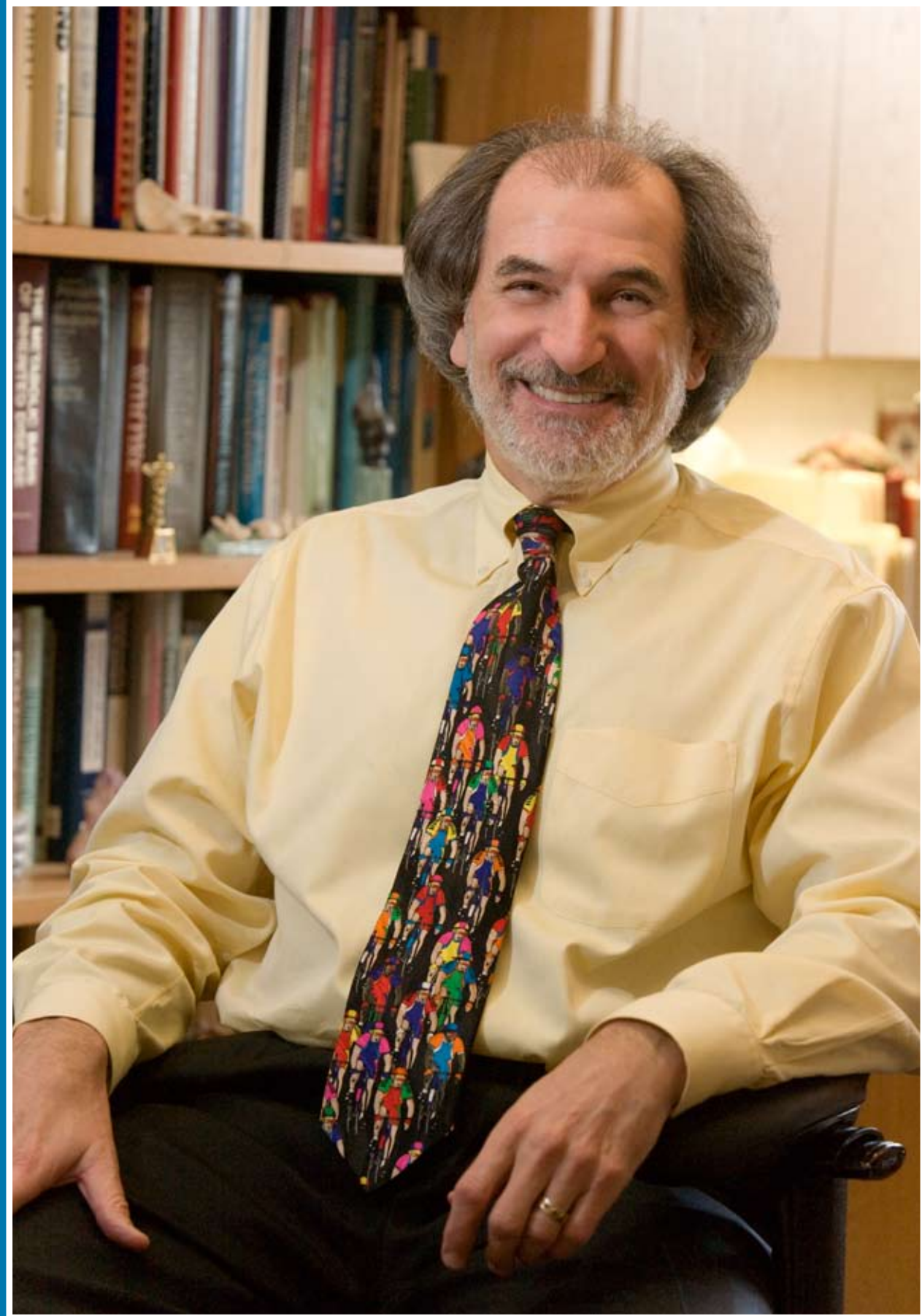
## RAM RAMACHANDRA, MD

Surgery

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Dr. Ramachandra is a true Renaissance man. He has served as Chief of Surgery and Sub-Chief of Vascular Surgery, and he is a tireless mentor to surgeons across the GSAA. His dedication to patient care extends beyond Kaiser Permanente to his work as a member of the Board of Directors and an active participant in the Matibabu Foundation, which brings vital medical services to rural Kenya. He leads and is a tireless advocate for Operation Access, a program providing surgery for uninsured patients. He also volunteers at a tattoo-removal clinic, an important service for people seeking to extricate and disassociate themselves from gang involvement.

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## **GERSON SCHREIBER, MD**

Psychiatry  
Greater Southern Alameda Area

Warm, skilled, and caring, Dr. Schreiber is a role model for physicians and staff throughout the GSAA. A psychiatrist with TPMG for nearly 30 years, he has served as Chief of the Department and Chair of The Physician Well-Being Committee for the Hayward and Fremont facilities. In 2006, he was named GSAA Physician of the Year. Committed to a healthy lifestyle, he stays active through running, bicycling, and hiking. An avid student of science, his interest in lifelong learning extends to fields as varied as physics, cosmology, biology, mathematics, linguistics, and anthropology. His colleagues consider him a physician's physician, agreeing that his skill, compassion, and vision make him one of the GSAA's best.

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## **WEN HUI SHEN, MD, PHD**

Ob/Gyn  
Greater Southern Alameda Area

A highly sought-after reproductive and infertility specialist, Dr. Shen served as the GSAA's Sub-Chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI)/In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), and founded the first regional IVF center while directing and planning the regional efforts. She next became the Director of Northern California's first IVF Center in Fremont, where she has achieved success rates that surpass national standards. Patients deeply appreciate her technical precision, clinical excellence, and exceptional outcomes, which help them realize their hopes for pregnancy and parenthood.

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## **ARNOLD SPANJERS, MD**

Emergency Medicine  
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An anchor of the Emergency Department, Dr. Spanjers is best known as the visionary designer and engineer of the GSAA's Emergency Preparedness Program. As Co-Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and a member of the Safety Committee, he has been tireless in his efforts to ensure that the GSAA is well prepared for any major disaster. He is actively involved in emergency preparedness and disaster planning in the community as well.

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## GAIL WAGNER, MD

Oncology

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Dr. Wagner's contributions as a physician and a leader have made a difference not only to the facility and the region but also to the world. She has served TPMG in many capacities—as Chair of Credentials and Privileges, Assistant Chief of Quality, and, now, as Chief of Medical Legal. However, she is best known as the founder of the Matibabu Foundation, an organization that is building health, family, and community services in rural Kenya. Gail developed the vision, gathered the resources, and encouraged many physicians to travel with her to Africa to provide needed care. She works tirelessly planning the program, funding, recruiting providers, and helping to lead the efforts on the ground in Kenya. With her support, the Foundation is currently building a small hospital.

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## **SAMUEL YOUNG, MD**

Ob/Gyn

Greater Southern Alameda Area

Always in high demand, Dr. Young cares for patients who come to see him from many miles around, because they know he understands their needs and is devoted to their care. Fluent in Cantonese and English, he stays abreast of developments in complementary and alternative medicine, and he counsels patients about good nutrition and exercise to ensure that they thrive in every aspect of their life. Admired and respected by his colleagues, he is always a service leader in the department. An active member of the community, he serves as the Volunteer Director of the First Resort Free Clinic in Oakland.

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