

# Physician to Physician

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## New to UC Irvine Healthcare



### *Eric Y. Chang, MD • Pain Medicine*

Dr. Eric Y. Chang is an interventional physiatrist subspecializing in the treatment of pain. He practices at UC Irvine's Pain Management Center located at Gottschalk Medical Plaza and treats nonoperative neck and low back pain, spasticity, myofascial pain, scoliosis/kyphosis, compression fractures, sciatica and neuropathic pain conditions.

Chang received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein

College of Medicine in New York with a distinction in musculoskeletal disorders. He completed his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the UCLA/VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. He then completed a fellowship in pain medicine at UC Irvine to pursue his interest in neuropathic pain and spasticity among patients with spinal cord injuries. He has a K12 mentored career development award through the National Institute of Health and National Institute of Child Health & Human Development.



### *Dayantha Fernando, MD • Interventional Radiology*

Dr. Dayantha Fernando is a board-certified radiologist specializing in interventional radiology. He performs advanced minimally invasive procedures in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, particularly those requiring vascular, biliary and urologic interventions. He also has expertise in treating cancer using the latest interventional oncology techniques, such as chemoembolization,

radioembolization, cryoablation and radiofrequency ablation.

Fernando received his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., where he also earned a master's degree in physiology and biophysics. He completed his residency in radiology at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Darby, Pa., followed by a fellowship in interventional radiology at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.



### *Gregory R. Gatchell, DO • Family Medicine and Geriatrics*

Dr. Gregory R. Gatchell is a board-certified family medicine physician and geriatrician practicing at the UC Irvine SeniorHealth Center. He sees patients who are 50 years and older as their primary care physician and also evaluates and treats patients referred to him for geriatric consultation. He is part of the Health Assessment Program for Seniors (HAPS), which provides patients with a comprehensive

geriatric assessment of physical and cognitive health. He also sees patients at a few nursing homes.

Gatchell received his medical degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency in family medicine at Northridge Hospital Medical Center, an affiliate of UCLA, and fellowships in geriatrics and medical education at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at University of Hawaii.



### *Kevin Harley, MD • Nephrology*

Dr. Kevin Harley is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology and focuses his practice on the care of patients with acute kidney injury, proteinuria, nephrolithiasis, hypertension, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in renal replacement therapies including hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, and management of post-transplant kidney disease.

Harley received his medical degree from New York Medical College. He completed his residency in internal medicine and his fellowship in nephrology at UC Irvine Medical Center. He has interests in dialysis research exploring immunologic abnormalities and inflammatory changes in patients with chronic kidney disease.



### *William E. Karnes, MD • Gastroenterology*

Dr. William E. Karnes specializes in disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, including colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, gastrointestinal reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, peptic ulcers and esophageal disorders. Board-certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Karnes performs colonoscopies, upper endoscopies and capsule endoscopies, and treats gastrointestinal bleeding.

Karnes received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he also completed an internal medicine residency. Karnes completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at UCLA and a research fellowship in molecular biology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. At the Mayo Clinic, he maintained an active National Institutes of Health-funded program in colorectal cancer. Most recently, Karnes was in private practice in Santa Barbara.



### *Donald S. Levy, MD • Allergy and Immunology*

Dr. Donald S. Levy is a board-certified specialist in adult and pediatric allergy and clinical immunology. He treats patients with allergic conditions such as asthma, hay fever, hives and eczema, as well as allergic reactions including anaphylaxis to food, drugs and insect stings. He also has expertise in treating patients with angioedema and eosinophilic esophagitis, an allergy-related inflammation of the esophagus.

Levy received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. He completed an internship and residency in pediatric medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center-Kings County Hospital Center, and a fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. As part of his training, he also treated adult patients at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.



### *Chaitali S. Nangia, MD • Hematology-Oncology*

Dr. Chaitali S. Nangia is a hematology-oncology specialist who focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of colon, rectal, breast and head and neck cancers at UC Irvine's Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. She leads a multidisciplinary team that aims to expand clinical trials and strengthen options for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of colon and rectal cancers. She also has clinical interest in benign hematology.

Nangia received her medical degree from Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, India, and completed her internal medicine residency at Rush University-West Lake Hospital in Melrose Park, Ill. Subsequently, Nangia became an associate program director for the internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Detroit. She completed her hematology-oncology clinical fellowship at Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Michigan before joining UC Irvine.



## UCIRVINE



### *Dr. Johnny Delashaw Leads Department of Neurological Surgery*

Dr. Johnny Delashaw, who has earned international acclaim for his expertise in skull base, pituitary and cerebrovascular surgery, has joined UC Irvine's School of Medicine as chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery. He will also serve as chief of neurological surgery for UC Irvine Health. Delashaw will play a key role in creating a major national surgical referral center

for complicated cranial disease.

"Dr. Delashaw is one of the most clinically productive neurosurgeons in the country and an outstanding team builder," said Dr. Ralph V. Clayman, dean of the School of Medicine. "He will bring a strong surgical presence to further advance our prominence in the neurosciences, which will benefit the people of Orange County and the region who are in need of complex neurosurgical procedures. I am delighted that he has chosen to come to UC Irvine."

Delashaw leaves Oregon Health & Science University, where he spent more than a decade establishing one of the largest neurosurgical practices in the U.S. He's among only a few surgeons who perform complex procedures for pituitary disorders, such as

Cushing's syndrome, for which he has built a national referral network. His cure rate for this ailment is one of the highest in the country.

"I'm thrilled to be joining a dedicated team of surgeons at UC Irvine," Delashaw said. "Our mission is not only to provide patients with exemplary care, but also to inspire medical students and residents to discover the challenge and excitement of treating complex neurosurgical conditions. We also hope to nurture innovation and to recruit the finest physicians and students, all charged with the mission to improve the health of patients in Orange County and beyond."

He received his medical degree from the University of Washington and was trained in neurosurgery at the University of Virginia under the direction of Dr. John Jane. After completing his residency in 1990, Delashaw joined the University of Florida's Department of Neurosurgery as an associate professor.

In 1992, he was recruited to Oregon Health & Science University as an associate professor. Since 1998, Delashaw has been vice chair and professor of neurosurgery at OHSU, with joint appointments in otolaryngology and neurology.



### *Respected Researcher Dr. Dan Cooper Named Chair of Pediatrics*

Dr. Dan M. Cooper, founder and director of UC Irvine's Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS) and the UC Irvine Pediatric Exercise Research Center, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Since his arrival in 1997, Dr. Cooper has made tremendous contributions to UC Irvine pediatric programs and research efforts. His strong leadership, enthusiasm and vision

have sparked the formation of exciting new endeavors at UC Irvine, most notably in the realm of translational research.

Under Cooper's leadership, the ICTS and Pediatric Exercise Research Center have pulled together the various components of translational research. UC Irvine was awarded a \$20 million grant from the National Institutes of Health in 2010 to back ICTS's goal, which is to support innovation and take scientific discoveries from the laboratory to the patient.

Cooper, who is board certified in the subspecialty of pediatric pulmonology, is a professor of pediatrics and bioengineering and the associate dean for clinical

translational sciences at the School of Medicine. He also serves as a board member of the Pediatric Subspecialty Faculty at CHOC.

Cooper's practice and NIH-funded research have focused on identifying how exercise can best be used to prevent asthma and obesity in children and benefit children with chronic conditions like asthma, cystic fibrosis, heart disease and diabetes. In addition, he has concentrated on exploring new therapies that involve both pharmacologic and lifestyle interventions to help children. Cooper was responsible for working with CHOC Children's 10 years ago on creating the Asthma and Chronic Lung Disease Center for children, an effort funded originally by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County through the state's Prop. 10 funding.

"Dr. Cooper's strong leadership, enthusiasm and vision have sparked the formation of exciting new endeavors at UC Irvine, most notably in the realm of translational research," said Dr. Ralph V. Clayman, dean of the School of Medicine. "Dr. Cooper is passionate about encouraging medical discoveries and improving collaboration among our physicians and researchers."

## *News in Brief*

UC Irvine Medical Center's **heart failure program and Stroke & Cerebrovascular Center** have again earned the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission, healthcare's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body. "The Joint Commission's renewal of our heart failure and stroke programs certification reflects the commitment our doctors and staff make each day to provide the Orange County community with the best care possible," said Terry A. Belmont, CEO of UC Irvine Medical Center.

**Dr. Roger L. Crumley**, emeritus professor in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, was recently named the honorary Daniel C. Baker lecturer by the American Laryngological Association. He delivered the address entitled "Neurology: Concepts for Improved Laryngeal Function" at the annual meeting in San Diego on April 17. Crumley was president of the association in 2009.