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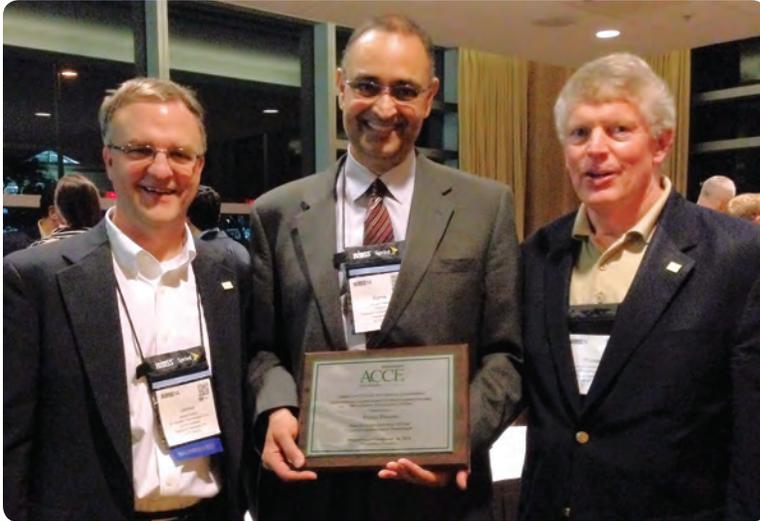
children's news

Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health

A young boy with reddish-brown hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt and jeans, sits on the left. He is looking towards a young girl on the right. The girl has long, wavy brown hair with a purple bow, is wearing a purple ruffled dress and purple leggings, and is smiling broadly with her hand near her mouth. They are sitting on a brick ledge outdoors.

Peace of Mind
Brain & Behavior Center Offers
a Lifetime of Better Outcomes

American College of Clinical Engineering Honors Prasad with National Award



Purna Prasad, PhD, director of clinical technology and biomedical engineering at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford and Stanford Hospital & Clinics was honored with the American College of Clinical Engineering’s Professional Achievement in Management Award earlier this year, and will also be recognized in Philadelphia during the Association for Advancement in Medical Instrumentation 2014 convention this summer. ■

Larger South Bay Specialty Clinic to Open in Campbell

In response to high demand for specialty clinics in the South Bay, Stanford Children’s Health and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford announced that the Los Gatos-based South Bay Specialty Clinic will eventually move from its current location to a building in Campbell. In doing so, the hospital is expanding its capability for patients to access world-class care and world-class pediatricians.

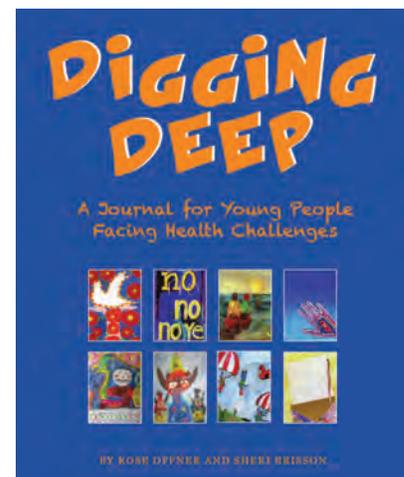
Now children can receive care from urologists, neurologists, pulmonolo-

gists and more — without having to travel to Palo Alto for each specialty. Care not centered on a trip to the hospital is part of a growing national movement to add more value for families. That’s one of the reasons Stanford Children’s Health and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford have six multi-specialty pediatric specialty centers in the Bay Area: in San Francisco with partner California Pacific Medical Center; in Walnut Creek with John Muir Health; and in Emeryville, Palo Alto, Los Gatos and Capitola, where a new and expanded Santa Cruz-area location began seeing patients earlier this year. ■

Book Launch Addresses Needs of Children with Serious Illness

To support children with serious illness, Sheri Sobrato Brisson, a donor and a cancer survivor, has co-authored *Digging Deep, A Journal For Young People Facing Health Challenges*. The book provides children with a safe outlet for self-expression with the goal of improved communication with everyone around them.

In conjunction with the book’s launch in May, a panel gathered to discuss how to support seriously ill children and their families, and the role journaling can play as the children sort through their feelings and thoughts. Moderated by Paul Fisher, MD, chief of pediatric neurology at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, the panel featured Stanford faculty Barbara Sourkes, PhD, director of pediatric palliative care; Hans Steiner, MD, professor emeritus of psychiatry and behavioral sciences; and Michael Amylon, MD, professor emeritus of pediatric hematology-oncology. ■





Barbara Sourkes, PhD

Sourkes Recognized by Palliative Medicine Group

Barbara Sourkes, PhD, director of palliative care, has been awarded the prestigious 2014 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Humanities Award. The award, presented by the premier academic program in palliative medicine, recognized Sourkes for her work to advance the relationship between the humanities and palliative care, and for her authorship of books that exemplify how the arts can serve as an important tool in the care of seriously ill children.

Sourkes is the John A. Kriewall and Elizabeth A. Haehl Director of Pediatric Palliative Care at our hospital and also professor at the School of Medicine. A member of our staff for the past 12 years, Sourkes has played an integral role in the development of our hospital's palliative care program which works with families and primary care teams to ensure our patients achieve the best quality of life possible. ■

2013 Top Children's Hospital Award

The Leapfrog Group, a national organization aimed at improving the safety, quality, and affordability of health care, named Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford to its annual list of Top Hospitals. Packard Children's is the only children's hospital in Northern California to receive the prestigious award.



"This is a wonderful honor that we share with our entire staff and medical staff at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Stanford Medicine," said

Christopher G. Dawes, president and chief executive officer. "We thank The Leapfrog Group for recognizing our network-wide commitment to quality and patient safety."

Paul Sharek, MD, MPH, chief clinical patient safety officer, said the award acknowledges the hospital's continued excellence and international thought leadership in reducing medical and health system errors. "The Leapfrog award is a highly respected recognition that our quality of care and patient safety outcomes continue to be among the nation's best," Sharek said.

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital was selected as a Top Children's Hospital out of a record number of 1,324 hospitals participating in The Leapfrog Group's annual survey. The selection is based on measurements of a hospital's performance on patient safety and quality, focusing on critical areas of hospital care in place to prevent errors. ■

Asthma Care Service Earns Top Recognition from The Joint Commission

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford was named a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*® by The Joint Commission,

the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. Our hospital was recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions. In this case, the hospital's *Top Performer* honor was the result of achievements and measures in children's asthma care. ■