



St. Joseph's Medical Group of Stockton

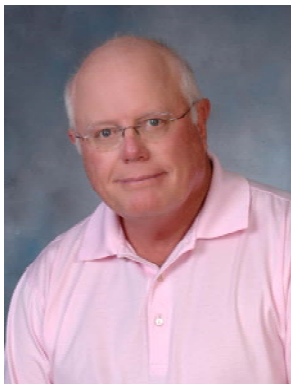
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Surgeon Rick Rawson, MD, Joins St. Joseph's Medical Group

Medical Foundation Adds Well-Known Stockton Surgeon to Roster



STOCKTON, CA, December 7, 2009 – St. Joseph's Medical Group of Stockton is pleased to welcome surgeon Rick Rawson, MD, to their team of Family Practitioners, Internal Medicine Specialists, Pediatricians, and General Medicine Practitioners.

Dr. Rawson joined St. Joseph's Medical Group effective August 10, 2009. He will remain in his current office located at 1617 N. California Street, Suite 1E, here in Stockton.

After operating a private practice for almost 35 years, Dr. Rawson is looking forward to working for the CHW Medical Foundation team.

"The quality of surgery is the most important determinant in patient outcomes," says Dr. Rawson. "I became a surgeon to have a direct, positive impact on these outcomes. Now with the support of the larger organization taking on some of the details of running a practice (paperwork, billing, staffing, etc.), I can concentrate on what I enjoy most about being a surgeon – providing excellent patient care."

Dr. Rick Rawson attended the University of Colorado, in Boulder, CO, and completed his residency at San Joaquin General Hospital. Board certified by the Diplomate American Board of General Surgery, Dr. Rawson has been a member of the medical staff at St. Joseph's Medical Center since 1975.

"Dr. Rawson has been a well-respected surgeon in this community for almost 35 years." said Doug O'Ryan, Director of Physician Operations. "We are extremely pleased to welcome him to St. Joseph's Medical Group and proud to offer such a comprehensive array of medical services to our patients."

The physicians at St. Joseph's Medical Group bring together the latest medical knowledge with a depth of clinical experience to provide the most up-to-date, comprehensive care available. Their doctors have established relationships with the leading specialists in the area, so patients can always count on a quality referral; and they admit patients to St. Joseph's Medical Center, one of the Central Valley's most respected hospitals.

St. Joseph's Medical Group of Stockton is affiliated with St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton and CHW Medical Foundation based in Sacramento. The North Stockton office located at 3132 W. March Lane offers on-site laboratory and pharmacy services. Physicians with offices at the North Stockton location include internal medicine specialists Ashok Daftary, MD, and James Belogorsky, MD; family practitioners Kerstin Guevarra, MD, Lanetta Hill, MD, Dang Nguyen, DO, Stephen Tinio, MD, and Mary Vrendenburg, DO; and pediatricians Marie Denise Green, MD, and Saadia Khan, MD. General Medicine practitioner Maynard Land, MD, is located at the Central Stockton office at 534 E. Pine Street, Suite B.

About St. Joseph's Medical Group of Stockton

St. Joseph's Medical Group of Stockton is a pediatric and family practice clinic and is affiliated with St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton and CHW Medical Foundation in Sacramento. Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the largest Catholic healthcare system in the western United States with 42 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada.

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