



**CALIFORNIA TRANSPLANT DONOR NETWORK  
TO PRESENT SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (SCVMC)  
WITH MEDAL OF HONOR**

*SCVMC Achieves National Goal of 75% Organ Donation Rate*

**Tues., Jan. 26, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, 1:30pm – 2:00pm**

**What:** The **California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)**, the organ recovery agency serving central and northern California, will present two **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Medals of Honor** to **Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC)**. The HHS Medal of Honor is awarded in four categories to hospitals with a minimum of eight potential organ donors during a 12-month period. The Silver Medal of Honor is awarded to hospitals that meet or exceed one or two of the three national goals during the 12-month measurement period: an organ donation conversion rate of 75% or more (75% of families asked said “yes” to donation); greater than 3.75 organs transplanted per donor (OTPD); and at least 10% of all donors recovered via donation after cardiac death (DCD).

SCVMC is one of 15 hospitals in Northern California that were recognized this year with the Medal of Honor. The award highlights the hospital's participation in the HHS *Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative*. The collaborative brings together donation professionals and hospital leaders to identify and share the best practices for supporting families and clinically managing patients who are organ donor candidates.

Throughout CTDN's 40-county service area, the donation conversion rate in 2009 was **65%**, with **883** organs transplanted from **266** recovered organ donors.

**Who:**

- **Eugene Osborne**, Chief Operating Officer, California Transplant Donor Network
- **Michael Skehan**, Chief Executive Officer, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
- **Randi Ely**, Nurse Manager, SICU, TICU, ICU, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

**When:** **Tues., Jan. 26, 2010 – 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Where:** Santa Clara Medical Center, 751 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, California, 95128  
Valley Specialty Center, Basement Conference Room (QB160)

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**Details:** *The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The Transplant Network helps 160 hospitals in 40 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. It is federally designated as this region's organ recovery organization. For more information, visit [www.ctdn.org](http://www.ctdn.org) or call 1-888-570-9400.*

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