

## Dr. Tchekmedyan Honored by Beckstrand Cancer Foundation

The Beckstrand Cancer Foundation's 30th Anniversary Gala celebration honored Dr. Simon Tchekmedyan. The very successful event, with over 350 attendees, was held at the Balboa Bay Club and Resort in Newport Beach on October 15, 2004.

Dr. Grant Beckstrand, medical oncologist, started the Foundation in 1973 to assist with the care and hospitalization of needy cancer patients and to contribute to their quality of life. Dr. Beckstrand is remembered as a brilliant and compassionate physician and teacher. More information is available at: [www.beckstrand.org](http://www.beckstrand.org).

Dr. Tchekmedyan was chosen as the honoree for the 30th anniversary celebration in recognition of his 20 years of outstanding and significant contributions to the quality of life of cancer patients as well as his research efforts leading to new cancer treatments.

Lil Spitzer, Executive Director of the Beckstrand Cancer Foundation who organized the event, explains that Dr. Tchekmedyan is a living example of Dr. Beckstrand's philosophy of "people helping people" and of the Foundation's mission "to improve and enhance the quality of life of cancer patients." The gala was co-chaired by Shirley Iacono and Kirsten Prosser.

Beckstrand Cancer Foundation President Fredrick M. Freeman, presented Dr. Tchekmedyan with a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition signed by Congressman Ed Royce, a United States Senate Certificate of Commendation signed by Senator Dianne Feinstein, and a congratulatory letter from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr. Freeman, a council member of the City of Los Alamitos, also presented Dr. Tchekmedyan with a proclamation from the City of Los Alamitos proclaiming October 15, 2004, as Dr. Simon Tchekmedyan day.

The Beckstrand Cancer Foundation is privileged to honor Dr. Simon Tchekmedyan, a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA.

With a life-long devotion to improving the lives of cancer patients, Dr. Tchekmedyan is a practicing oncologist who has personally cared for an estimated 10,000 patients over the last 20 years. His pursuit of new treatments to improve the cure rate and to enhance the quality of life of cancer patients has been passionate and relentless. His original published observations led the way to a new treatment to reverse the lack of appetite and weight loss of patients. He has been a clinical investigator in over 250 cancer research studies leading to the approval of many new therapies and has contributed over 150 scientific publications to the medical literature.

Dr. Tchekmedyan is an Associate Editor of the journal *Oncology* and Editorial Advisory Board Member of the *Journal of Supportive Oncology* and the journal *Community Oncology*. He speaks several languages and has made invited presentations on new cancer treatments throughout the U.S. as well as in over 20 countries abroad. Dr. Tchekmedyan has developed, chaired, and published the highly acclaimed symposium series on "Quality of Life in Oncology." These publications contributed to further research and new therapies to improve the quality of life of cancer patients worldwide. He has been repeatedly featured in the list of America's Top Rated Physicians, and was designated International Health Professional of the Year 2003 for his contributions to oncology.

Dr. Tchekmedyan is Medical Director of Pacific Shores Medical Group, a subspecialty hematology/oncology practice, including over 100 oncology care professionals. Dr. Tchekmedyan lives with his lovely wife, Seta, and their six children in Orange County.

On behalf the Beckstrand Cancer Foundation and the families that we serve, our sincere thanks to Dr. Simon Tchekmedyan for allowing us to share his extraordinary accomplishments and unparalleled dedication with everyone here this evening.

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Simon Tchekmedyan, MD

## New Physician Joins Pacific Shores Medical Group Cancer Team

Pacific Shores Medical Group is proud to introduce Dr. Luke W. Chen, who joined our hematology/oncology practice September 27, 2004. Dr. Chen completed his premedical education at the University of California at Berkeley in 1993 and went on to medical school at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) in La Jolla, California, where he graduated with an M.D. degree in 1998.

Dr. Chen completed his internship and residency in internal medicine in 2001 at the University of California at Irvine (UCI) and his fellowship in hematology and oncology at the UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center in Orange, California in 2004. During his career, Dr. Chen has not only been very active in the care of patients, but has also been involved in medical teaching and research.

Dr. Chen joins our team with the enthusiastic approval and recommendations of his colleagues and teachers at UCI and UCSD. Dr. Chen will work fulltime at our Orange County office, located at the Hoag Health Center in Huntington Beach, together with doctors Eleonor Quan, David Burtzo, André K. D. Liem, and Simon Tchekmedyan. Additionally, Dr. Chen will attend to our inpatients at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach and at Orange Coast Memorial Hospital in Fountain Valley.

Let's all welcome him aboard!



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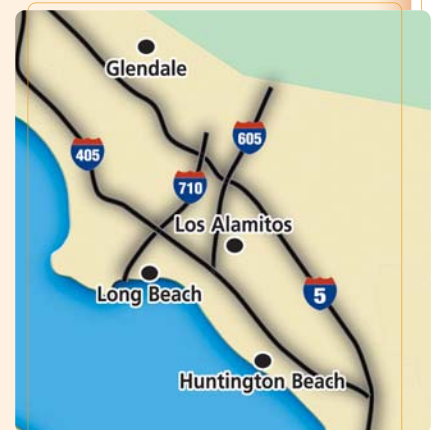
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