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CHA HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER OPENS FIRST DEDICATED HOSPITAL-BASED OPHTHALMIC OPERATING ROOM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Southern California Eye Institute's Operating Room Offers State-of-the-Art Equipment, Convenient Scheduling for Patients and Community Ophthalmologists

LOS ANGELES—Jan. 15, 2019—[CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center](#) (CHA HPMC), a hospital that is a member of CHA Health Systems, a global network providing a full spectrum of dynamic healthcare services, today announced the opening of a state-of-the-art ophthalmic surgery suite as part of the hospital's [Southern California Eye Institute](#). The new surgery suite is the first hospital-based facility dedicated to eye surgery in the Los Angeles area.

"As a team, we've taken bold steps to create a premier surgical suite that will offer the latest advancements and technology while focusing on patient experience and outcomes," said [Rohit Varma, MD, MPH](#), director of Southern California Eye Institute.

The surgical suite is designed to create a seamless experience for patients and families. The operating rooms will be fully equipped with new state-of-the-art laser only cataract technology by early 2020, which will enable more precise intraocular implant measurements. The dedicated operating room will also have its own scheduling system, enabling convenient, faster scheduling for patients and community ophthalmologists.

"We're very excited to finally have two ophthalmology-exclusive operating rooms available for patients and healthcare providers," said [Jacob Reznik, MD](#), a cataract and refractive surgery specialist who will oversee the surgery suite. "We will work closely with our colleagues and CHA HPMC physicians to continue building upon this center of excellence in ophthalmic surgery."

With the laser assisted cataract surgery technology, ophthalmic surgeons will be able to perform minimally invasive surgeries. New suite will also enable performance of advanced glaucoma surgical tubes and trabeculectomies including XenGel implantation, microincisional glaucoma surgery including [iStent](#), Hydrus, Kahook dual blade (KDB) OMNI, and micropulse laser. Advanced retinal procedures will include small incision sutureless vitrectomy, epiretinal membrane surgery, and advanced diabetic disease procedures. Innovative oculo-facial plastic surgery procedures will include ptosis (droopy eyelid), blepharoplasty (excess skin), ectropion

(eyelid turning out), entropion (eyelid turning in), eyelid tumors, thyroid eye disease, tearing problems, facial trauma, and orbital tumors. The cutting edge therapy using newest advanced technology will reduce surgical times and enable quick recovery for patients to return to their daily activities quickly.

“We are on a continual mission to create better ways — and embarked on a \$400 million master plan slated for completion by 2021. We are making huge investments in the facility to develop Centers of Excellence, innovative technology, and people to better serve our Los Angeles community and be the medical center of the future,” said [Robert Allen](#), CHA HPMC president and chief executive officer.

About Southern California Eye Institute

[Southern California Eye Institute](#) is dedicated to providing the highest level of vision care, using the latest technology and treatments to deliver the best outcome to patients in Los Angeles and from around the world. The institute’s expert physician-scientists are advancing innovations in stem cell and regenerative therapies, artificial intelligence and bioelectronic implants to further the prevention, early detection and treatment of eye diseases and conditions. Founded by world-renowned ophthalmologist Rohit Varma, MD, MPH, SCEI is located in Los Angeles at CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. For more information, visit www.sceyes.org.
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About CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center

CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center (CHA HPMC) is a nationally recognized acute care facility that has cared for Hollywood and its surrounding communities since 1924. Today, CHA HPMC offers comprehensive health care services with a 434-bed acute care facility, including 89 skilled nursing beds. The hospital has a medical staff of more than 500 physicians and specialists, representing 69 specialties and 75 different countries. CHA HPMC embraces the area’s diverse, multicultural patient populations by providing all who walk through its doors quality care in a compassionate manner. It is a member of CHA Health Systems, a dynamic global healthcare organization that provides a full spectrum of services in seven countries around the world, including 25 hospitals and clinics, 30 research and 14 education institutions and 30 bio/pharmaceutical/healthcare companies. For more information, visit www.hollywoodpresbyterian.com/.