

## SkyRidge Welcomes Spine Surgeons

SkyRidge Medical Center is pleased to announce that James Osborn, M.D., and Garrick W. Cason, M.D.—the region’s only ACGME accredited fellowship trained spine surgeons—have joined the medical staff at SkyRidge Medical Center. The surgeons moved their practice from Chattanooga to Cleveland, opening Cleveland Spine Specialists in SkyRidge Medical Center. Osborn and Cason offer advanced treatments for neck and spine issues and focus on minimally invasive treatments.



Dr. James Osborn



Dr. Garrick W. Cason

## Dr. Mukta Panda Receives Laureate Award

Mukta Panda, M.D., has received the 2011 Laureate Award from the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Panda serves dual roles as chair of internal medicine and director of the transitional year residency program at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. Through her leadership, Dr. Panda has inspired students to give back to the community and participate in local and national medical organizations. In January, she will also receive the prestigious Hind Rattan Award, an award given by the president of India to Indian citizens who have brought international recognition to India.



Dr. Mukta Panda



## Chattanooga Heart Ball

The American Heart Association’s 2012 Heart Ball will be held February 18 at the Chattanooga Hotel. This year’s event celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chattanooga Heart Ball will start at 6 p.m. The event chairs this year are Debbie Reeves of Erlanger at Hutcheson and Ed Reeves of Southern Properties. This year’s sponsors are Blood Assurance, Erlanger Health System, Hutcheson Health Foundation and Sodexo.



Joani Jack, M.D.

## Erlanger Pediatrician named “Tennessee Pediatrician of the Year”

Children’s Hospital at Erlanger pediatrician and University of Tennessee College of Medicine at Chattanooga faculty member Joani Jack, M.D., has been named “Tennessee Pediatrician of the Year” by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP). Her roles at Children’s Hospital include serving as medical director of the Well Newborn Nursery at the Baroness and East campuses, medical director of a multi-disciplinary childhood obesity clinic that will open in 2012, a member of the Chattanooga Interdisciplinary Childhood Obesity Research Team (CICORT), a member of the Practice Management Committee and a mentor for two pediatric residents.

## Chattanooga Primary Care Welcomes Dr. Deborah Duffield



Dr. Deborah Duffield

Memorial Health Care System is pleased to announce that Deborah Duffield, M.D., an internal medicine physician with Memorial Health Partners, has joined Chattanooga Primary Care in Hixson. Dr. Duffield is board-certified in internal medicine.

## Dr. Zynia Pua-Vines joins Memorial Ooltewah

Memorial Health Care System would like to announce that Zynia Pua-Vines, M.D., a family medicine physician with Memorial Health Partners, has joined Memorial Family Medicine Ooltewah. Dr. Pua-Vines received a commendation from then-Alabama Gov. Bob Reilly in 2008 for her work practicing in an underserved area. She also received honors during her residency and during medical school for her work in rural health.



## Parkridge Recognized By Joint Commission

Parkridge Health System has been named one of the nation’s top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission. To be recognized as a top performer on key quality measures, an organization must meet two 95 percent performance thresholds. Parkridge was recognized for achieving these thresholds for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.



## Erlanger at Hutcheson

Officials with the Erlanger Health System and Hutcheson Medical Center have unveiled a new co-brand for the Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. hospital reflecting the new Erlanger management. The new name, Erlanger at Hutcheson, represents Erlanger and Hutcheson’s commitment to one another as medical institutions. The new logo features Erlanger’s blue and gold colors, along with the cross and flower icon well known throughout the region.

## University Surgical Associates Welcomes Vascular Surgeon

University Surgical Associates (USA), the region’s largest surgical specialty practice, welcomes former McCallie School graduate Sachin V. Phade, M.D., to the practice. Dr. Phade is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation.



Dr. Sachin V. Phade

## Parkridge Cardiac Rehabilitation Receives Accreditation

The Healthy Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation program at Parkridge Medical Center has received a three-year certification from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). Certified AACVPR programs offer the most advanced practices available in cardio-

vascular and pulmonary rehabilitation. The Parkridge Healthy Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation program is designed to help heart patients begin diet and exercise programs to improve their quality of life.

## Siskin Hospital’s Rachel Halter Speaks at TNOTA Conference

Rachel Halter, Occupational Therapist at Siskin Hospital, spoke in October at the Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association (TNOTA) Annual Conference in Nashville on the topic of de-escalating agitated brain injury patients. TNOTA’s Annual Conference gathers over 100 occupational therapists throughout the state to provide continuing education and discussion opportunities. Halter is currently the region’s only Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS). She earned her certification by passing the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists’ exam in May 2011.



Rachel Halter

## Erlanger at Hutcheson Awarded Accreditation

Erlanger at Hutcheson has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation. This award recognizes Erlanger at Hutcheson’s dedication to compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards addressing important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.



## Memorial Health Partners Welcomes Dr. Krish Bhadra

Memorial Health Care System is pleased to announce Krish Bhadra, M.D., as a new interventional pulmonologist with Memorial Health Partners. Dr. Bhadra focuses on the use of advanced diagnostic and therapeutic techniques to treat patients with lung cancer, benign airway disorders and pleural diseases. Dr. Bhadra is board-certified in Internal Medicine.



Dr. Krish Bhadra



## 24/7 Neonatology Services and Chest Pain Accreditation at SkyRidge

Neonatology services are now available around the clock at SkyRidge Medical Center thanks to neonatologists of Pediatric who have expanded their coverage to 24/7. The expanded hours for neonatology services will allow many acutely ill newborns to remain at SkyRidge with their mothers. SkyRidge Medical Center has also received Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC) in recognition of the hospital’s commitment to the highest standards in the country for treatment of patients with chest pain.