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**Chief of Med Staff now Cancer Liaison**

*Jimmy Chung, MD, performs new procedures, is appointed Cancer Liaison*

SANTA CRUZ – Jimmy Y. Chung, MD, chief of Dominican Hospital’s medical staff, is racking up the achievements.

Earlier this year, Dr. Chung performed the Central Coast’s first single-port laparoscopic colectomy at Dominican Hospital. Using one point of entry, the single-port surgeries require one incision, rather than three to five separate ones. Patients have fewer scars, less pain and a faster recovery than with traditional laparoscopic surgeries.

“This is literally a cutting-edge procedure that is not done anywhere else on the Central Coast,” said Dr. Chung. “If we at Dominican provide this type of advanced surgery for our community, then our patients don’t have to seek care at Stanford or UCSF.”

Dr. Chung has also recently received a three-year appointment as Cancer Liaison Physician for the cancer program at Dominican Hospital. Cancer Liaison Physicians are an integral part of cancer programs accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC).

Dr. Chung is among a national network of over 1,600 volunteer physicians who are responsible for providing leadership and direction to establish, maintain, and support their facilities' cancer program. Dr. Chung, who has a significant interest in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with malignant diseases, is a member of the multidisciplinary cancer committee at Dominican Hospital.

Cancer Liaison Physicians are responsible for spearheading CoC initiatives within their cancer program; collaborating with agencies, such as the American Cancer Society (ACS); and facilitating quality improvement initiatives utilizing data submitted to the CoC’s National Cancer Database (NCDB). The CoC collects data from its accredited cancer programs and provides tools back to these facilities to facilitate the analysis of patterns of diagnosis, treatment, and quality of care.