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Dr. Joseph Woo is the recipient of Chinese Hospital's 45th Annual Award

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 11, 6:00 pm) Joseph Woo, MD, a highly recognized heart surgeon and leading researcher in innovative approaches to cardiovascular care, is the recipient of Chinese Hospital's 45th Annual Award. The award was presented to him at the Hong Kong Flower Lounge in Millbrae on Friday, October 11th.

Dr. Joseph Woo serves as the Norman E. Shumway Professor and the Chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Additionally, he holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Bioengineering. Dr. Woo received his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. This university is also where he conducted his postgraduate surgical training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery, as well as a postdoctoral research fellowship developing novel molecular strategies for attenuating myocardial ischemic injury.

Dr. Woo has an active clinical practice focusing on complex cardiac valve repair, aortic surgery, cardiopulmonary transplantation, and minimally-invasive surgery. He has advanced these fields by developing several innovative operations. Dr. Woo currently runs a basic science research lab which is funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Project Grant for studying stem cells, angiogenesis, tissue engineering, and biomechanics. The lab has held continuous NIH funding since 2004. Furthermore, Dr. Woo has also served as principal investigator for several clinical device trials, translational scientific clinical trials entailing administration of stem cells during coronary artery bypass grafting, and left ventricular assist device (LVAD) implantation. He has co-authored over 280 peer-reviewed publications.

Nationally, Dr. Woo has chaired several committees, including the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia Council, and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee. He is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery who has served as a Guest Editor for Circulation. During the past five years, under his leadership, overall cardiovascular surgical clinical volume, extramural research funding, scholarly publications, and residency education programs in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine have doubled or tripled, and continue to grow significantly.

About Chinese Hospital Annual Award

Since 1973, and every year thereafter, the Board of Trustees, Medical Staff and Continuing Medical Education of Chinese Hospital have sponsored a full-day event to honor an individual for outstanding contributions to healthcare in the Asian American community. The award also serves to raise awareness of important achievements in medical sciences, health education, and community leadership. Past award recipients include: Baruch Blumberg, MD (Nobel Prize recipient for the HepB antigen); David Ho, MD (Man of the Year from Time-Magazine for his research on AIDS); and Professor Lap-Chee TSUI OC, PhD, FRS, FRSC, GBM, GBS, JP (Founding President of the Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong).

About Chinese Hospital

Chinese Hospital is a community-owned, not-for-profit organization based in San Francisco's Chinatown. It is a unique healthcare system that has grown in geographic and ethnic reach. It is made up of multiple primary care clinics, outpatient centers, a health plan and a medical group which provide healthcare services throughout San Francisco and northern San Mateo County.

Chinese Hospital's mission is to deliver quality healthcare in a cost-effective way and is responsive to the community's ethnic and cultural uniqueness. It traces its roots over 100 years to 1899 when the Chinatown community opened the Tung Wah Dispensary to provide Eastern and Western medicines for Chinese immigrants who could not access mainstream health facilities. A brand new replacement hospital opened in 2016. Visit: www.ChineseHospital-SF.org.

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Alpha Omega Alpha, University of Pennsylvania (1991)
I.S. Ravdin Prize (Top student in surgery), Department of Surgery,
University of Pennsylvania (1992)
Penn Pearls Teaching Award (Teaching excellence, as determined by medical students),
University of Pennsylvania (1995)
William Y. Inouye Teaching Award (Top resident teacher as determined by medical students),
Department of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania (1997)
Vivien Thomas Young Investigator Award Winner, American Heart Association (1997)
Surgical Scholar Award (Scoring 99th percentile on American Board of Surgery In-Service Exam),
Department of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania (1997)
Resident Prize First Place, Pennsylvania Association of Thoracic Surgery (1997)
Leonard J. Perloff Chief Resident Teaching Award (as determined by fellow residents), Department
of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania (1999)
40 under Forty Award Winner, Philadelphia Business Journal (2003)
21 Up and Coming Leaders of Philadelphia Award Winner, Philadelphia Magazine (2003)
10 Philadelphia Medical Researchers to Watch for 2005, Philadelphia Inquirer (2005)
Class of 2012 Teaching Award, Penn Medicine (2009)
Top Doctors of Philadelphia Region, Philadelphia Magazine (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
Luigi Mastroianni Clinical Innovator Award, University of Pennsylvania (2012)
Surgical Mentorship Teaching Award, Department of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania (2013)
Top Doctors, San Francisco Magazine (2015,2016,2017,2018)
2018 Top Ten Clinical Research in USA Award, Clinical Research Forum (2018)

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