



# HASC Briefs

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## Barber Tribute Raises More Than \$650K for Fund to Date



Health care professionals attend a meeting at HASC headquarters last year. Starting in 2017, one advancing professional will hone skills supported by the HASC Administrative Fellowship Program Fund annually. The Dec. 14 Jim Barber Tribute Dinner lays the fund’s foundation. (HASC photo)

Participation in Dec. 14’s Jim Barber Tribute Dinner not only honors HASC’s soon-to- retire president and CEO – it helps build an endowment to support advancing health care professionals with a program that will endure for years.

The HASC Administrative Fellowship Program Fund will support one deserving professional annually as she or he hones skills in health policy, advocacy, media relations, program management, issue research and public speaking. The goal is an enhanced pool of professionals for tomorrow’s management and c-suite.

The below hospitals, systems, firms and individuals are now enrolled as event sponsors. Time remains to add additional names to the list. For information on how to support the fund, and attend the event, please

[click here](#). We hope to see you there!

The current sponsor roll includes: AHMC Healthcare Inc., American Hospital Association, Anthem Blue Cross, Avanti Hospitals, Antelope Valley Hospital, Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital, Blue Shield of California, California Association of Physician Groups, California Hospital Association, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Cigna, Community Memorial Health System, CompSpec, Cottage Health, Daniel Herlinger, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Dignity Health, Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, HomeHero, Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties, Hospital Association of Southern California, Hospital Council of

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# State Sen. Moorlach Acknowledged For Mental Health Funds Advocacy



State Sen. John Moorlach (center) with hospital executives and HASC staff at the Orange County Area meeting held at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian on Oct. 4. Sen. Moorlach holds a plaque noting his successful effort to secure additional funding for county mental health services. From left are Dave Kowalski (Kindred), Ron Galonsky (KPC Health), Tony Struthers (MemorialCare), Morgan Topper (Kindred), Rick Rowe (KPC Health), Scott Rifkin (Kindred), Jon Gilwee (UCI), Steve Moreau (St. Joseph Hospital), Sen. Moorlach, Jim Barber (HASC President/CEO), Suzanne Richards (KPC Health), Virg Narbutas (Prime Healthcare), Michael Ricks (Hoag), Marty Gallegos (HASC), Dr. Michael Brant-Zawadski (Hoag), Marshall Moncrief (Hoag), Chris Leo (St. Joseph Hoag Health), John Stratman (Kaiser), Whitney Ayers (HASC) and Tom Loats (St. Joseph Hospital). (HASC photo)

On Oct. 4, Orange County hospital executives honored California State Sen. John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa) for his leadership seeking to clarify the use of Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funds for involuntary crisis stabilization services provided to 5150 patients.

After meeting with hospitals to discuss ER overcrowding linked to behavioral health patients, the senator authored SB 1273, which would permit counties to use MHSA to fund outpatient crisis stabilization units, or CSUs, dedicated to patients on involuntary 5150 holds.

In recognition of unanimous support

for the bill, however, California's Department of Health Care Services issued a statewide notice in July permitting the use of MHSA funds for involuntary stabilization care. To read the full notice, [please click here](#).

In Orange County, a portion of the funds have been redirected to support development of new CSUs. Currently, Orange County has one 10-bed CSU, limited to Medi-Cal and uninsured patients.

On Oct. 4, St. Joseph Hospital CEO Steven C. Moreau presented Sen. Moorlach with a plaque recognizing his leadership in creating flexibility for the use of existing funds. The new

funding permits all counties to create dedicated beds for mental health crises.

"This landmark opinion resulting from the senator's forward-thinking legislation will allow Orange County and others to develop a network of mental health urgent care centers designed for responsive therapeutic treatment," Moreau said. "Thereby preserving critical ER access for patients with true medical emergencies."

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## Study Charts How Drug Price Rise Affects Hospitals

A [recent study](#) released by the American Hospital Association, a HASC affiliate, charts a 38-percent rise in inpatient drug costs over the 2013-15 period.

This month's report is based on drug pricing data collected from across the country. In another finding, 90 percent of hospitals surveyed cited excessive drug prices as a key factor affecting their ability to manage costs.

"The women and men who work in America's hospitals recognize the value of truly innovative, lifesaving medi-

cines as much as anyone," AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack said. "But a drug priced beyond a patient's reach will not save anyone's life."

Federation of American Hospitals. "It confirms what local hospital administrators recognize as a serious and growing problem for their patients. Rapidly rising drug



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The study comes on the heels of a string of news stories focused on ballooning pharmaceutical product prices – in everything from hepatitis treatment to epinephrine auto-injectors.

"This analysis is a real wakeup call on health care spending," said Chip Kahn, president and CEO of the

costs combined with unsustainable Medicare and Medicaid cuts put hospitals in an impossible bind."

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## Disaster Management Training Set for Dec. 6-7

Hospital Disaster Management Training is a two-day session presented by HASC and Los Angeles County's Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services.

This course is designed for both a clinical and non-clinical audience that includes hospital administration, physicians, nurses, emergency care technicians, safety, security, facilities, mental health, ancillary, legal, human re-

sources, educators, clinic and first-receiver staff. Participants will learn how to move beyond awareness and focus on operational strategies.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify triage priorities in disaster patients.
- Perform a role in the hospital command center and emergency de-

partment during disaster drill.

- Describe the health care facility's role in a disaster.

At least 20 registered students are required to hold the training. To learn more, and to enroll, please [click here](#).

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**Learn To Document Employee Competence At Nov. 10 Meeting**

An intensive one-day workshop on Thursday, Nov. 10, presented by HASC, provides in-depth explanations of The Joint Commission competency assessment standards, detailed examples of compliance, and opportunities for managers to develop and redesign the content of their department competency tools.

The event takes place at Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center, Good Samaritan Hospital.

[Register online](#) today and for more information, [download the brochure](#).

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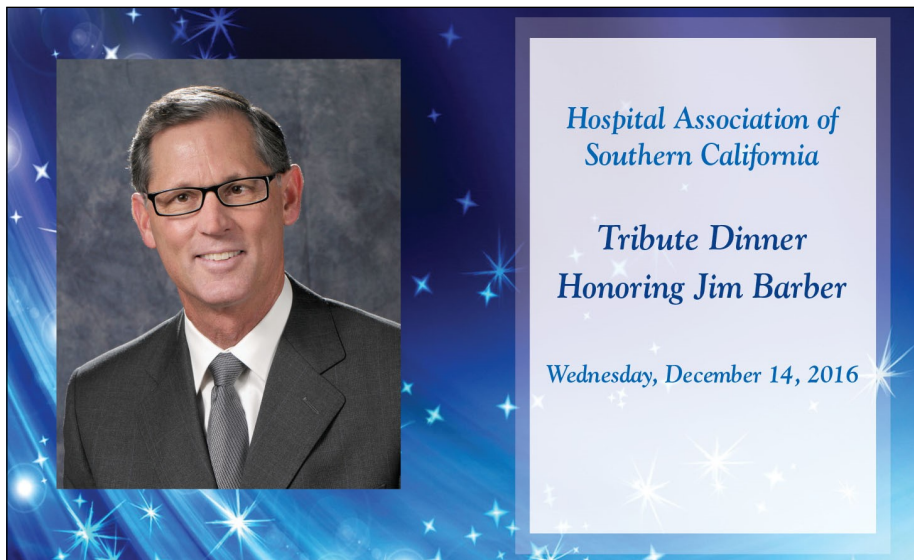
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## Golf Classic Tees Off Monday, Nov. 14

The HASC Charity Golf Classic at Rancho Cucamonga's Red Hill Country Club will take place on Monday, Nov. 14. Funds raised at the tournament benefit National Health Foundation's work supporting underserved communities. To date, the autumn event has contributed more than \$600,000



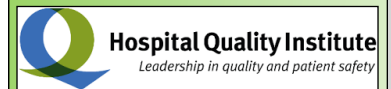
towards the foundation's mission. Participants will experience Red Hill Country

Club's 1920s-era course. [Click here](#) to register as a golfer. To register as a sponsor, please [click here](#). Sponsors are urged to enroll as soon as possible.

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## Nov. 2-4 Is HQI San Diego Conference

Hospital Quality Institute (HQI) aims to help professionals achieve new levels of performance at its 2016 annual conference this Nov. 2 through 4 in San Diego. HASC members are invited to attend, joining fellow health care personnel from across the state.



This year's HQI meeting includes addresses by Joe Kia-ni of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation and Ian Morrison, an internationally-known author, consultant and futurist.

The conference, themed *Respect, Reliability, Resilience*, convenes at the Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa.

For complete event information, please [click here](#).

A registration link is [available here](#).

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