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NEW STANFORD CARDIAC SURGERY PROGRAM AT DAMERON HOSPITAL

STOCKTON, CA (October 5, 2017) – Dameron Hospital has partnered with Stanford Health Care and the Stanford University School of Medicine to establish a joint cardiothoracic surgery program with Stanford Medicine physicians that is now available to residents of Stockton and the surrounding areas. To better serve its patients, physicians and the community, Dameron Hospital actively pursues opportunities to bring state-of-the-art medical procedures and technology to the local community to enhance its quality of care and the overall patient care experience. The Stanford Cardiac Surgery Program introduces surgical procedures that have previously been unavailable at Dameron Hospital.

“I’m very excited to announce the new cardiac surgery program with our partners at Stanford Health Care and the Stanford School of Medicine,” said Lorraine Auerbach, President and CEO of Dameron Hospital. “We will now be able to offer a new level of cardiac and thoracic surgical procedures right here in our community, which is what our residents need and deserve. Stanford’s leading edge patient care, research and care innovations will be available right here. We understand that residents frequently leave our area to access the level of care provided by world-renowned medical institutions like Stanford Health Care. This program will give members of our community a much better option—locally, without having to leave.”

The Stanford Cardiac Surgery Program at Dameron Hospital is comprised of surgeons who are faculty members in the Stanford University School of Medicine’s Cardiothoracic Surgery Department, led by department chairman and world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, Joseph Woo, MD.

According to Dr. Woo, Stanford Health Care is creating new delivery models to create seamless continuity of care for every patient and is actively working on expanding its services beyond the Bay Area.

“It makes perfect sense to create a presence in the Central Valley with Dameron,” said Dr. Woo. “It’s an outstanding hospital with a dedicated staff and a great practice environment for our cardiothoracic surgery program.”

“We believe that what we are able to provide as an established center of excellence for cardiothoracic surgery will complement the high level of care and services already offered by Dameron Hospital,” said Dr. Woo. “This new program will enhance the standard of surgical care available in the community and leverages the best of what Stanford Health Care and Dameron bring to the table, respectively, as health care providers.”

With the addition of the Stanford Cardiac Surgery Program, Dameron Hospital now offers an opportunity for patients with heart and lung disease to receive the highest quality of care available in our community.

Eric Keyser, MD, Stanford clinical assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery, will locate his full-time practice at Dameron Hospital in Stockton as a part of this jointly operated program. He is trained and experienced in advanced cardiac and thoracic surgery procedures.

“My goal as a surgeon is to provide the safest and best cardiothoracic surgical procedures and techniques for all of my patients, particularly the frail elderly,” said Dr. Keyser. “To this end I have specialized in the safest and most advanced approaches to heart and lung surgery because this is the kind of care I would want members of my own family to receive.”

“I’m looking forward to leading the Stanford Cardiac Surgery Program at Dameron and making Stockton my new home,” he said.

The Stanford Cardiac Surgery Program at Dameron Hospital is located at 530 West Acacia Street, Suite 23, Stockton, CA 95203. The phone number is 209-242-7098.

About Dameron Hospital

Dameron Hospital is a fully accredited, non-profit, 200+ bed community hospital providing acute and tertiary level care to San Joaquin County residents and is a designated heart attack (STEMI) receiving center for San Joaquin County. Dameron has been recognized nationally and statewide for the quality of many of its services and programs, including designations from HealthGrades® for Five-Star Rated Knee Replacement and Five-Star Rated Back Surgery, and selection as the only Blue Shield of California Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery and for Knee and Hip Replacement in the three-county area of San Joaquin and its surrounding counties. Dameron has also been recognized as a Top Performer for its Quality Metrics by the Joint Commission. Dameron’s services include Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Orthopedics, Bariatric Surgery, as well as general acute care, Emergency and Intensive Care Services. Dameron also provides primary care in its onsite Ambulatory Care Center.

About Stanford Health Care

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