

Prospect Medical Group Recognizes patient Bruce Roberts & Dr. Timothy Lim as recipients of the

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Each morning when 70-year old Bruce Roberts would wake up, he would walk over to the mirror and stare at himself. For what had begun as a small sore on this lower lip had progressively grown bigger and bigger. Embarrassed and self conscience of his appearance, Mr. Roberts became very uncomfortable being seen in public and remained in his home. His daughter was finally able to convince him to see his primary care provider. He was examined and immediately referred to a Dermatologist within the Prospect Medical Network. A biopsy was performed and within a few days the results were given to Mr. Roberts. Squamous Cell Carcinoma—the second most common form of skin cancer, if not caught in time it can become hard to treat and may cause disfigurement.

This was indeed the case for Mr. Roberts whom at this point could not even close his mouth. His speech was becoming impaired and his daughter was very concerned about his future prognosis. His primary care provider immediately recognized the severity of the case and referred Bruce to Dr. Timothy Lim-Reconstructive, Plastic Surgeon in Anaheim. Upon examining Mr. Roberts, Dr. Lim was concerned with the rapid progression and scheduled a surgery date on May 16th. The surgery was successful and all cancerous cells were removed, however his recovery was not an easy one. His Patient Advocate, Vivian Lewis, helped him through the process. For an entire month Mr. Roberts had to have his mouth sewn shut to allow for healing. He was not able to talk or eat any solid foods, but with his positive attitude and constant support from his daughter, Lesland he emerged from this ordeal in excellent health and sprits.

In recognition of the courage exemplified by Mr. Roberts, along with the compassion expressed by Dr. Lim combined with their commitment to work together to overcome this life threatening illness, we are honoring them this year. Just further evidence that Prospect Medical provides the best physicians and medical services for your healthcare needs. Prospect Medical is supported by an excellent team of Independent Primary Care and Specialty Care physicians, including those like Dr. Lim. Our physicians and administrative staff are committed to "Changing Healthcare One Patient at a Time" to over 170,000 patients in the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange Counties. We have been providing comprehensive healthcare services to our members for over 20 years which has made us one of the 3 largest IPA's in Southern California. If you would like more information regarding our physicians or services, please see our website at www.prospectmedical.com or call



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