

The Valley's Best Doctors

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tion to quality care for patients, his skills as a surgeon and his commitment to give back to the community. He also said he has become a leader in his field through research and education. Ferkel started the Southern

California Orthopedic Institute's Athletic Training Program. He has also been the team physician for local high schools and for Los Angeles Valley College, and he has worked with professional sports teams.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Ferkel has previously been named on the Best Doctors in America list. He received the Paul Giberson Award from Oaks Christian School in 2008.

JAMES M. FOX

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Fox is an orthopedic surgeon with Synergy Health Medical Group. He has an office in West Hills.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Fox has an extensive background in sports medicine. He served as the first fellow in sports medicine at the National Athletic Institute in Inglewood from 1973 to 1974 before becoming a major in the U.S. Air Force. He also worked with the Olympics soccer program in 1984. Fox has worked in sports medicine locally as well, serving as a founding partner of the Southern California Orthopedic Institute before entering private practice in 2005. He has participated as a team physician for numerous San Fernando Valley-based high schools and junior colleges.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Fox has been listed on the Marquis Who's Who list. He is also a member of several professional organizations.

MARC J. FRIEDMAN

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Friedman, a surgeon for the Southern California Orthopedic Institute, has been practicing in his field



for 30 years. He sees patients in Valencia and Van Nuys. Friedman is also a UCLA assistant clinical professor. Friedman has previously served as a physician specialist for the 1994 Olympic

Games for soccer and has served as chairman of the Education Committee of the Arthroscopy Association of North America. He was also previously the sports medicine fellowship director at the Southern California Orthopedic Institute.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Friedman said what helps him have a competitive edge as a doctor is the significantly limited scope of his practice, which focuses on treatments such as knee ligament reconstruction, joint replacement and arthroscopic shoulder problems.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Friedman is a fellow in the Arthroscopy Association of North America, the International Knee Society and the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine.

STEPHEN J. SNYDER

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Snyder, a surgeon for the Southern California Orthopedic Institute, has been practicing in his field for 30 years. He sees patients in Van Nuys. Snyder founded the International Shoulder Arthroscopy Study Group.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

For Snyder, constantly thriving for more advanced solutions is the key to being a top doctor. "I don't believe the 'status quo' is good enough for my patients," he said. "I believe strongly in always working to find a way to improve on the techniques and



procedures to maximize my results, helping my patients to make a better and faster recovery." Snyder is credited with helping develop new techniques for shoulder arthroscopy. He has also invented numerous surgical instruments and materials.

AWARDS RECEIVED: The Arthroscopy Association created the Stephen J. Snyder Excellence in Teaching Award, which is presented each year to a teacher in arthroscopy.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

MARC M. KERNER

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Kerner has been practicing in his field since 1995. He serves as chief of surgical services at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. He also teaches at UCLA and California State University, Northridge.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

"I truly enjoy helping patients – be it trauma patients or a patient with the sore throat or cold," Kerner said. "I do everything in my power to help and give the best possible care." Kerner's practice specializes in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, sinus and



nasal reconstructive surgery, surgical treatment of sleep apnea and craniofacial deformities, and laryngology. Kerner teaches nationally and internationally and has authored and co-authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed medical journals.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Kerner is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is also a winner of UCLA's Best Clinical Facility award.

PATHOLOGY

JENNIFER C. HALEY



YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Haley is a pathologist with Permanente Medical Group and sees patients at Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center. She is certified in der-

matopathology and dermatology. Haley is also an associate clinical professor at UCLA.

PEDIATRIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

MARSHALL G. GOLDBERG

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Goldberg practices with Valley Pediatric Medical Group. He is affiliated with Providence Tarzana Medical Center. He is also an associate clinical professor at UCLA.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Goldberg holds top positions with various professional medical organizations, including the Los Angeles Pediatric Society, the Los Angeles County and California Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology.

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

DAVID FERRY

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Ferry practices with Pediatric Cardiology Medical Associates in Encino. He is a voluntary associate professor of pediatrics at UCLA.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Ferry has taken his professional skills beyond the U.S. borders. He has organized numerous volunteer trips to Latin America, where he led teams that diagnosed and treated children with congenital heart disease. His interests include echocardiography and interventional cardiology.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Ferry has received the Golden Apple Teaching Award several times, which was given by pediatric residents at Cedars-Sinai. He is also a fellow of both the American College of Cardiology and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

PEDIATRIC DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

RICKI ROBINSON

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Robinson, the co-director for Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning in La Cañada Flintridge, has been in private pediatric practice for more than 30 years. She has been working in the field of autism since 1990, and is also a clinical professor of pediatrics at USC.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Robinson has developed a multidisciplinary education program in her local community for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. She has also organized two new autism taskforces in Southern California and has stimulated research efforts within the groups. Robinson additionally helped develop an educational program for autistic children through Villa Esperanza School.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Robinson served as a key speaker at Vice President Al Gore's national conference called "Families & Healthcare."

PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

KEVIN KAISERMAN

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Kaiserman, who runs his private practice SoCal Diabetes in Encino, has been practicing in his specialty since 1998. He was previously a clinical associate professor of pediatrics and medical director for the Clinical Diabetes Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and at USC.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Kaiserman said one thing that sets him apart is the narrow focus of his practice – treating children and young adults with



Type 1 diabetes. He also stays up-to-date in his field, he said. "I use a lot of the latest technologies and therapies in the management of children and young adults with Type 1 diabetes," he said. Kaiserman is the

board president for the Los Angeles chapter of the American Diabetes Association, a board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Los Angeles and medical director for the Camp Conrad-Chin-nock in the San Bernardino.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Kaiserman has been named several times on the Best Doctors in America list.

PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

JAMES R. TIPTON

YEARS PRACTICING: Dr. Tipton began practicing pediatric gastroenterology in 1985 when he joined the Permanente Medical



Group. He saw patients at both the Kaiser hospitals in Hollywood and Panorama City and later also joined the hospital in Woodland Hills. He is also a UCLA associate clinical professor of pediatrics.

WHAT SETS MY PRACTICE ABOVE THE REST:

Tipton said he keeps up-to-date in his field by reading and attending conferences. He is also attentive to patients, he added. "It is incredibly important to really listen to parents and kids as they talk about their concerns," Tipton said. "I really enjoy my practice, and I think that comes through in every encounter. I ask parents about their concerns and then I talk directly with the kids, which often gives us a lot of information about what is really going on."

AWARDS RECEIVED: Tipton has received Kaiser's Leon Cohen award that recognized his contributions to patients and colleagues. He has also received UCLA's Golden Apple Teaching Award for Outstanding Clinical Faculty.