

## **Chester F. Griffiths MS, FACS**

Dr. Chester F. Griffiths entered the private practice of Otolaryngology Head and Neck and Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery with his father Cadvan Owen Griffiths Jr., MD, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon in Brentwood, California in 1989. He completed a three-year general surgery residency and a three-year residency in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the prestigious Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Philadelphia, where he served as a chief resident in his final year. He completed a visiting fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with world-renowned plastic surgeon, Dr. Ivo Pitanguy. Dr. Griffiths is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese. Dr. Griffiths has been active on the medical staffs of Providence-Saint John's Medical Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Centers. Since entering private practice, Dr. Griffiths has volunteered at the Venice Family Clinic treating the uninsured both as a consultant and performing surgical procedures pro-bono. He feels compassionate about offering access to medical care for the indigent and working poor. In recognition of his service, Dr. Griffiths received the Morton K. Rubenstein Award for Outstanding Volunteer Physician in 1995. Dr. Griffiths is an Associate Clinical Professor at UCLA School of Medicine and Professor of Surgery-Endoscopic Skull Base at John Wayne Cancer Institute actively participating in the teaching in the fellowship program, the family practice residents and medical students at UCLA. He received the Thomas L. Stern Award for Excellence in Residency Teaching.

Dr. Griffiths has been elected by his peers to many leadership positions including Treasurer of Saint John's Hospital Medical Staff, Vice President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Bay District, and the Vice-Chief of Staff and Executive Medical Board of Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. He was formerly the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and currently section chair of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at Providence Saint John's Health Center. He is a member of numerous societies and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and American College of Surgeons. He serves as the medical director of West Wilshire Medical Surgical Center and Pacific Specialists Imaging.

Dr. Griffiths is a co-founder of the Pacific Neuroscience Institute (PNI) with Dr. Daniel Kelly, Dr. Howard Krauss and Dr. Santosh Kesari and the CEO of Pacific Neuroscience Institute Medical Group. He is the medical director of 41 faculty Pacific Neuroscience Institute Medical Group, chief of endonasal endoscopic skull base surgery and director of Pacific Head and Neck, one of the centers of excellence of PNI.