

Chester Griffiths, MD

Dr. Chester Griffiths is board certified in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery and Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He has an extensive 30-year experience on the westside of Los Angeles in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery with a focus in endoscopic endonasal sinus surgery for skull base tumors and pituitary tumors, sinonasal cancers including mucosal melanomas, and in the treatment of facial and nasal trauma, cosmetic deformities, sinus infections, and disorders of smell and taste. His practice also includes treatment of sleep apnea, snoring, difficulty breathing, disorders of the larynx, thyroid tumors and other head and neck cancers with an emphasis on viral HPV related cancers.

As Chief of Endoscopic Sinonasal & Skull Base Surgery of the Pacific Neuroscience Institute, Dr. Griffiths is co-surgeon with Dr. Daniel Kelly, Dr. Garni Barkhoudarian and Dr. Walavan Sivakumar in endoscopic endonasal pituitary and skull base surgeries and provides post-operative sinus care for patients undergoing endoscopic endonasal surgery. He is a faculty member as a professor of surgery at Saint John's Cancer Institute, a faculty member in our annual Endonasal and Keyhole Surgery Course and actively participates in our neurosurgery fellowship training.

Dr. Griffiths completed a three year general surgery residency then a three Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He then completed a visiting fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with world-renowned plastic surgeon, Dr. Ivo Pitanguy. He began his professional career with his father Cadvan Owen Griffiths Jr., MD in 1989.

He is the medical director of West Wilshire Medical Surgical Center, a medicare certified ambulatory surgery center in Los Angeles which has received full accreditation for 25 years and of medical director of Pacific Specialists Imaging.

Dr. Griffiths has been active on the medical staffs of Saint John's Health Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Centers for over 30 years. He served as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center for 9 years, Vice Chief of Staff for 3 years.

He holds a voluntary position as an Associate Clinical Professor at Gefen School of Medicine at UCLA in departments of head and neck surgery and family practice actively participating in the teaching of the family practice residents.

He is a team physician for the Los Angeles Kings Hockey Team performing maxillofacial and plastic surgery for team members.

Dr. Griffiths volunteers treating the uninsured both as a consultant and performing surgical procedures pro-bono and is on the Board of Directors of the Venice Family Clinic striving to continue the access for the uninsured to receive healthcare. In recognition of his service, he received the Morton K. Rubenstein Award for Outstanding Volunteer Physician in 1995.