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SEVEN PATIENTS RECEIVE FREE SURGERIES THANKS TO MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS

SAN DIEGO, September 6, 2014---- Seven uninsured community members will have life-changing surgeries performed pro bono thanks to a partnership between the [San Diego County Medical Society Foundation \(SDCMSF\)](http://www.sdcmf.org) and Surgery One's Otay Lakes Surgery Center on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Orthopedist Michael Lenihan MD, will perform two knee scopes and an ACL repair for three uninsured patients. General Surgeon Stephen Summers, MD will provide hernia repairs and a lipoma removal for four uninsured patients. At least 15 volunteer medical personnel will also donate their time and expertise to perform the procedures. Surgeries will be performed at Surgery One's Otay Lakes Surgery Center located at 955 Lane Ave # 100, Chula Vista, CA 91914.

Adela is one of the uninsured patients who will be receiving a procedure on Saturday. Adela works full time as a line cook at a taco shop and has been experiencing pain in her left knee for more than a year. She has become accustomed to keeping her knee as straight as possible because the pain is worse when she bends it. After an eight hour shift, her knee pain is almost unbearable. The pain is so great, it has begun to affect her job performance and she is afraid she will be unable to work soon. Adela's primary care provider at Family Health Center referred her to SDCMSF and she will receive a knee scope on Saturday to finally determine the cause of her pain. If additional treatment is needed, case managers at SDCMSF will coordinate that for her. "I am so grateful," says Adela. "I want everyone to know how very appreciative I am of everyone's time and generosity. Thank you."

SDCMSF Project Access San Diego has been operating since 2008 providing life-changing health care to more than 2,500 San Diego residents. "Our patients are our community's most

vulnerable,” says SDCMSF Executive Director Barbara Mandel. “We could not help patients regain their health without the partnership with Surgery One and Otay Lakes Surgery Center.”

Scott Leggett, CEO of Surgery One said, “We’ve been supporting the efforts of Project Access for many years and are grateful to our physicians, anesthesiologists and staff who donate their time to ensure the success of this critical community outreach program that addresses critical medical needs. With their support, we’re able to transform the lives of patients in need and restore them to an active, productive life”

About the San Diego County Medical Society Foundation

Founded by the San Diego County Medical Society (SDCMS) in 2005 as a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, the San Diego [County Medical Society Foundation](#) (SDCMSF) addresses the unmet healthcare needs of low-income uninsured or underinsured San Diego County residents. The Foundation focuses on increasing healthcare access, improving health education and prevention, and supporting physicians and medical students in improving the quality of care in the community. Through its flagship program, [Project Access San Diego](#), SDCMSF has assisted more than 2,500 patients with access to specialty healthcare services. Healthcare partners, including nearly 650 specialty medical physicians, 25 hospitals and surgery centers, and numerous imaging, laboratory and ancillary providers, have provided patients with more than \$8.5 million in donated healthcare services. For more information about SDCMSF please visit <http://www.sdcmf.org>.

About Surgery One

Surgery One is a medical industry leader in San Diego County with a network of outpatient surgical centers located in Carlsbad, La Jolla, Otay Lakes and mid-town (Kearny Villa Road). The surgery centers offer a wide variety of surgical service lines ranging from orthopedic sports medicine, spine, pain management, ENT, general surgery, gastroenterology, and cardiology. Call (760) 602-7872 or visit www.surgeryone.com for additional information.

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