

San Bernardino County Medical Society
2010 Nicholas P. Krikes, M.D.
Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Medical Society

presented to

Guillermo J. Valenzuela, M.D., M.B.A.

This twenty-third day of June, in the year two thousand ten

Guillermo Valenzuela is a multi-faceted individual with interests in international affairs, local and state politics, children's welfare, education, medical research, the arts, and sports. Much can be said about his work at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and Riverside Regional Medical Center, his dedication to disadvantaged women and children, and his innovative programs that have profoundly enriched the community, such as The Dream Project, keeping at-risk youth on the right track to college, and the Technology Encouraging College Hopes Scholarship Program, a writing competition in the Riverside School District where at the end of each school year, he awards new laptop computers to one student from each grade.

Much can also be said about his contributions to his profession and organized medicine. The son of working-class parents in Chile, Dr. Valenzuela received his medical degree from Universidad Catolica de Chile in 1974 and served his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a fellowship in Reproductive Biology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine, his work as director of Women's Health at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, as well as multiple community prenatal clinics, has led to improved health care for women and children, and an exemplary educational opportunity for medical students and resident physicians. Dr. Valenzuela's medical research has been published in leading medical journals, and he is involved in multiple ongoing research projects.

Dr. Valenzuela is a member of numerous organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians, the Society for Gynecologic Investigation, the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the California Medical Association, the American Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy, and the San Bernardino County Medical Society. He served as SBCMS President in 2008/2009 and did an extraordinary job leading our 1,700 physician member association and its affiliated organizations (Inland Wellness Information Network and the Physicians Memorial Gift & Benevolence Fund). He initiated successful membership recruitment efforts and has shown great commitment and support to our medical student and resident members. Dr. Valenzuela is a CMA Delegate, has served as a member of the SBCMS Board of Directors, Executive, Nominating, Finance, Legislative and LOPAC Committees where his focus has been on strengthening legislative advocacy at the local and state levels. He represented SBCMS as a Proposition 10 Initiative Commissioner from 1999 to 2005. He served as President of Inland Faculty Medical Group, a local Inland Empire IPA, has served on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, and currently serves as a First Five Commissioner.

This award honors the SBCMS physician member who has demonstrated sustained interest and participation in one or more activities of the Society over and above that expected by the membership at large. We, his colleagues, are pleased to present to Dr. Guillermo Valenzuela the Nicholas P. Krikes, M.D. Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Medical Society for his outstanding leadership.

Rodney Borger

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President

