

## Physician Spotlight: John F. Bokelman, M.D.



John F. Bokelman, M.D., has served as a radiologist with Affiliates in Imaging since 2005.

Dr. Bokelman received his undergraduate degree from Creighton University School of Fine Arts and Sciences in Omaha, Neb., and earned his medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine, also in Omaha.

Dr. Bokelman completed his medical internship at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco. He fulfilled radiology residencies at St. Mary's Hospital and the University of California-San Francisco.

Dr. Bokelman previously served as Director of Radiology and Radiation Safety Officer at Sonora Regional Medical Center. He formerly practiced at Tuolumne Radiology Group in Sonora.

Dr. Bokelman serves as Medical Director/Chief of Radiology at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. He has hospital privileges at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Sonora Regional Medical Center, St. Rose Hospital, San Ramon Regional Medical Center and Doctors Medical Center.

He holds a medical license in California and is board certified by the American Board of Radiology. Dr. Bokelman is an active member of the American College of Radiology. ▲

## We've Got You Covered

### Remote reads, 24-hour coverage, subspecialty expertise

Twenty-four hour radiology reads and subspecialty expertise mean referring physicians can get all the coverage they need from a trusted source — Affiliates in Imaging.

"We provide a depth of service that's hard to match," Medical Director Michael Lane, M.D., said. "We offer accurate reads with quick turnaround and radiologists who are available for consultation."

Dr. Lane explained that by leveraging relationships with Sonora Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, Affiliates is able to provide around-the-clock reads, including outpatient CT and MR, with access to Sonora's PACS system.

Affiliates is committed to providing the highest quality imaging services to the region, including CT, MRI, PET-CT, nuclear medicine, plain radiographs, fluoroscopy, mammography, ultrasound and numerous interventional procedures. ▲

## Advanced Imaging Guides Interventional Radiology at Affiliates

Through access to high-quality imaging equipment at Sonora Regional Medical Center, our board-certified radiologists are able to offer patients and referring physicians a variety of interventional radiology (IR) treatment options.

IR services available through Affiliates in Imaging medical group include:

- Ultrasound-guided nerve blocks and injections
- Fluoro- and ultrasound-guided renal interventions
- Nephrostomies
- Vertebroplasty
- Kyphoplasty
- Vascular access procedures, including balloon dilation and stenting
- Biopsies
- Drainages
- Mammography interventions, including stereotactic breast biopsy

Affiliates in Imaging is dedicated to offering an exceptional level of care and service. Our radiologists will always call or fax back remarkable results or findings to referring physicians. Affiliates' physicians performing interventional radiology services are Medical Director Michael Lane, M.D., Matthew Nesper, M.D., and Gregory Schaner, M.D.

All three have core radiology privileges in addition to various advanced procedure privileges. Dr. Lane has advanced privileges in biopsy and aspiration procedures, nuclear medicine sentinel node localization, and carotid sonography. Dr. Nesper has advanced privileges in biopsy and aspiration procedures, nuclear medicine sentinel node localization, and percutaneous urinary drainage. Dr. Schaner has advanced privileges in all non-core procedures.

We recognize the importance of accurate and timely reporting in patient care and management. Our radiologists are held to the highest standards in reporting and strive to meet the needs of all our referring physicians. For more information or questions about our IR services, contact our radiology line directly at 209-536-3452. ▲



Photos from left to right: Matthew Nesper M.D., Michael Lane M.D., Gregory Schaner M.D.

## In this issue

**We introduce you to our variety of Interventional Radiology services and the radiologists who perform IR procedures. Our 24-hour remote reads bring you service and expertise around the clock.**

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## Getting a Better Read

Medical Director Michael Lane, M.D., William Tanner, M.D., and all the physicians at Affiliates in Imaging would like to extend our thanks to all those who participated in our surveys and personal office visits. The survey and follow-up visits are part of our ongoing initiative to get to know and better understand the challenges facing our referring physicians.

After receiving our initial survey data, our group decided to schedule direct visits with referring physicians and their staff to strengthen relationships and gain valuable insight. So far, Dr. Lane and Dr. Tanner have made personal visits to about 25 percent of our referring physician base. This effort will continue over the next several months as we schedule more personal visits and follow up on survey results.

The doctors at Affiliates in Imaging are dedicated to efficient communication and accurate and timely reads. We greatly appreciate your input, and we can assure you that we are already acting on your responses and suggestions. We look forward to visiting many more referring physician offices in the coming months.

Please feel free to call us with any general questions or concerns about our services at 925-274-4950. For urgent medical consultation needs, contact us through our direct line at 209-536-3452. ▲

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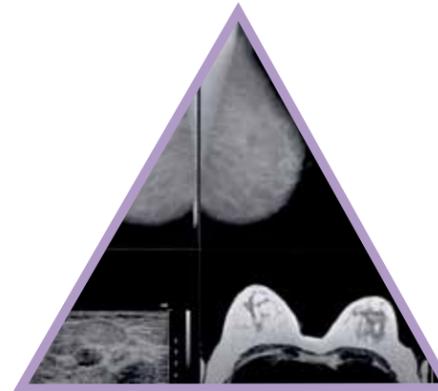
## Q&A

### Q: What philanthropy or community involvement does Affiliates in Imaging participate in?

**A:** We are proud to participate in Project HOPE (Health, Outreach, Prevention and Education) with Sonora Regional Medical Center. Project HOPE is a community wellness outreach program that serves more than 1,000 patients each year, providing free medical care.

Project HOPE was designed to meet the needs of people who don't have medical insurance or who have high deductibles. Affiliates radiologists serve the public, in partnership with Sonora Regional Medical Center, by offering screening mammography.

Project HOPE offers many different services through its mobile clinic, including treating general or episodic medical problems, providing noninvasive treatments and tests, checking blood pressure, and providing sports physicals. No appointment is needed and there is usually little or no wait. Project HOPE provides free medical care from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday and Friday in front of the Wal-Mart in Sonora.



## New Mammography Screening Guidelines

The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor and Treasury have issued new guidelines requiring private health plans to cover evidence-based preventive services, including mammograms.

For plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010, the new HHS regulations require private health plans to cover evidence-based preventive services and prohibit cost sharing — copayments, coinsurance or deductibles — for such services. The regulations do not apply to grandfathered health plans or to preventive services provided out-of-network.

Regarding screening mammography, the HHS announcement specifically references U.S. Preventives Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines from 2002, which recommend mammography screening starting at age 40. The task force's controversial guidelines from November 2009, recommending that screening not begin until age 50, were labeled as “not considered to be current” in the new HHS rules.

The HHS screening recommendations include preventive services with a USPSTF preventive services rating of A or B. Breast and colon cancer screenings, screening for vitamin deficiencies during pregnancy, screenings for diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and tobacco cessation counseling will be covered under these rules along with standard vaccines and immunizations.

Plans are also allowed to use reasonable medical management techniques to determine the frequency, method, treatment or setting for preventive services, as long as they are not specified in the recommendation or guideline.

The announcement carries out provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed earlier this year that were designed to support disease prevention, according to a statement issued by HHS.

More information about the new regulations is available at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). For questions about how these recent changes might impact screening mammography referral, please contact Affiliates in Imaging at 925-274-4950. ▲