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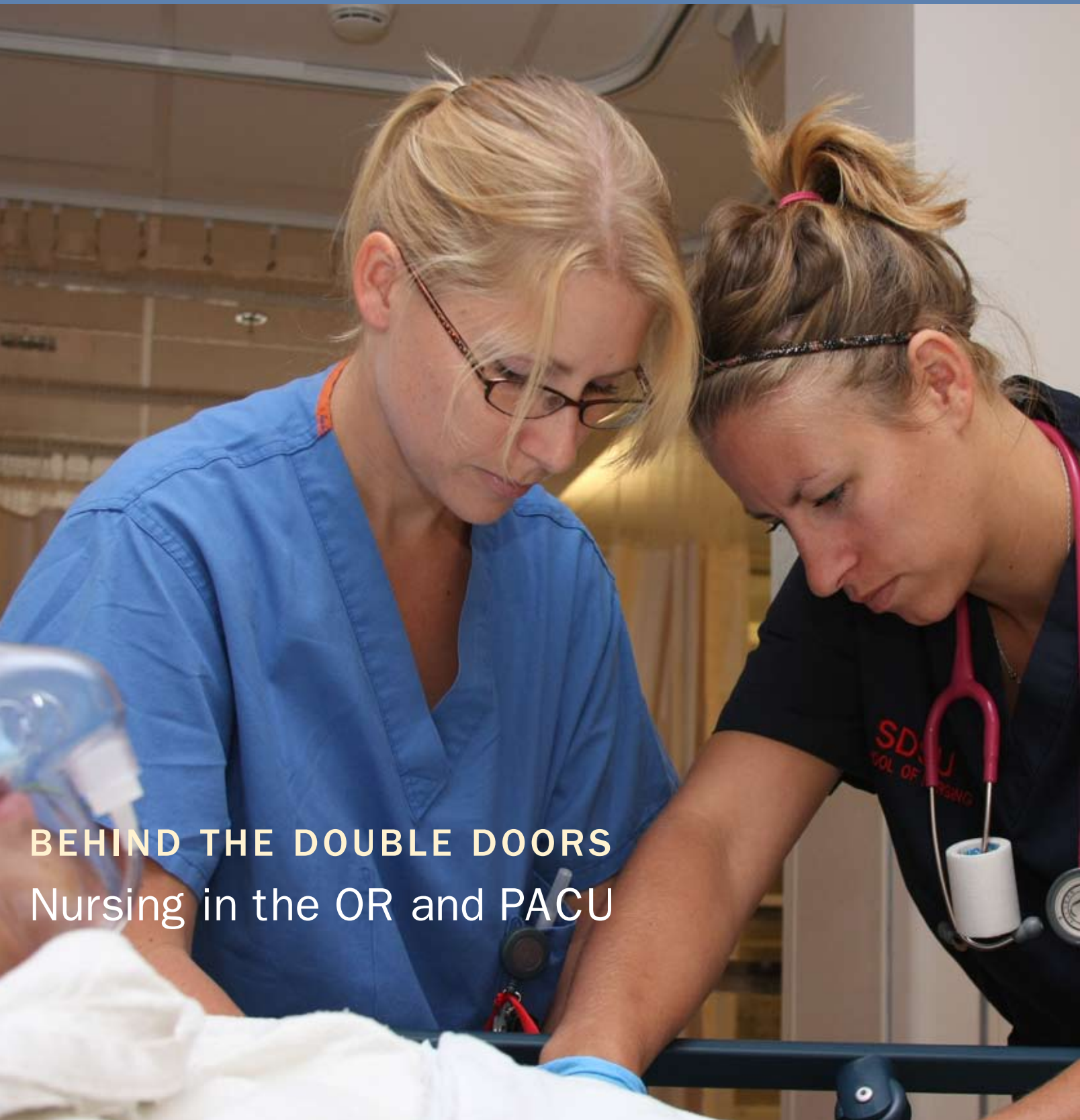
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Message from the The Chief Nursing Officer

Our 5th issue of the UC San Diego Medical Center Journal of Nursing allows us behind the closed double doors of the OR and PACU. With the new Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center opening next Spring, which will offer 4 new Cardiac sized OR's and a new Pre and Post Treatment Unit (PTU formerly known as PACU), it is a perfect time to find out more about Perioperative Services and the extraordinary staff that work in this area.

Our Perioperative Team is known around the world for the management of PTE (Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy) cases, advances in Burn Surgical Care, our humanitarian efforts, and the ability of our staff to provide patient/ family centered care. It is truly remarkable.

I always enjoy learning more about the specific job responsibilities and the many different roles our staff assume in the OR and PACU. The amount of information these staff members have to comprehend is astounding. The article covering a day in the life of a transplant coordinator was fascinating as I learned about the many aspects of care that had to be coordinated in order to ensure a successful transplant. I was overwhelmed with pride when I read the article about the way the staff in the OR act as educators to the patients, families and students who come through our Operating Rooms. Not only do the Clinical Educators take part in the teaching of the patients and students but the whole team seems to embrace this culture. I was also very interested to read about the burn victims and the many procedures they endure while under our care and how the rooms are adjusted to make these patients more comfortable and to help eliminate any more trauma to their bodies.

The story about the special surgical caps for children really warmed my heart. Making a scary situation more inviting and fun for the young patient is a challenge and hearing about what the staff are doing at the Shiley Eye Center is just another example of how we not only meet but exceed our patients expectations. I was also excited to read that the OR also offers a special bring your child to work day which includes many opportunities to have a hands on experience! What a great way to introduce this field of work to the next generation!

These stories share just a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes in our OR's and PACU's. I encourage you to read each article and learn more about our Perioperative Team and the services they provide.

Sincerely,

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