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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: JASON TORANTO, MD

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*After completing his extensive training, Dr. Jason Toranto had clear ideas about the kind of hospital where he wanted to practice craniofacial, plastic and orthognathic surgery. He found exactly what he was looking for at CHOC Children's.*

[Dr. Toranto](#) says he can feel it the moment he steps into a children's hospital. Either the hospital has the heartfelt, compassionate environment he wants for his patients — or it doesn't. For him, the patient experience is just as important as the surgical skill he brings into the operating room.

Dr. Toranto immediately knew he was in the right place when he arrived at CHOC.

“CHOC is filled with warm, caring people who have the human touch. It is the type of environment I wanted to practice in and the type of environment that provides the best care for my patients,” Dr. Toranto said.

In return, Dr. Toranto considers it his responsibility to give back to CHOC and build the hospital's programs for craniofacial disorders. And he has set his own professional bar very high. His goal is to collaborate with CHOC specialists and ultimately redefine the gold standard of care.

Since joining the CHOC medical staff in 2013, Dr. Toranto has become a part of the hospital's neonatal mandibular distraction program. He also added new surgical capabilities:

## Craniofacial

- Neonatal mandibular distraction
- Monobloc/facial bipartition
- Fronto-orbital advancement
- Facial fractures

## Orthognathic

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- Mandibular surgery

## Pediatric Plastic

- Cleft lip and palate repair
- Cleft rhinoplasty
- Alveolar bone grafting
- Tissue expansion

Dr. Toranto also has strong research interests and is the co-director of research for the UC Irvine department of plastic surgery. At CHOC, he is an integral part of a monthly, multidisciplinary meeting of specialists, including neonatologists, otolaryngologists, geneticists, anesthesiologists, pulmonologists and gastroenterologists. In fact, this research group has recently had two posters on neonatal mandibular distraction accepted for presentation. One was presented at the California Association of Neonatologists conference held February 2015 in San Diego. The second poster was recently presented at the National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference in Chicago.

“It is in the interface between the different specialties that you find the most groundbreaking research and progressive ideas,” he said. “At CHOC, I am surrounded by tremendous talent everywhere I look.”

Board-certified in both general and plastic surgery, Dr. Toranto graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. He completed his general surgery internship and residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He continued his plastic surgery residency training at Duke University, and completed a craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery fellowship at University of Southern California.

During his medical training, Dr. Toranto was a Regan Fellow for Operation Smile in Jamshedpur, India. He also spent two years in Argentina and is fluent in Spanish.

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