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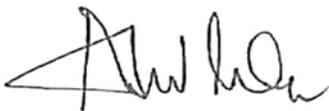
Dear Faculty, Staff and Students of Keck School of Medicine of USC.

It is with great sadness that we write to inform you of the sudden and tragic passing today of Dr. John K. Niparko, who chaired our USC Tina and Rick Caruso Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.

Dr. Niparko was a transformative recruitment to the Keck School of Medicine and was a pillar of our department, the university and the fields of science and medicine. In his three years with the school, Dr. Niparko led the department's ascent to the top ten departments of otolaryngology research funding in the country, strategically expanded its faculty and clinical services, and provided life-changing treatments and services to countless adults, children and their families. His work spanned not only the greater Los Angeles region, but touched patients across the world through his international outreach. He embodied the best of what it means to be surgeon-scientist, as he transformed not only his department, but medicine as a whole. His career was a synthesis of humanism and scientific achievement.

Our hearts go out to John's family -- his wife, Angela, and two sons, Nathan and Kevin, and his two siblings, Nancy and Steve. John was a dynamic and humble colleague and leader, whose good humor, compassion and gentle nature earned our esteem and deep affection. We are all enriched for having known him.

Plans for a memorial service will be shared in the coming days.



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