

Sister Josephine Sullivan leaving Dominican Hospital

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SANTA CRUZ — Dominican Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer Sister Josephine Sullivan will resign next month to accept a position as senior consultant to the recently formed Western Catholic Health Collaborative of Oakland, hospital officials said today.

Officials announced Sister Josephine will be succeeded by Sis-

ter Julie Hyer, O.P., an Adrian Dominican Sister now serving on Dominican's board of directors with an extensive background in health care.

"The 10 years at Dominican have been the most fulfilling experience of my life," said Sister Josephine in a prepared statement.

Sister Josephine, 61, said she is "very proud of what we have all done together" and knows "the Dominican tradition will continue in the future."



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She described that tradition as "progressive and caring."

In her new position, Sister Josephine said she is looking forward to building WCHC into "a strong network which will fortify western Catholic hospitals in their effort to continue providing compassionate health care."

Dominican will benefit from that network, officials said.

Sister Josephine will leave Dominican on Sept. 26.

Hospital officials characterized Sister Josephine's career at Dominican as one of achievement and "tremendous growth."

Under her administration the hospital saw the expansion of services into outpatient surgery, health education, mental health, chemical dependence and employee assistance programs.

She directed such projects as the ancillary wing, north wing, mental health unit, education center and soon-to-be completed intermediate care level-two nursery, and magnetic resonance imaging center.

Hospital officials credited her with the steady acquisition of important new technology and the establishment of contemporary accounting systems and computerization "to increase accountability and productivity, thus strengthening Dominican as the most comprehensive health care center in the county."

In 1984, she was named the first woman chairwoman of the California Hospital Association and currently serves on the board of the California Association of Catholic Hospitals.