

## Dr. Joseph Chiang



Dr. Joseph Chiang is an emergency physician and Senior Regional Director for Vituity, a physician partnership staffing Sutter Delta Medical Center. He went to medical school and did his residency in emergency medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, where he was chief resident in 2010. The following year he did a management fellowship with Vituity before joining the staff. He also has an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dr. Chiang was born in Taiwan. He visited the United States as a toddler, and learned his first English word on that trip: "ice cream." He moved to the States when he was 8 years old and grew up on the Jersey Shore. He ate ice cream almost every day, he says, and during high school, he worked at an ice cream store on nights and weekends. "I'm not very picky with food. But when it comes to ice cream, I can tell you whether ice cream is good, whether someone has diluted it, whether it's been refrozen. I can tell you how it was made just based on looking at it."

He graduated with not only refined taste in ice cream but his sights set for a career in medicine. During high school his grandmother fell and broke her hip. He watched how she went from the hospital into rehab and how her overall health declined because of that injury. He saw in that experience how important good care could be. "Every time you go to work, you touch someone's life," he says. "I don't think you can say that a lot about a lot of other careers."

He went to New York University and then Mount Sinai for medical school. He was drawn to emergency medicine because of the challenge of facing something different every day, and also the safety net that emergency rooms provide. "There are very few places in society where people are treated exactly the same and an emergency department is one," he says. "It doesn't matter if you're rich, you're poor, whatever your background is, when you come to the E.D., I'm there to take care of you, and I find that very fulfilling."

He moved to the West Coast to join Vituity. Today he oversees eight emergency room sites, including Sutter Delta.

From the West Coast, he managed a long-distance courtship. His girlfriend at the time lived in Asia and they would meet in Hawaii to spend time together. To this day, he is especially fond of Maui. "It is a place where my wife and I fell in love and have really good memories."

Now they are married and have two children. Outside of work, Dr. Chiang spending time with his family, running, watching Survivor on television, and of course, eating ice cream.