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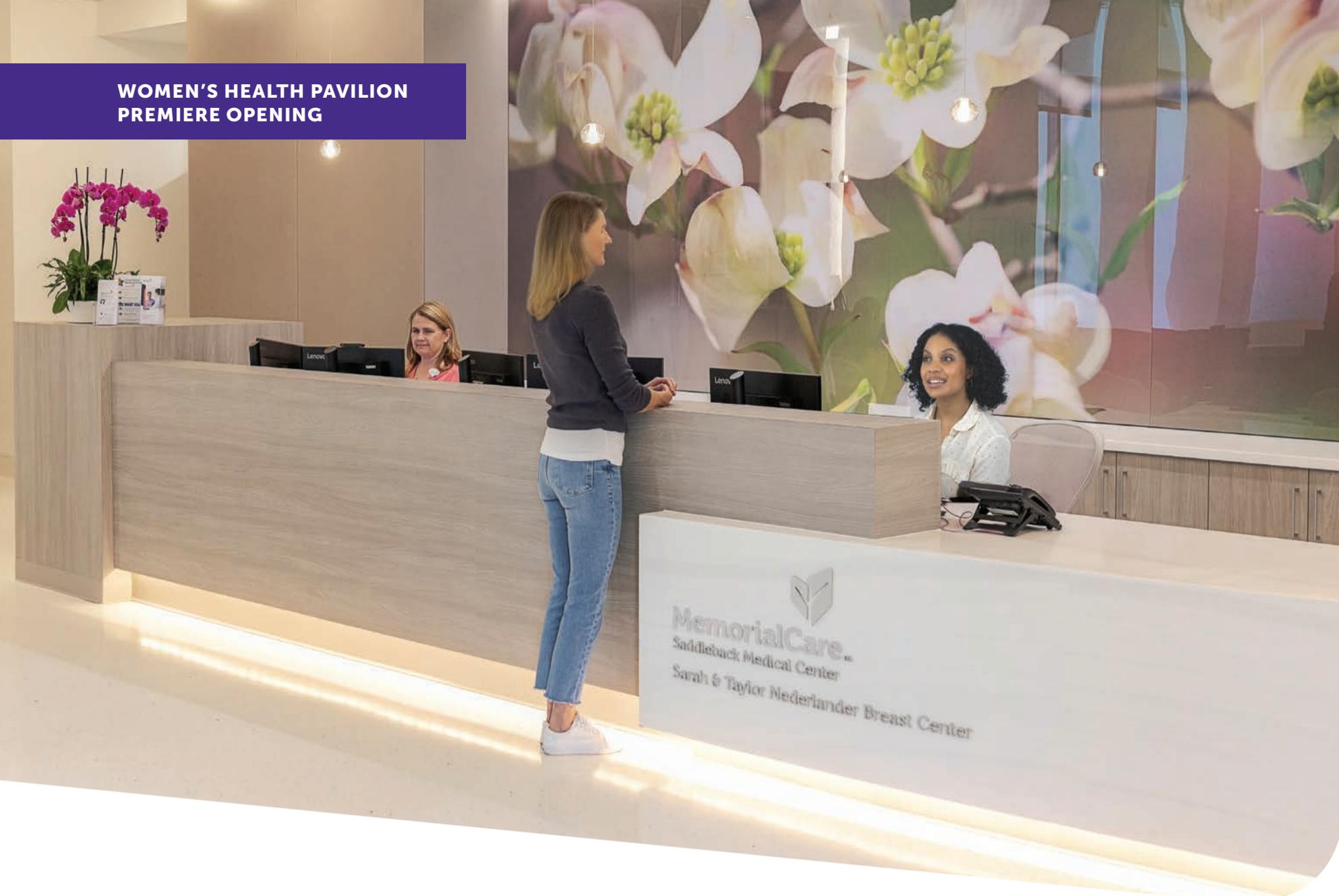
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- **1989: MemorialCare Cancer Institute** opens, which is now highly regarded for utilizing the latest treatment options and conducting clinical trials.
- **1991: Saddleback Health Information Center** is established for physician referrals and health information.
- **1995: Heart & Wellness Center** opens, featuring health education, exercise programs, and cardiac rehab services.
- **2002: Meiklejohn Critical Care Pavilion** opens. Our Myrtle Dermody Emergency Care Center is now an accredited geriatric emergency department for senior care.
- **2011:** The **Blood Donor Center** expands in a new location, where donors give directly to Saddleback Medical Center patients.
- **2016: Heart & Vascular Institute** leads the way in providing minimally invasive procedures for faster recovery.
- **2019:** MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center’s surgical wing was reconfigured and enhanced with a **hybrid operating suite** that includes advanced imaging capabilities.
- **2023:** Birthing suites in The Women’s Hospital were renovated and upgraded, and we opened a **24/7 obstetrical emergency department**.
- **2023:** The comprehensive **Sarah & Taylor Nederlander Breast Center** in the new Women’s Health Pavilion opened, with integrated screening and diagnostic services.
- **2024:** The **Women’s Health Pavilion** at MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center opens in phases, with services focused on women’s health for all stages of life.



While our list of achievements is long, our proudest accomplishments are the many lives we’ve touched. Over five decades, this community has entrusted us with care during pivotal moments — welcoming a new life, undergoing complex surgeries, or keeping them healthy from infancy through the golden years. We remain committed to serving patients with the same compassionate care for the next 50 years.

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Can dopamine be restored in Parkinson's patients?



After decades of researching and treating Parkinson's disease, UCI Health neurologist Dr. Claire Henschcliffe reports promising results from a first-in-human clinical trial of stem cells engineered to replace dopamine-producing neurons destroyed by the disease.

The hope is that infusing the brain with these specialized neural cells — called bemdaneprocel (BRT-DA01) and developed by BlueRock Therapeutics — will restore critical dopamine production and alleviate the progression of Parkinson's disease, says Henschcliffe, a principal investigator of the novel study along with colleagues at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City and the University of Toronto.

An international Parkinson's disease expert and chair of the UCI School of Medicine's Department of Neurology, Henschcliffe describes the study and its findings.

What was the study designed to do?

This phase 1 clinical trial tested whether an injection of bemdaneprocel stem cells into the brains of 12 patients with advanced Parkinson's disease was safe and well tolerated. Patients also received immunosuppression treatment to prevent rejection.

What is novel about this study?

Huge advances in technology make it possible to turn precursor cells, derived from pluripotent stem cells, into dopamine-producing neurons. We now can grow an almost unlimited number of these cells with a high degree of quality control.

What did the trial results show?

The treatment proved to be safe for patients with advanced Parkinson's and did not cause significant side effects. We're also a little bit excited because specialized imaging scans showed that the injected cells not only survived but also appear to have become integrated with

the patients' neural cells. Although it was not designed to test the therapy's efficacy, 11 of the 12 patients showed some improvement in motor symptoms.

If the treatment is successful in subsequent trials, it could be used earlier and earlier. We'd love to see it developed for early stage disease so fewer patients would be exposed to current Parkinson's medications and their side effects.

Why get the therapy if medications control the disease?

Drugs that replace dopamine or dopamine-like substitutes work well in early Parkinson's, but their beneficial effects don't last. People eventually need higher, more frequent doses. That can lead to uncontrolled, involuntary movements called dyskinesia.

This cell therapy has the potential to be a single, one-size-fits-all treatment, providing lifelong relief from Parkinson's motor symptoms. We could then focus on other disease symptoms, such as depression and anxiety, pain, cognitive decline and sleep problems.

What is the next step?

We will continue to follow our phase 1 patients for another two years. BlueRock also is designing a phase 2 clinical trial we expect will begin later this year to study the treatment's efficacy in a greater number of patients.

Is UCI Health researching other leading-edge therapies for Parkinson's?

We have many Parkinson's clinical trials underway, including a novel treatment my colleague Dr. Nicolás Phielipp will be conducting to give patients their own neural cells modified to produce dopamine. If proven, this could avoid the need for immunosuppression. The combination of the excellent care we provide our Parkinson's patients, along with our experimental approaches, is something few other medical institutions can offer in Orange County or elsewhere.

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Leading Orange County in Shoulder Replacement at Hoag Orthopedic Institute

If you have experienced pain in your shoulder, from lifting, reaching or vigorous exercise, then you understand how debilitating a shoulder injury is.

As the only orthopedic and spine specialty hospital and ambulatory surgery center network in Orange County, Hoag Orthopedic Institute's specialty trained staff and surgeons are well equipped to handle even the most complex of cases with high quality outcomes.

"We designed our team at HOI around orthopedics-only care because when you have a group of experienced surgeons in each modality, and nurses, therapists, anesthesiologists all work together, you naturally have better outcomes," shared HOI founding sports medicine and shoulder surgeon Russell Petrie, M.D. "Shoulder surgery is a true core competency at HOI and as such, we are able to evolve and perform higher quality surgeries that didn't exist five to 10 years ago."

HOI continues to lead Orange County in Total Shoulder Arthroplasty (TSAs). One in three patients in Orange County who require a TSA procedure, receive their care at HOI. In 2023, HOI performed more than 450 inpatient and outpatient TSAs. HOI's TSA volume increased by 37% from 2022 to 2023, with 83% of the surgeries being performed as outpatient surgeries.

Pre-Surgery Education Aids in Recovery

Another key differentiator HOI offers is pre-surgery education and discharge preparation from their expert physical and occupational therapists.

"Since inception, HOI has viewed PT and OT as vital to the success of patients as they continue to recover at home," shares Jennifer Brandon, PT, physical therapy program manager. "We treat patients as a whole and address their individual needs to assure they are set up for success at home, focusing on one-arm limitations in addition to any other needs they may have such as balance."

Shoulder Surgery Innovation

Some of the evolutions in shoulder care, specifically with shoulder replacements, have been with anesthesia and nerve blocks before surgery to minimize post-operative pain. However, there have also been advances in arthroscopic techniques, implants, as well as CT and MRI-based modeling technology to improve accuracy.

"While advances in anesthesia has made surgery far less painful, the improvement in arthroscopic techniques and better implants have led to quicker recovery and better outcomes," shares HOI shoulder surgeon Daniel DeBottis, M.D. "It's important to have a discussion with your shoulder specialist regarding your diagnosis and treatment options to dispel any concerns because not all shoulder problems and surgeries are the same."

One trend HOI is leading in is utilizing Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty over the traditional procedure. In fact, more reverse shoulder replacements are performed in the US than standard anatomical shoulder replacements. Reverse shoulder arthroplasty is a surgical procedure that has revolutionized the treatment of certain shoulder conditions. Unlike traditional shoulder replacement, the procedure shifts the center of rotation of the shoulder, allowing the deltoid muscle to compensate for the lost function of the rotator cuff.

"This reverse technique is particularly beneficial for patients with severe rotator cuff dysfunction or complex arthritis and deformity," shared Hafiz Kassam, MD, HOI shoulder and elbow surgeon. "Since its approval in the US in the early 2000s, reverse shoulder arthroplasty has demonstrated significant improvements in patient outcomes by providing pain relief, restored range of motion, and enhanced shoulder function in individuals who previously had limited treatment options."

Don't Wait to Seek Expert Shoulder Care

Dr. Kassam also emphasizes the importance of seeking care for shoulder pain with a specialized shoulder expert earlier rather than waiting.

"It is important to intervene at the right time when it comes to your shoulder otherwise surgeries may become more complicated," Dr. Kassam shared. "When you seek the care of a shoulder expert who has that additional fellowship training, or a revision expert, they are able to treat you more effectively."

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The Value of AI in Nursing

Artificial intelligence (AI) exploded into public awareness in 2022 with the launch of Chat GPT, but it has actually been used in healthcare for some time now. AI tools and technologies are poised to change the day-to-day work of nurses throughout all aspects of healthcare — but they won't replace nurses.

AI, instead, is more likely to provide the support nurses need to do their jobs more effectively and efficiently, improving delivery of patient care. Through AI tools that provide clinical decision support, mobile health support, and more, nurses should experience enhanced workflow.

What Is the Role of AI in Nursing?

Nurses are the primary link in patient care — but they can use some support in their jobs, and that support can come from AI in many cases. AI processes information much more quickly than human beings can, and it can handle far more information, including data fed into their systems from public and purchased sources. With all this electronic data, AI can perform more robust risk analysis and provide nurses with valuable information. That capability can provide nurses with help in making smart clinical decisions. In all cases, though, nurses who understand how to work with AI should be critically involved in assessing and creating AI solutions.

Practical Uses for AI in Nursing

AI has many potential uses in nursing, going far beyond the obvious practicalities such as helping with complicated shift scheduling. Take a look at some of the ways in which AI is already transforming the nursing field and streamlining patient care.

Clinical Decision Support

AI systems have access to enormous amounts of data, including from electronic health records (EHRs) and medical sensors. Using this data, AI can provide support to help nurses and other healthcare professionals make smart clinical decisions.

This clinical decision support can make suggestions and issue predictions that are often far beyond human ability. AI can crunch the large amount of data involved, flag at-risk patients, and suggest specific interventions based on its available data sources. Nurses are thus better able to identify any gaps in patient care and to better advocate for their patients.

Mobile Health Support

Mobile health technologies became intrinsic to healthcare during the pandemic, as healthcare providers suddenly needed the ability to retrieve data and monitor patients remotely. AI technologies, often incorporated into wearables and smartphones, have become an important aid to nurses providing remote care.

In addition, AI-based sensors placed within the patient's environment can help collect data on everything from weight or body movement to air quality or heart rate. These tools allow nurses to handle monitoring and diagnosis in a noninvasive way while also feeding data to AI for analysis and pattern recognition. Nurses can then use this data to understand the day-to-day experience of their patients and to provide appropriate care and feedback.

Nursing Education

With the use of AI, nursing students have access to highly realistic simulations that can help prepare them for the types of patients and cases they'll handle on the job. AI is also being used to power healthcare mannequins for even more realistic training.

Predictive Analytics

AI algorithms are being used to help identify at-risk patients. The predictive analytics from this data analysis has a couple of advantageous outcomes. They can be used to predict public health trends and to focus on the likelihood of complications in given healthcare scenarios. In addition, they can be integrated into EHRs to inform nurses of risk to specific patients, which in turn supports clinical decision making and proactive care.

AI Won't Replace Nurses

Plenty of industries are raising potential concerns about AI displacing workers — but that is not something expected to happen in healthcare. Nurses provide unique, patient-centric care in a way that no algorithm or data tool can replace. Instead, AI is anticipated to improve workflow and open up a way for nurses to provide better care as AI provides them with better information to work with.

Nurses should be heavily involved throughout the implementation of AI in healthcare. They need to interpret AI recommendations and suggestions based on their own vast experience in patient care and outcomes. In some cases, AI algorithms may contain unseen biases that nurses are positioned to correct. In addition, if a data set lacks all the information it needs, AI predictions may be less helpful than they could be. In this case as well, nurses and other health care professionals will need to apply their clinical expertise to provide the best patient care and make the best clinical decisions.

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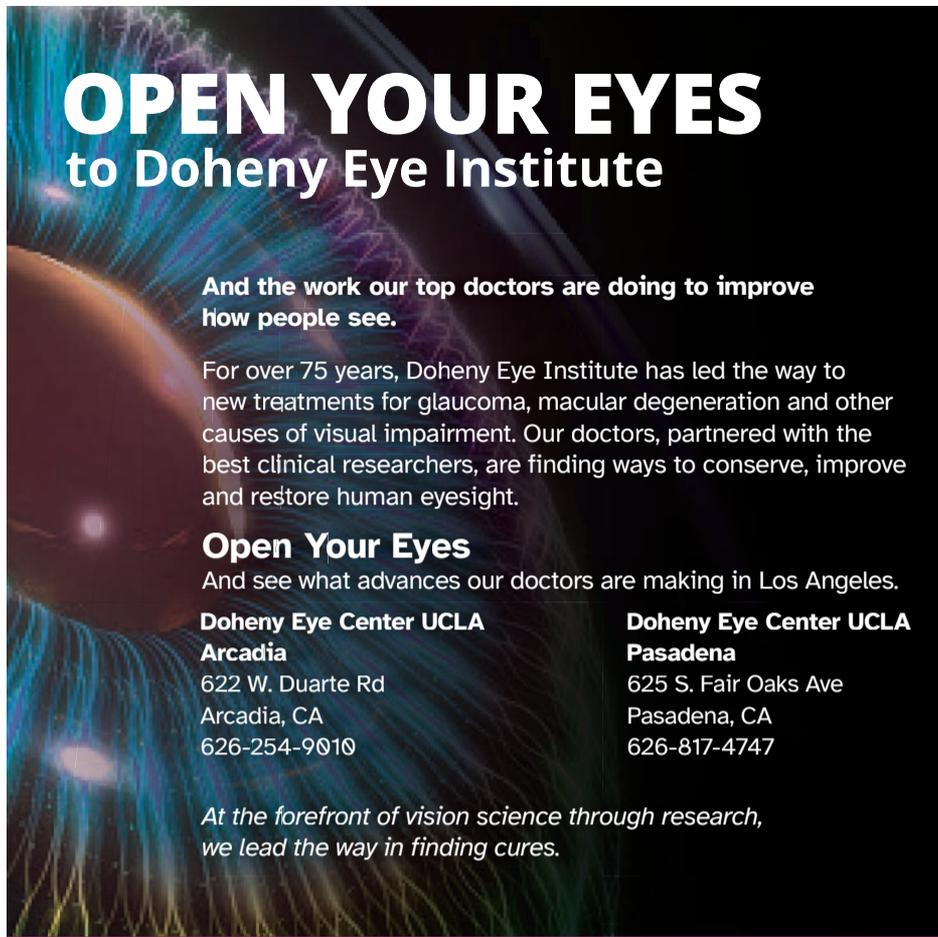
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St. John Knits

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About a decade ago, the building held the headquarters of now-defunct **Fisker Automotive**.

St. John signed the lease in the fourth quarter of 2023. It was the second-largest new office lease transaction in OC last quarter, according to data from commercial brokerage **Cushman & Wakefield**.

The area's largest reported lease for the quarter was struck by **Canon USA Inc.**, which inked a 92,893-square-foot space at Irvine's **Google Center** office campus, according to C&W's data.

Redevelopment Plans

St. John's current Armstrong Avenue base in Irvine, part of three-building portfolio totaling about 145,000 square feet, was recently listed for sale with an asking price of \$40.3 million, according to data from real estate market tracker **CoStar Group Inc.**

The airport-area site is being marketed by brokers at **CBRE** as a possible redevelopment play, with the potential to hold a new industrial building running about 180,000 square feet.

Redeveloping the former locations of the apparel company has proved lucrative for area real estate firms over the past decade.

Prior to the Armstrong Avenue location, St. John was long based at an industrial building at the busy intersection of Jamboree Road and Michelson Drive, about a mile from the airport. That space has since been redeveloped into creative office space, and currently counts e-bike company **Super73** and media firm **Viant Technologies** as its tenants.

That building, at **2722 Michelson**, sold for



St. John counts over 40 retail locations in 13 countries

\$103 million in 2021. It was the most expensive single-building office sale in the airport area of Irvine that year.

Brand Focus

St. John Knits, focused on luxury women's clothing and accessories since 1962, counts 44 retail stores in 13 countries as of June. This includes a local spot at **Fashion Island** in Newport Beach.

The company has been in the process of transitioning from a manufacturing business to a "brand company" with a new focus on its marketing efforts, according to parent company **Lanvin Group Holdings Ltd.** (NYSE: LANV).

Its year-long marketing campaign in 2023 was in partnership with television showrun-



Luxury fashion house signed a multiyear lease for 85K-SF office

ner and producer **Shonda Rhimes**. The brand ambassador is known for creating shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Bridgerton."

St. John recorded revenue of around \$51.4 million for the six-month period from January to June 2023, up 11.3% compared to the year prior.

St. John is Lanvin's third-largest unit by sales and accounted for about 20% of the operator's total revenue in 2022, according to regulatory filings. Lanvin is currently valued at \$363 million.

The parent company said in regulatory filings that the Irvine business has the potential to top more than \$200 million in annual sales by 2025, with China and other Asian markets presenting a major opportunity for growth.

St. John reported sales over \$90 million for

2022. Its largest market currently is North America, representing 89% of its revenue. ■

St. John Knits
ST. JOHN

- **FOUNDED:** 1962
- **BUSINESS:** luxury retailer of womenswear
- **HEADQUARTERS:** Irvine
- **GLOBAL CEO:** Andy Lew
- **OWNERSHIP:** Lanvin Group (NYSE: LANV)
- **OC EMPLOYEES:** 200
- **2023 JAN. TO JUNE REVENUE:** \$51.4M
- **NOTABLE:** signed lease in 2023 Q4 for new Anaheim HQ