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Healthcare Businesswomen's Association Southern California Chapter Honors Local 2012 "Rising Stars"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...May 21, 2012...IRVINE, Calif....Four Southern California healthcare leaders were honored recently as part of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association (HBA) 23rd Annual *Woman of the Year* award luncheon in New York City May 3.

Local "Rising Stars"—nominated by HBA corporate partners because they exhibit outstanding performance and leadership qualities within their companies—include:

- Valeria Fantin, vice president, Tumor Cell Biology, Oncology Research Unit, Pfizer, Inc., La Jolla
- Phyllis Jarret-Sutton, executive sales vice president, Cardinal Health, Inc., Irvine
- Kimberly Plessala, executive director, Bench International, Beverly Hills
- Martha Vincent, PhD, FACCP, vice president, Clinical Development, Agensys, Inc., Santa Monica

According to Jill Schulman, HBA SoCal Chapter (HBA SoCal) president and senior manager, sales management effectiveness at Abbott, the Rising Stars were selected for exemplifying leadership, serving as role models for others, and contributing significantly to healthcare organizations. "We are proud to have these women associated with the HBA SoCal Chapter," Schulman said. "They are a terrific reflection of the high caliber of women healthcare leaders in Southern California."

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The HBA is the leading organization for women in healthcare nationwide. The [HBA SoCal Chapter](#) offers a variety of programs and activities focused on helping women advance their personal and career goals through skill development, networking, mentoring, and volunteer and board opportunities that allow members to hone their leadership skills. The organization's partnership with leading healthcare companies in Southern California also supports corporate women's leadership development and retention initiatives that can provide a competitive advantage and positively impact their bottom lines.

About the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association

The HBA is in its fourth decade as a global not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the advancement of women in healthcare worldwide. With 15 chapters and affiliates throughout the U.S. and in Europe, the HBA provides educational opportunities for women to develop cutting-edge healthcare industry knowledge and leadership skills; recognizes outstanding women and men in the industry; provides opportunities for networking; creates greater visibility for women in the industry; fosters mentoring relationships and serves as a conduit and sponsor for research on career advancement issues. The HBA has more than 6,000 individual members and nearly 130 Corporate Partners. For more information, visit www.hbanet.org.

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