



## Dr. Mom & Dr. Dad

PERFORMING DOUBLE DUTY

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**S**OME WOULD SAY LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER WOULD BE TOO CLOSE FOR comfort, but for Scottsdale couple Dr. Farley Yang and Dr. Luci Chen, who've been married for 15 years, this Valley couple wouldn't have it any other way. "We have a similar philosophy," says Chen. "We know our strengths and weaknesses, and complement each other."

### DYNAMIC DOCTOR DUO

This dynamic duo has worked together, donning medical scrubs and lab coats for 20 years, since meeting during residency at the University of Chicago. "Working together is sometimes easier because we both know the schedule...we enjoy it," says Chen. "We were always friends and colleagues and remain so today as a married couple," she adds.

Today, among the most well-respected radiation oncologists in Arizona, this powerhouse couple helped launch Arizona Breast Cancer Specialists (ABCS)—the first center in the world dedicated exclusively to treating breast cancer patients with radiation therapy. "This is critical technology," says Yang, adding that, "our physicians work collaboratively to provide comprehensive and appropriate treatment through brachytherapy and a variety of external beam therapy options."

### LAUNCHING NEW TREATMENTS

Their work together has helped grow ABCS from 1 to 3 locations in less than five years, and they've become the first group in the Valley to use Pivotal™ treatment for breast cancer—a type of therapy crucial for large-breasted women. "It allows patients to obtain whole breast or accelerated partial breast treatment in

a face-down position," says Chen, which she says, "reduces skin toxicity and radiation to the heart and lungs."

Most recently, Yang and Chen are helping to expand Arizona Center for Cancer Care throughout Arizona, to provide quality care for patients with various cancers. Meanwhile, they are diving into promising new research on head, neck, prostate, lung and gynecological cancers.

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Although it's easy to marvel at this couples' impressive practice and dedication to new research, their two biggest fans simply call them, "mom and dad"—an accomplishment they are most proud of. "I'm not a 'helicopter mom' or 'tiger mom'," says Chen. "The goal for our children is to follow their interests, which includes sports and music, and do everything to the best of their ability."

So far, so good as Chen and Yang's 12-year-old daughter excels in art and education, while their nine-year-old son excels in his studies and sports. For now, Chen says they're main focus is on finding balance and are determined to juggle it all—a busy schedule, important careers and parenthood.

"Neither spouse feels they are responsible for more than their share of work, whether it is at home or in the office," she shares. Chen says they've also learned to be better organized, communicate well, and not be afraid to ask for help—life lessons they're teaching their kids as well. She also insists on cooking most meals at home and makes family-time her number one priority. ●

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