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University of California, San Francisco, Fresno Medical Education Program (UCSF Fresno)

The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program is a major clinical and educational branch of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. For 30 years, the program has offered medical education and training for residents, fellows and students, as well as broad continuing education opportunities, research, and public service.

UCSF Fresno is a nationally-recognized model for community and university partnership, which provides community members in Central California's San Joaquin Valley access to high-quality and culturally sensitive health care while enabling physicians in training — working alongside the finest faculty — to experience the dynamic interplay of medical academicians, research and patient care.

GROWING VALLEY DOCTORS

Medical residency training frames the core of the educational focus at UCSF Fresno. At any given time there are about 180 residents receiving training at UCSF Fresno, and the program graduates approximately 60 resident physicians each year from seven disciplines.

Since its inception, UCSF Fresno has trained more than 2,000 residents to become medical specialists. Specialties include emergency medicine, family and community medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery. More than one-third of UCSF Fresno graduates remain in the Central Valley and are currently practicing in one of the seven fields.

One of the most important features of the Fresno program is the emphasis on hands-on training, whether in rural community-based facilities or larger hospitals. The 10-county, 60,000 square mile referral area ranges from populous cities to remote mountainous areas and includes broad multicultural diversity.

The benefits of UCSF Fresno also reach well beyond the San Joaquin Valley: 75 percent of the medical residents come to Fresno from out of state, and 75 percent of them remain in the state to care for Californians.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

In addition to medical residency training programs, UCSF Fresno also educates about 200 medical students each year. Medical students may participate in clerkships, electives or preceptorships ranging from cross-cultural emphases in migrant health care, access to care in rural areas, teen pregnancy, and special geriatric needs, to name a few.

UCSF Fresno also offers medical Spanish-language and clinical skills courses for first- and second-year medical students, while third- and fourth-year students may participate in UCSF Fresno's popular and innovative Model Fresno program, an intensive six-month period of hands-on clinical training in primary care settings.

RESEARCH

The cultural richness of the Valley makes it an ideal setting for significant population-based studies, and research is strongly encouraged at UCSF Fresno. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents are engaged in a broad spectrum of research from clinical studies to basic sciences with an emphasis on improving health outcomes in high prevalence diseases such as asthma, diabetes and other health conditions found among the Valley's diverse population.

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Since 1998, UCSF Fresno has attracted more than \$12 million in grants and research funding. In general, for every state dollar invested in UC research, the university raises an additional \$4 from federal and private sources.

In spring 2005, UCSF Fresno is scheduled to open its new Center for Medical Education and Research adjacent to the Community Regional Medical Center in downtown Fresno. The three-story, 82,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art building will have a digital medical library, virtual classrooms, the latest in instructional methods and technologies, and advanced research facilities. The physical design of the center will encourage cross-program interplay, which will further enhance the ability of faculty and residents to improve their research. The UCSF Fresno Center will play a pivotal role in the recruitment and retention of top physicians, faculty and researchers in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

CONTINUING MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION

UCSF Fresno's Office of Continuing Education provides learning opportunities for nearly 4,000 practicing physicians and health care professionals in the Central San Joaquin Valley each year. In addition, UCSF Fresno has offered continuing dental education programs in the Valley since 1973. Continuing education lectures and conferences are designed to provide the most up-to-date information and are guided by the latest trends in clinical practice and research.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

In keeping with its mission of research, teaching and public service, UCSF Fresno sponsors programs that address the special health needs and issues of the Valley community as well as provides road maps for middle- and high-school students to pursue careers in the health professions:

Alzheimer's & Memory Center, established in 1989, offers complete diagnostic services, treatment planning, counseling, caregiver support groups, and educational opportunities for patients, families and health care professionals. The Alzheimer's & Memory Center also participates in valuable research that aims to find treatments to halt the disease in the future. AMC is one of 10 state-funded Alzheimer's Research Centers of California and the only one of its kind in the Valley. AMC's service area includes Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Tulare, San Luis Obispo, and Tuolumne counties.

Asian Research Program works to improve the health of Valley residents who are of Asian origin through its efforts in research, teaching, and service.

California Area Health Education Centers and **California Border Health Education and Training Centers** are closely affiliated with UCSF Fresno. These programs work toward improving access to health care and decreasing health disparities, while also seeking to improve the quality and quantity of health services personnel available to immigrants and migrant farm workers.

Doctors Academy at Sunnyside High School in Fresno and **Junior Doctors Academy** are early collegiate preparation programs operated by UCSF Fresno's Latino Center. Both programs seek to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who go on to become competitive applicants to health profession schools.

Latino Center for Medical Education and Research addresses the persistent shortage and under-representation of Latino physicians practicing in the medical community and among teaching faculty at medical schools. Research efforts focus on the health care needs of Latinos and other underserved populations.

Pharmacy Education Program, established in 2002, brings pharmacy students to the Fresno area to complete their rotations. By doing so, the UCSF School of Pharmacy and UCSF Fresno hope to attract future pharmacists to practice and settle in the Central Valley. The program is also working to attract local students into the pharmacy profession.

Summer Biomedical Internship Program was established in 1988 to provide a quality biomedical research experience for high school students. The program matches high school students with UCSF Fresno faculty members who have or are developing research projects.

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