UCSF OB/GYN & RS
2017 – 2018
Residency Program
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UCSF OB/GYN & RS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program at the University of California, San Francisco trains physician leaders who provide innovative, compassionate, and comprehensive health care for women by:
• caring for diverse patients within a variety of practice settings
• collaborating across clinical disciplines
• applying medical evidence and patient centered decision making to provide optimal clinical care for women

UCSF DEPARTMENT OF OB/GYN & RS

To improve the lives and health of all women through excellence, innovation and leadership in:
• Patient Care
• Education
• Advocacy
• Discovery

ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Our mission is to promote justice, quality and equity in women’s health care. We seek to eliminate barriers to good health for women in San Francisco and around the world. We believe this objective is best achieved by providing exemplary patient care to all women, especially those who are poor and vulnerable; training and inspiring the next generation of reproductive health leaders; and improving policy and practice through research and scholarship.
We are proud to be a part of the training of incredibly talented, motivated individuals who are going to make a difference in the world. We are looking for applicants who bring enthusiasm and innovation. We are the #1 NIH-funded women’s health program in the country and over half of our graduating residents enter further training including the traditional fellowships as well as Minimally Invasive Surgery, Global Health, and Palliative Care. We are committed to women’s reproductive health and care for the underserved. These values are part of the air that we breathe and permeate our clinical care, research and advocacy work. We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to our fabulous program.

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The UCSF OB/GYN Residency Program is THE preeminent Family Planning Residency Program in the country.

What does that mean to prospective applicants?

We recognize that medical students and residents bring a colorful, diverse and at times complex set of experiences and cultural circumstances to the table.

UCSF proudly and unabashedly advocates for reproductive justice and women’s access to reproductive healthcare locally, nationally and internationally. It is our expectation (in alignment with nationally mandated training guidelines) that each and every resident, upon completion of their program of studies:

- will be able to conduct supportive and unbiased, client-centered pregnancy options counseling.
- will be able to care for women presenting with abortion-related complications
- will be proficient in the discussion and prescription of all forms of contraception.

As a program, we pride ourselves on our efforts to create and maintain the program diversity that enhances the educational experiences of all those involved. We welcome all perspectives and points of view, which we believe maximizes opportunities for personal and professional growth. Most importantly, this philosophy is based in prioritizing the needs of the women of the communities we serve and creating physician leaders committed to their care.
Caring For Vulnerable Populations

Consistent with our values as a department and residency, we are proud to offer the EMPOWUR curriculum. We believe strongly in training physicians who are able to care for vulnerable women in this country and who aspire to be leaders in providing care for underserved women.

**EMPOWUR: Educating, Mentoring, and Preparing OB/GYNs to care for Women in Under-Resourced communities**

**Program Vision:** The vision of the EMPOWUR program is that graduates will be physician leaders who improve the health of underserved women and who eradicate health disparities that disproportionately affect underserved women.

**Curriculum Pillars:** The four curricular pillars of EMPOWUR are clinical excellence, care for vulnerable populations, community engagement, and leadership.

**Didactics**
- Wednesday didactic lectures at ZSFG: highlighting histories and approaches to caring for specific vulnerable populations (previous lectures given “Sterilization and incarcerated women” and “Caring for Homeless Women/Patients”)
- Sponsored participation in the UCSF Medical Care of Vulnerable and Underserved Populations course

**New Rotation in PGY2**
- with the goal to expose residents to community-based organizations and local health clinics that strive to optimize health for underserved communities

**Our Inspiring Leaders Series**
- Using funds from our Song Brown Grant, we have invited physician leaders whose careers reflect a commitment to caring for underserved populations to deliver UCSF OB/GYN grand rounds. During their time at UCSF, these leaders spend time with the residents, sharing their career paths and the transformative work they do.

**Involvement in STEP-UP** (Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Training and Education Programs for Underserved Populations). STEP-UP is a cross-residency effort to align the different programs at ZSFG focused on improving training in care for vulnerable populations. Membership within the STEP-UP taskforce has increased the resources and training experiences available to OB/Gyn residents, providing greater structured and mentored experiences in caring for vulnerable populations. Additionally, participants in STEP-UP will be eligible for a certificate in health equity, a distinction that demonstrates expertise and leadership in caring for underserved populations.

This work has been generously supported by the UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, the UCSF OB/GYN Residency Program, the ZSFG Division, and the Song-Brown program. Song-Brown program provides funding to California education programs with the goals to increase the number of underrepresented minority practitioners, to provide clinical training and education in underserved areas, and to increase access to healthcare to the state’s underserved population.
THE STATES Parties to this Constitution declare, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, that the following principles are basic to the happiness, harmonious relations and security of all peoples:

• Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

• The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

• The health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent upon the fullest co-operation of individuals and States.

• The achievement of any State in the promotion and protection of health is of value to all.

• Unequal development in different countries in the promotion of health and control of disease, especially communicable disease, is a common danger.

• Healthy development of the child is of basic importance; the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment is essential to such development.

• The extension to all peoples of the benefits of medical, psychological and related knowledge is essential to the fullest attainment of health.

• Informed opinion and active co-operation on the part of the public are of the utmost importance in the improvement of the health of the people.

• Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures.
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” – Aristotle
“Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world.”

- Paulo Freire, "Pedagogy of the Oppressed"
The University of California, San Francisco Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences (UCSF OBGYN/RS) accepts applications through ERAS, the Electronic Application. The only documentation reviewed for consideration is that submitted through ERAS.

**2018 MATCH AND APPLICATION REVIEW**

We will begin reviewing applications on September 15, 2017. Although our official deadline for accepting applications is October 31st, we will issue invitations to interview on October 1st so applications received after October 1st will be considered for waitlist only. We review applications when they contain at least the following:

- MyERAS common application
- Personal statement
- CV (generated through ERAS)
- USMLE Step I
- Medical school transcripts
- 1 letter of recommendation, preferably from an ObGyn (3 letters total by October 31)

**NOTE:** When listing publications, please make sure to include the PMID number.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **September 15** – October 1 - Application review
- **October 1** – Invitations to interview extended. If you wish to have your application reviewed for consideration, the above mentioned application components must be received by start of business (9AM – PST), October 1.
- **October 1** – November 1 – Applications received or completed during the month of October will be reviewed and considered for waitlist status only.
- **November 1** – Application process closed

**INTERVIEW DATES**

- Tuesday, November 7, 2017
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The **interview day** starts at 8AM, ends by 3:30 PM and there is an optional dinner with current residents the Monday evening prior to the interview day. The day starts at Mission Bay and ends at San Francisco General Hospital.

During the day, faculty and residents on the selection committee will interview you. You will be given ample opportunity to ask questions and you will tour our two major teaching sites. We see the interview process as an opportunity for applicants to learn about the program, as much as for the selection committee to learn more about the applicant. Our goal is to attain the right “fit” both for you and for our program. Everyone will meet with Dr. Autry in groups of 4 and also participate in a skills session which will include 2 handed knot tying as well as other hand-eye coordination skills.

For more information about the day, [click here](#).
APPLICATION PROCESS

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

Foreign medical graduates are welcome to submit their applications for review and consideration following the same application requirements as those for U.S. medical graduate applicants.

In addition:

Prior to applying for residency, one must obtain a State of California issued "Applicant Evaluation Status Letter." Instructions for this step can be found through the UCSF Graduate Medical Education (GME) office (requirements listed under California Medical License section).

UCSF OBGYN/RS does sponsor H1B and J-1 visas.

USMLE REQUIREMENTS

It is UCSF policy to only rank applicants who have passed both parts of USMLE Step II by the time we submit our rank list (mid February).

At UCSF, there is no minimum score requirement when submitting an application.

RESIDENT CONTRACT OVERVIEW

"In Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the NRMP’s Match Participation Agreement Between Institutions and the NRMP, programs are expected to provide complete and accurate information to interviewees, including a copy of the contract (click here for salary information). The applicant will be expected to sign if matched to the program and all institutional policies regarding eligibility for appointment to a training position. The information must be communicated to interviewees in writing prior to the rank order list certification date. To meet this requirement, we ask that you review the information found on our web site prior to your interview with any of our training programs."

INFORMATION FOR VISITING STUDENTS

If you are Medical Student from an external program looking for the opportunity to do a rotation at UCSF, click here
## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

### PGY 4
- ZSFG OB Chief
- ZSFG GYN Chief
- ZSFG Clinic Chief
- ZSFG Night Float Chief
- Mission Bay OB Chief
- Mission Bay GYN Chief
- Mission Bay GYN ONC Chief
- California Pacific Med Center / St. Luke’s
- Elective

### PGY 3
- ZSFG Women’s Option Center
- ZSFG Jeopardy
- Mission Bay Night Float
- MZ / Parnassus GYN
- Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
- Kaiser Walnut Creek / Alta Bates Medical Center
- Kaiser Hawaii
- GLOCAL Elective
- Vacation Coverage

### PGY 2
- ZSFG GYN
- ZSFG Night Float
- High Risk OB (HROB)
- Mission Bay OB
- Mission Bay Night Float
- Mission Bay REI/Genetics
- Mission Bay GYN
- Mission Bay GYN ONC
- EMPOWUR (see page 9)

### PGY 1
- ZSFG Clinic OB
- ZSFG Clinic GYN
- Mission Bay Night Float
- Mission Bay OB
- Mission Bay GYN ONC
- Mount Zion GYN
- DPH Ambulatory (Genetics, SF City Clinic, SF County Jail, ZSFG Benign Breast Clinic, ZSFG GYN Clinic and Dysplasia Clinics, ZSFG HROB, ZSFG Psych-Gyn Clinic).
- UCSF Medicine
Our residents graduate independent and competent to perform general obstetrics and gynecology. We have a robust obstetrics and gynecology simulation program as well as having an independent hysteroscopic, laparoscopic and robotic curriculum.

UCSF believes strongly in striking that perfect balance between a high volume of cases (low exposure to teaching) and purely teaching (low number of procedures). The combined primary surgeon and teaching assistant numbers (below) represent the average clinical experience by the end of our residents’ four year program.

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Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG) - Opened in May, 2016, ZSFG is nestled at the foot of Potrero Hill in the city’s Mission District. San Francisco General Hospital has been an essential part of San Francisco’s health care system since 1872. Considered one of the finest public hospitals in the US, the General - as many refer to it - offers humanistic, cost-effective and culturally competent care to an international community of patients regardless of their ability to pay. This history has had a strong impact on the hospital’s culture and creed.

University of California – Women’s Health Center (Mount Zion) - The UCSF Women’s Health Center is recognized internationally for its expertise in providing comprehensive, specialized care for women’s health issues. We are the only nationally designated Center of Excellence in Women’s Health in Northern California. We are also recognized as one of the top hospitals in the nation for gynecological care.
Our residents rotate through several outside hospitals. These rotations add strength to our program in terms of surgical volume as well as building autonomy and confidence for the chief year. In addition, residents experience different healthcare delivery systems which is critical to understanding healthcare in our country.

**ALTA BATES SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER**
- Berkeley, CA

**CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER**
- San Francisco, CA

**KAISER, Walnut Creek, CA**

**DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES For Caring For Vulnerable Populations In The U.S. And Abroad**

**KAISER, Honolulu, HI**
Global Health is a core value to the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF. We have an amazing breadth and depth of ongoing programs dedicated to meeting the needs of women while concurrently fulfilling the mission of the department. We define global health broadly and provide a myriad of opportunities for residents who desire to affect meaningful change on an international, national and/or local level.

While residents have chosen to do their electives in a wide variety of clinical settings, residents have an opportunity to do a third year rotation at Mulago Hospital/Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. This rotation is primarily clinical and focusing on disease that is similar to the U.S but treated differently secondary to limited resources and disease that is unique to sub-Saharan Africa. Many UCSF faculty in our department and institution work at Mulago and they will be on site during the rotation. In addition, residents have the option to go to other international sites where UCSF collaborates. We have developed an extensive online pre-departure curriculum. We have many faculty doing research and clinical work throughout the world.

**UCSF Global Health Sciences (GHS) & UC Global Health Institute Health (UCGHI)**

UCSF Global Health Sciences (GHS), under the leadership of Jaime Sepulveda, MD, MPH, MSc, DrSc is dedicated to improving health and reducing the burden of disease in the world's most vulnerable populations.

The UC Global Health Institute (UCGHI), part of GHS and lead by Director Haile T. Debas, MD (UCSF) and co-director Thomas J. Coates, PhD (UCLA), advances the mission of the 10-campus University of California system to improve the lives of people in California and around the world. By stimulating education, research, and partnerships, UCGHI leverages the diverse intellectual resources across the University to train the next generation of global health leaders and accelerate the discovery and implementation of transformative global health solutions.

**Glocal Health Fellowship**

The Glocal Health Fellowship is a career development fellowship sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC), as well as a consortium at the UCGHI. This consortium is comprised of UCSF, UCSD, UCLA, USD, 27 affiliated international sites across 16 countries, and institutes and centers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This program under the direction of Craig Cohen, MD, MPH (UCSF), Jeffrey Klausner, MD, MPH, (UCLA), Patricia Conrad, DVM, PhD (UCD) and Steffanie Strathdee, PhD, MA (UCSD)
The UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health was formed in 1999 to address the health, social, and economic consequences of sex and reproduction through research and training in contraception, family planning, and STIs. The Bixby Center strives to develop preventive solutions to the most pressing domestic and international reproductive health problems.

FACES and ANSIRH are two of Bixby’s programs.

**Family AIDS Care and Education Services (FACES)**

FACES works collaboratively with the Kenya Ministry of Health and other local partners to support and strengthen local capacity for quality HIV prevention, care, and treatment services in Nyanza province and Nairobi. FACES works to provide family-centered, comprehensive, compassionate care, and build the foundation for long-term, sustainable treatment.

FACES is a collaboration between the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), and is funded by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a cooperative agreement.

**Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH)**

is a collaborative research group and “think tank” at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). “At ANSIRH, we conduct rigorous, innovative social science research on complex and controversial issues related to reproduction. We are committed to challenging structures of inequity in order to improve reproductive wellbeing.
The Women’s Options Center prides itself on providing high-quality, evidence-based and comprehensive abortion and family planning services. The WOC is known for its ability and expertise in serving high-risk and medically complicated patients. We are proud to offer long-term reversible contraceptive methods that patients can choose on the day of their procedure. Many of the birth control options available to women today were evaluated in research trials at the Women's Options Center.

HIVE After over 20 years as leaders in prenatal, pre-conception and women’s HIV care, BAPAC has evolved to HIVE. With our compassionate, evidence-based, woman-centered model of care, there have been no cases of perinatal HIV transmission in San Francisco in over a decade. Building on this success, we are expanding our scope to comprehensive reproductive and sexual health among those affected by HIV.

The HEAL Initiative works in Native American reservations, prisons, and the poorest villages on our planet. We pair dedicated U.S. providers with local health professionals who are already working in these communities. HEAL fellows work together on the frontline for two years. They develop skills essential to global health delivery through immersive training, an online Master's in Public Health at UC Berkeley, and intensive mentorship.

The Women’s Community Clinic, staffed mostly by volunteers, provides free sexual and reproductive health care services to 3,500 un- and underinsured women in San Francisco every year. The mission of the Women’s Community Clinic is to improve the health and well-being of women and girls.

St. James Infirmary, a San Francisco-based, peer-led clinic prevents occupational illnesses and injuries through compassionate and non-judgmental comprehensive health care and social services for sex workers. Each year, the St. James Infirmary delivers 8,000 clinic and venue based services to more than 2,000 sex workers and their families.
A Global Health focus is a significant component of the UCSF residency program. In addition to the opportunities built into the core curriculum, residents are encouraged and supported in their goals to identify and pursue personal goals, some of which builds upon work started prior to residency. Some of the global health projects initiated by residents include:

- Infertility and Gender Based Violence in Kampala, Uganda
- Vaginal Hysterectomy as a Viable Option for Female-to-Male (FTM) Transgender Men
- Family Planning Access and Promotion in Urban Angola
- EMPOWUR: Educating, Mentoring, and Preparing OB/GYNs to Care for Women in Under-Resourced Communities
- Physician Barriers to Providing Medical Abortion
- Tough Choices: Exploring Decision-Making for Pregnancy Planning and Prevention among Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
- Calling All High-Risk Patients: Can a Simple Telephone Intervention Increase Contraception Use after Abortion?
- Investigating the Acceptability, Feasibility and Effectiveness of Clinical Audit and Feedback to Decrease Maternal Morbidity and Mortality at Ramallah Hospital, occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)
- Disparities associated with use of robotic vs. laparoscopic vs. open surgery for endometrial cancer: A statewide analysis of 2,296 patients
- Loving ourselves, loving our babies: Decreasing the infant mortality rate in Liberia through a group based prenatal care approach
- Is there an association between literacy or numeracy and pregnant women’s perceived helpfulness of prenatal testing information sources?
- HIV serodiscordant couples who desire children: HIV-negative women’s perspectives on safer conception options
- Post-Abortion LARC Provision: Provider Perspectives
- Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS) in an Ethnically Diverse Population: Prevalence and Affect on Quality of Life
- Long Acting Reversible Contraception: Improving Provider Capacity to Provide Services
- A Cochrane Review: Cervical Preparation for Second Trimester Dilation and Evacuation
- Safety and Pharmacokinetics of Intra-Amniotic and Intra-Fetal Digoxin Administration Before Late Second-Trimester Abortion by Dilation and Evacuation
- Quantiferon to Evaluate Latent Tuberculosis in Pregnancy: Popular but not Proven
- Trends in IUD use and sterilization: A Retrospective Review
UCSF Residency and Clinical Fellow Quality Improvement Incentive Program

The Housestaff Incentive Program (HIP) is an innovative partnership between UCSF Medical Center and the Department of Graduate Medical Education, whereby residents and fellows receive financial incentives tied to achievement of medical center quality goals. Beginning in the 2009-10 academic year, each department set one quality goal (in addition to 3 common goals across all training programs).

2016 – 17 Housestaff-Wide Goals

Goals are determined by UCSF Medical Center and School of Medicine leadership based on clinical quality and operational priorities. They are focused on specific areas where physicians have the most impact, while at the same time being aligned with UCSF Medical Center organizational goals.

Goal #1: Patient Quality and Safety – Achieve zero harm

With an overarching goal to achieve zero harm, in 2016-17 providers and staff at UCSF Health will decrease the total number of events that cause harm to patients from the 2015-16 harm events baseline (with adjustment for volume growth) by at least 50 events.

Goal #2: Patient Experience – Create an exceptional experience for our patients and their families

On the HCAHPS and CGCAHPS survey in the “Physician/Provider Communication” survey section, our goal is that at least 75% of units/practice areas will improve from their 2015-16 scores.

Goal #3: Financial Strength – Lower our costs

With our ongoing imperative to lower our costs, our long-term goal is to achieve the 75th percentile among UHC peer group & break-even on Medicare reimbursement. This value represents all spending by UCSF Health (San Francisco campuses) in all inpatient and outpatient areas, corrected for volume. As a step towards meeting our long-term goal, this year’s target is to reduce our operating cost per case to at least $24,061.

UCSF Department of OB/GYN Residency Annual Goals

2016 – 17: Our aim is to improve documentation of code status and medical proxy. Within the department of GYN/ONC, OB/GYN residents, GYN/ONC fellows and NPs will document and confirm code status and medical proxy with 85% of patients at the time of admission. Within the department of benign GYN, OB/GYN residents will document and confirm medical proxy for 85% of patients at time of admission or on day of surgery for benign gynecology. We aim to demonstrate these improvements for 3 out of 4 best performing quarters between July 1 2016 and June 30 2017

2015-16: Provision of educational discharge instructions and referral to primary care providers for patients with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy

2014-15: Standardization of post-operative foley catheter removal for gynecologic surgery
Resident Research Day

It is a requirement of the UCSF residency program that each resident, by the time of graduation, complete a scholarly project of publishable quality. These projects are presented during one’s chief year at Resident Research Day. It is not uncommon for our residents to complete more than one project during their residency which is presented at any one of a number of professional association meetings.

Each year the Ernest W. Page Memorial Lecture is presented on Resident Research Day. The Lecture honors Dr. Page, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences from 1956 to 1973. Dr. Page was a nationally and internationally recognized authority on preeclampsia and placental biology.

Here are the projects which were presented at the 2016 Resident Research Day:

**Colleen Denny, MD**
Induction of fetal demise before pregnancy termination: practices of family planning providers.
**Advisors:** Jennifer Kems, MD, MS, MPH and Elena Gates, MD

**Eleni Greenwood, MD, MSc**
Vigorous exercise is associated with superior metabolic profiles in polycystic ovary syndrome independent of total exercise expenditure
**Advisors:** Heather Huddleston, MD and Marcelle I. Cedars, MD

**Adam Lewkowitz, MD**
Predictors of concurrent cell-free DNA and multiple marker screening or cell-free DNA screening after receipt of screen-negative multiple marker results
**Advisor:** Miriam Kuppermann, PhD, MPH

**Victoria Manuelli, MD, MPH**
Optimization of ART initiation in pregnancy through integration into antenatal care
**Advisor:** Landon Myer, MBChB, PhD

**Julia Newman, MD**
Assessing for female sexual dysfunction: Is empathy required for ob-gynecologists?
**Advisor:** Tami Rowen, MD

**Gisela Villagomez, MD**
Ablative techniques: A survey of current cervical dysplasia management practice
**Advisors:** Meg Autry, MD, George Sawaya, MD, and Karen Smith-McCune, MD, PhD

**Sigrid Williams, MD, MPH**
Effects of legislation regulating abortion in Arizona
**Advisor:** Jennifer Kems, MD, MS, MPH

**Marron Wong, MD**
Teaching to operate: A residents-as-teachers curriculum with a surgical focus
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“Only under extreme pressure can we change into that which it is in our most profound nature to become . . .

That is what people get wrong about transformation. We’re not all shallow proteans, forever shifting shape. We’re not science fiction. It’s like when coal becomes diamond. It doesn’t afterwards retain the possibility of change. Squeeze it as hard as you like, it won’t turn into a rubber ball, or a Quattro Stagione pizza, or a self-portrait by Rembrandt. It’s done.”

- Salman Rushdie
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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Family Planning Fellowship

The Fellowship in Family Planning provides the opportunity to develop high-level research and clinical skills in contraception and abortion.

The objective of the program is to develop specialists focused on research, teaching and clinical practice in contraception and abortion. Working with respected and innovative leaders in the field, fellows receive training in clinical and epidemiologic research, develop clinical and teaching skills, have opportunities to work internationally, and connect to a rapidly expanding network of family planning experts. During the two-year program, fellows have the option of pursuing either a master's degree in Public Health or Science.

Program Co-Directors: Philip Damey, MD, MSc, Jody Steinauer, MD, MAS, and Associate Director for Family Medicine Christine Dehlendorf, MD, MAS

Current Fellows:

Mengesha, Biftu MD - Northwestern (Medical School), Northwestern (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Seidman, Dominika (Nika) MD - Harvard (Medical School), Northwestern University (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Serapio, Elissa, MD, MPH - George Washington University (Medical School), UCSF (Residency) - (Starting in 2017)

Ti, Angeline, MD, MPH - University of Michigan (Medical School), UCSF: Family and Community Medicine (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Williams, Sanithia, MD - Case Western (Medical School), Washington University- Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis (Residency)

Reproductive Infectious Diseases (RID) Fellowship

The UCSF Fellowship in Reproductive Infectious Disease (RID) brings together qualified and committed physicians (ob/gyn) and PhDs to develop expertise in STI and HIV research, and collaboratively make discoveries to combat these pandemics globally. The fellowship endeavors to provide trainees with the tools and experience necessary to develop into independent investigators and launch productive careers in the field of RID.

Program Director: Craig Cohen, MD, MPH
Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Fellowship

The Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship is carried out in two locations: UCSF Mission Bay campus and San Francisco General Hospital. The 3-year fellowship includes half-time clinical training and half-time pursuing a research project. There are extensive opportunities in clinical research (outcomes research, epidemiology, biostatics), and also for basic research in molecular mechanisms, animal physiology, immunology, and genetics.

Program Director: Juan M. González, MD, MS, FACOG / Assoc Program Director: Marya Zlatnik, MD, MMS

Current Fellows:

Miller, Edward, MD - Wake Forest (Medical School), Howard University (Residency) (Starting in 2017)

Shulman, Rachel, MD - Emory (Medical School), Emory (Residency)

Sobhani, Nasim, MD - University of Texas, Southwest (Medical School), University of Washington (Residency) (Starting in 2017)

Sperling, Jeffrey, MD - UC Irvine (Medical School), Brown (Residency)

Washburn, Erin MD - Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth (Medical School), Brigham (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) / Genetics

Berger, Victoria MD - University of Washington School of Medicine (Medical School), Stanford (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Mardy, Anne, MD - Stanford (Medical School), Columbia University (Residency) (Starting in 2017)

Sparks, Teresa MD - UCSF (Medical School), Brigham (Residency)
The UCSF / KPSF joint fellowship program in Gynecologic Oncology is a 3-year program newly accredited by ACGME. Through the provision of ambulatory care, surgical management, systemic cytotoxic treatments including chemotherapy and other targeted agents, as well as palliative care, to women with gynecologic malignancies, our fellows will acquire clinical skills, knowledge and attitudes essential to the practice of gynecologic oncology. Our graduates will be able to apply sound clinical judgment and skill, interpret and apply relevant evidence, actively solicit patient preference and participation in decision-making, and serve as subspecialty consultants to our medical colleagues.

Program Directors: Lee-may Chen, MD (UCSF) and C. Bethan Powell, MD (KPSF)

Current Fellows:

Freeman, Jana, MD - George Washington University (Medical School), Kaiser San Francisco (Residency) (Starting in 2017)

Hsieh, Gillian MD - Baylor (Medical School), Baylor (Residency)

McNally, Leah, MD - Yale (Medical School), Stanford (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Swanson, Megan MD, MPH - UCSF (Medical School), UCSF (Residency)

KPEB / UCSF Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery

Kaiser Permanente East Bay and University of California-San Francisco Medical Center have partnered to create our ACGME-accredited, integrated multi-disciplinary fellowship training program in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery.

The fellowship is a three year training program open to applicants after successful completion of residency training in Obstetrics & Gynecology or Urology. Two years are dedicated to clinical and surgical mastery of diagnosis and treatment of pelvic floor disorders, and the equivalent of one year (12 non-consecutive months) is dedicated to research. Our fellowship program balances surgical cases, clinical care, scholarship, and research, as we believe learning to balance these activities during training is crucial to continued success as leaders in medicine.

Program Directors:
Olga Ramm, MD MS - Fellowship Program Director
Donna Deng, MD - Associate Fellowship Director
Rebecca Margulies, MD - Kaiser - East Bay
Kavita Mishra, MD - UCSF
Anne M. Suskind, MD MS - UCSF
Abner Kom, MD - UCSF
Leslee L. Subak, MD - UCSF

Current Fellows:

Toya Pratt, MD - Pennsylvania State (Medical School), Emory (Residency) (Starting in 2017)
Reproductive Endocrinology And Infertility (REI) Fellowship

The REI Fellowship is a three-year training designed to include clinical experience in reproductive endocrinology, including pediatric and adult endocrinology, infertility and advanced reproductive technology, formal coursework and seminars, and an investigative program in reproductive medicine. By the conclusion of the fellowship, the fellow should be prepared to function as an independent investigator in academic reproductive endocrinology and as a well-trained clinical reproductive endocrinologist.

Program Director: Marcelle Cedars, MD

Current Fellows:

Adeleye, Amanda, MD - Columbia (Medical School), Columbia (Residency)

Aghajanova, Lusine, MD, PhD - Yerevan State University (Medical School), Baylor and UCSF (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Ahmad, Asima MD - University of Chicago (Medical School), Yale (Residency) (Graduating in 2017)

Greenwood, Eleni, MD, MSc - Cornell (Medical School), UCSF (Residency)

Letourneau, Joseph MD - UCSF (Medical School), University of North Carolina

Quinn, Molly MD - UCSF (Medical School), UCSF (Residency)

Sundaram, Viji, MD - Medical College of Georgia (Medical School), Augusta University (Residency) (Starting in 2017)

Wald, Kaitlyn, MD - University of Washington (Medical School), University of Washington (Residency) (Starting in 2017)
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UCSF Preterm Birth Post-doctoral Fellowship Program

The [UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative](#) (PTBi) is a multi-year, transdisciplinary and multi-sector research effort aimed at reducing the burden of prematurity. The PTBi applies scientific, clinical, and community expertise to address prematurity, the leading cause of childhood death worldwide. We have two parallel arms that are geographically focused in California and East Africa. In California, our goals are to decrease the incidence of preterm birth, which disproportionally affects African American women of all socioeconomic backgrounds and poor women of all races/ethnicities, and to improve outcomes for babies born preterm. In East Africa, we aim to reduce neonatal mortality among preterm infants by improving quality of care during the antenatal, intrapartum and immediate postnatal periods in select regions of Western Kenya, Eastern Uganda, and Rwanda.

**Current Fellows:**

**Patience Afulani, MB.ChB, MPH, PhD** – University of Ghana (MBChB), UCLA (MPH, PhD)

**Molly Altman, MN, CNM, MPH, PhD** – University of Washington (MN, MPH), Washington State University (PhD)

**Dawn Gano, MD, FRCP(C)** – McMaster University (MD), University of British Columbia (Residency, Pediatric Neurology), UCSF (Neonatal Neurology Fellowship)

**Jennifer Felder, PhD** – Duke (Clinical Psychology Predoctoral Internship), University of Colorado Boulder, (PhD)

**Melissa Morgan, MD, MSc** – University of Texas Houston (MD), UCSF (Residency – Pediatrics)

**Joseph Wangira Musana, MB.ChB, M.Med (Ob/Gyn), DIP-SRHR** – University of Nairobi (MB.ChB, M.Med ), Senior Instructor, Department of OB/GYN Aga Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya

Program Directors: Miriam Kuppermann, PhD, MPH, Jonathan Fuchs, MD, MPH, and Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH

UCSF / San Francisco VA Women’s Health Fellowship

In 1994, the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) started VA’s Advanced Fellowships Program in Health Issues of Women Veterans. There was a growing awareness of the complex health needs of women veterans and the importance of training physicians for academic careers in this specialized field.

The Health Issues of [Women Veterans Fellowship Program](#) provides two years of post residency, post-doctoral research, education, and clinical learning opportunities to eligible physicians and associated health professionals. Fellows spend approximately 75 percent of their time in research and education and 25 percent in clinical care at selected VA sites. Mentors of national stature provide guidance to fellows in rich learning environments. Graduates are expected to be role models in leading, developing, conducting, and evaluating innovative research, education, and clinical care in health issues pertaining to women veterans.

Program Director: Karla Kerlikowske, MD Professor of Medicine

Co-Director, Gynecology: Lelsee Subak, MD
“I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort, where we overlap.” – ani difranco
“The plague of mankind is the fear and rejection of diversity: monotheism, monarchy, monogamy and, in our age, monomedicine. The belief that there is only one right way to live, only one right way to regulate religious, political, sexual, medical affairs is the root cause of the greatest threat to man: members of his own species, bent on ensuring his salvation, security, and sanity.”

— Thomas Stephen Szasz
J. Renee Navarro, PharmD, MD – Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Outreach:

“My Office serves as the campus leader in building diversity in all aspects of UC San Francisco’s mission of advancing healthcare worldwide through ongoing assessment, development of new programs and building consensus. The five units in my Office: Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity; LGBT Resource Center; Multicultural Resource Center; Sexual Harassment Prevention and Resolution; and University Community Partnerships collaborate with the medical centers, hospital teaching sites and our industry peers to promote diversity, equity and inclusion across all groups on campus. These centralized services bolster and foster collaboration, improve our effectiveness and serve as a cornerstone for cultural transformation on our campus.

The mission of my office is to build a broadly diverse faculty, student, trainee and staff community, to nurture a culture that is welcoming and supportive, and to engage diverse ideas for the provision of culturally competent education, discovery and patient care. My priority is to develop and execute a comprehensive strategic plan for diversity and outreach that supports UC San Francisco’s mission and the recruitment and retention of talented employees and students who contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence.

The Office of Diversity and Outreach is a place where all members of the campus community are free to voice their concerns, collaborate and celebrate differences. I invite you to partner with me in making UC San Francisco a dynamic institution attracting innovators and leaders in science, education and care. I am privileged and honored to serve in this important role and to be of service to UC San Francisco and the community.

Mary E. Norton, MD – Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

In the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF, we celebrate the diversity of our staff, faculty, and patients. We believe that diversity in the workforce and in leadership strengthens, improves, and enables greater realization of our goals. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive faculty and staff workforce and leadership cadre that includes and welcomes individuals of all different backgrounds, including differences in race, culture, religion, mental or physical abilities, heritage, age, gender, and sexual orientation.
Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know about Plato and Aristotle... (or) Einstein’s Theory of Relativity ... (or) the Second Theory of Thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
The plain fact is that the planet does not need more successful people. But it does desperately need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of every kind. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane. And these qualities have little to do with success as we have defined it.”

-- David W. Orr

We have to get smart and understand the vast majority of these undocumented immigrants are following the law, working hard, raising their children, paying taxes – and we have to provide a pathway for them. ... Sanctuary cities evolved around the idea that we also don’t want to deny access to public safety, public health, public education for anyone who is living ... in our community.”

-- U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (Then CA Attorney General)

The president’s executive order is not only unconstitutional, it’s un-American. This country was founded on the principle that the federal government cannot force state and local governments to do its job for it, like carrying out immigration policy. I am defending that bedrock American principle today.

San Francisco is safer when all people, including undocumented immigrants, feel safe reporting crimes. San Francisco is healthier when all residents, including undocumented immigrants, access public health programs. And San Francisco is economically and socially stronger when all children, including undocumented immigrants, attend school.”

-- San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera
The OB/GYN resident classes commit to community service based projects throughout their residency. As a core value of the residency training program, community advocacy and service allow the residents an opportunity to participate in and give back to the diverse communities of the San Francisco bay area.

Taking time out to pose with Senator Tammy Duckworth, Drs. Palacios-Helgeson and Maykin descended on Washington, D.C. for ACOG’s 2017 Congressional Leadership Conference (CLC) and lobby Members of Congress during the Capitol Hill Lobby Day.

Each year, the 2nd year class joins Dr. Rebecca Jackson for ACOG Lobby day in Sacramento to meet with legislators and policy makers. This opportunity allows residents to gain a better sense of the policy making system, advocate for the women of California and to serve as expert resources on pending legislation to the policy makers of the state.

In alignment with our department’s commitment to advocacy and working to protect reproductive rights for women and girls, Dr. Sally Greenwood testified in favor for the passage of AB 775 - the Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care and Transparency (FACT) Act, which basically would make it harder for crisis pregnancy centers to mislead women. The act will “require all licensed facilities in the state that ‘provide family planning and pregnancy-related services to inform patients about available assistance for affordable contraception, abortion, and prenatal care, including how to obtain that assistance.’”
Residents have also taken advantage of the opportunity to serve as volunteer preceptors at the **UCSF Homeless Clinic**. The clinic serves a diverse population of homeless and transiently housed individuals at a large shelter in the south of Market neighborhood.

Coordinated and staffed by medical student volunteers, the clinic provides primary care, selected specialty care, and referrals. During bimonthly Women's Clinics, the resident volunteers serve as medical supervisor, teacher, and mentor for the medical students. We are honored to serve as preceptors as part of our ongoing commitment to providing high quality care for San Francisco’s underserved population.

**TEAL 2 HEAL** - As a part of the Globe-athon’s international movement to end women’s cancers, the Gynecologic Oncology Division at University of California San Francisco Medical Center and the Shanti Project organized SF Teal2Heal’s Run/Walk.

**TEAM MENSTRUAL CYCLES** is a department-wide team of cyclists who participate in the annual Waves to Wine ride to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research.

**The U'ilani Fund** - The U'ilani Fund is a non-profit organization committed to providing support for complementary treatments for women with breast cancer in Santa Cruz, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Hawaii. Faculty and residents participate in their annual bike ride in the Santa Cruz area to raise awareness and funding.

“If I can't dance to it, it's not my revolution.” – Emma Goldman
“It is an odd thing, but every one who disappears is said to be seen at San Francisco. It must be a delightful city, and possess all the attractions of the next world.”
– Oscar Wilde “The Picture of Dorian Gray”

“What fetched me instantly (and thousands of other newcomers with me) was the subtle but unmistakable sense of escape from the United States.”
– H.L. Mencken

“Your city is remarkable not only for its beauty. It is also, of all the cities in the United States, the one whose name, the world over, conjures up the most visions and more than any other, incites one to dream.”
– Georges Pompidou

“San Francisco is a mad city - inhabited for the most part by perfectly insane people whose women are of remarkable beauty”
– Rudyard Kipling

“One day if I do go to heaven I'll look around and say, 'It ain't bad, but it ain't San Francisco.'
– Herb Caen

“There’s surely lots to sneer at, San Francisco and the Bay being pretty much the epicenter of so many of my most cherished aversions: political correctness, veganism, rich hippies, sanctimoniousness about food, food fetishism, animal rights terrorists, gastro-dogma, and loud locavores who actually get their produce flown in from Chino Farms in San Diego. But at this point, I bore even myself railing against the above...I guess it’s like any love that’s true—sooner or later you learn to accept the good, bad and silly all together. It’s all part of the package when you know, without any question, that you want the package. It doesn’t even matter if one’s love is returned.”
– Anthony Bourdain