

UCSF OB/GYN Medical Education

Excellent Teaching in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and the Reproductive Sciences

OB-GYN Clerkship Newsletter

May 2021

VCP Teaching Awards. We want to begin by acknowledging the extra dedication you brought to teaching in 2020, a difficult year on multiple levels. We know you had less student contact last year – some sites had reduced or no capacity for students for part of the year and we acknowledge you and the essential work that you did for your communities last year.

Because student evaluation opportunities were fewer in 2020, it does mean that the awards are also fewer this year. More than half the clerkship students were trained onsite at Mission Bay, ZSFG and UCSF Fresno. Noting this, however, we still want to acknowledge those VCP in our affiliated sites whom the students marked for distinction.

2020 Outstanding VCP Faculty Teaching Award (minimum of 3 evaluations)

Highland

Kerry-Ann Kelly
Namita Singh
Lasha Pierce
Chitra Akileswaran
Monica Berletti
Rebecca Falik
LanNa Lee

Kaiser Daly City/Redwood City

Manjita Bhaumik
William Zuber
Melissa French
Rachel Intriago
Kathleen Ryan
Anne Tornatore-Pili
Deborah Shin

Kaiser Greater South Alameda Area

Anh Do
Robert Rubeshaw

Kaiser East Bay

Lisa Sherman
Matthew Schecter
Susan Liu
Laura Minikel
Merrie Warden

Kaiser San Francisco

Lily Tan
Laura Norrell

2020 Exceptional VCP Faculty Teaching Award (minimum of 9 evaluations)

Denise Tukenmez
Jaime Ocampo
Kathryn Houston

Highland

Kaiser Daly City/Redwood City
Kaiser San Francisco

Education Pearls: Gender Inclusive History Taking

We are committed to gender inclusive teaching at UCSF, acknowledging that the transgender men and non-binary persons among our OB/GYN patients are deserving of respectful care reflecting the dignity of their personhood. If you have any questions or concerns about inclusivity in your teaching of students, incorporation in your practice or training your staff, please let us know and we can put you in touch with subject-matter experts. You are also welcome to review our clerkship curriculum on Gender Inclusive Health Care [here](#).

Courtesy of Dr. Gaetan Pettigrew, here are some tips for gender inclusive history taking:

1. **Gender and sexuality are two very different things** (seems intuitive but many people don't understand this idea, likely our students will but I always like to remind myself of this even now)
2. **Always elicit preferred pronouns** i.e. when I introduce myself I provide my preferred pronouns to the patient and then I ask them how they would like me to address them and what their preferred pronouns are
3. I always preface my interview by saying something along the lines of 'during our conversation today **I will use anatomic terms for the structures we will discuss such as uterus or cervix**, if this doesn't work for you are the terms that you use to describe these parts about yourself...'
4. **When it comes to sexual history, I try to frame the questions more around sexual practices**; I ask initially how they patient would categorize their sexuality i.e., straight, gay, bi, pansexual etc. I then elicit gender identity of sexual partners, and whether there is insertive intercourse - either vaginal or anal. I usually try to also start this line of questioning with something like, 'the next few questions will be about your sexual history and sexual practices so that I can best assess your risks and counsel you appropriately i.e STI screening and contraceptive counseling.
5. **Lastly, I always try to end with asking for feedback and if there is anything that made the patient feel uncomfortable** i.e language used or terminology to make their experience better.

Site of the month: CPMC

California Pacific Medical Center is one of the largest not-for-profit medical centers in California. CPMC has four campuses located throughout San Francisco, including specialized care for women and children, organ transplant programs and innovative orthopedic treatments. This site offers medical students core clerkship experiences in OBGYN, giving them the opportunity to experience community-based medicine under the guidance of private practitioners.

What students love about CPMC

Preceptor passion for teaching. Individualized attention.

In their own words

"This clerkship was fantastic. It allowed us to really be proactive in our clinical environment and have a lot of trust from the attendings we worked with. Everyone was professional and respected our time and made us feel like we really belonged there. "

"Many of the instructors at CPMC are very passionate about student learning and provided a lot of hands-on experience for students to learn different skills/techniques. I was able to participate in many interesting procedures, vaginal deliveries, and c-sections."

Faculty Resources

[VCP Resources Website](#)

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds:

Tuesdays 9am at [this link](#)

UCSF Asian Pacific Islander Senior Leadership Panel

May 27, 12-1

EaRTH Center Series: "Taking Charge of Pregnancy" with Susan Fisher.

May 27, 12

5th Annual UCSF Health Improvement Poster Symposium

June 9

LIVE From Bixby: The interplay of race, geography and COVID restrictions on pregnancy experiences during the pandemic

June 17

Chief Resident Graduation

June 19, 3pm ([Zoom](#))

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