

2023-2024 Annual Report

Improving Health in the San Joaquin Valley



UCSF Fresno



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Message from Campus Leadership

Founded in 1975, UCSF Fresno was created to respond to the critical shortage of physicians in California's San Joaquin Valley and to meet the region's health care needs. As a regional campus of the top-ranked UCSF School of Medicine, UCSF Fresno brings the full impact and benefit of UCSF to the San Joaquin Valley and Central California.

As we reflect on another successful year, we are reminded of the tremendous progress we've made in fulfilling our mission to improve health in the San Joaquin Valley and Central California through teaching, research, patient care and community partnerships.

We are pleased to present this Annual Report, highlighting some of our many accomplishments during 2023-2024.

Thank you to our faculty, fellows, residents, students, staff, partners and friends for your ongoing dedication. Our continued success is due to your resilience, innovation and commitment.

We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2025.

We are your UCSF Fresno.

Sincerely,

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Partners and Affiliates



UCSF Fresno trains physicians and provides patient care through affiliated partners. Training takes place in rural hospitals, clinics, faculty physicians' offices, even the remote wilderness – and at the region's only Level 1 trauma and burn center at Community Regional Medical Center. We train clinicians and patient advocates to work in multidisciplinary teams and to practice culturally appropriate, equitable and accessible care.

UCSF Fresno Major Clinical Partners

- Clovis Community Medical Center
- Community Behavioral Health Center
- Community Cancer Institute
- Community Health System
- Community Outpatient Rehabilitation Center
- Community Regional Medical Center
- Family HealthCare Network – Disease Management Center
- Family HealthCare Network Deran Koligian Ambulatory Care Center
- Family HealthCare Network-Surgical Services Center
- Fresno Heart & Surgical Hospital
- VA Central California Health Care System – Fresno Medical Center

UCSF

- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital – San Francisco
- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital – Oakland
- UCSF Fresno Alzheimer & Memory Center
- UCSF Fresno Ambulatory Care Center
- UCSF Liver Transplant Program at Parnassus
- UCSF Health Mission Bay
- UCSF Health Mount Zion
- UCSF Health Parnassus
- UCSF Medical Center

Community Health Partners

- Community Health Partners (CHP) Gynecologic Oncology Specialists
- Community Health Partners (CHP) Medical Oncology Specialists
- Community Health Partners (CHP) Pediatric Specialists
- Community Health Partners (CHP) Specialty Surgery Associates

Inspire Health Medical Group

- Inspire Health Medical Group – Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Cardiology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Dermatology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Endocrinology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Orthopaedics
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Perinatology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Pulmonology
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Psychiatry
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Sleep Medicine
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Specialty Kashian
- Inspire Health Medical Group – Vascular Surgery



Other Affiliated Health Care Institutions and Training Sites

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| Anther Pediatric and Adult Sleep Center | EPU Children's Center | Raintree Convalescent Hospital |
| Baz Allergy & Asthma Institute | Family Planning Associates Women's Health – Fresno | Saint Agnes Medical Center |
| Bristol Hospice | Fowler Care Center | Sequoia Surgery Center |
| California Pacific Medical Center – Mission Bernal Campus | Fresno Oral Maxillofacial Surgery & Dental Implant Center | Sierra Pacific Orthopedics & Spine Center |
| California Poison Control System | Fresno State University Health and Psychological Services | Summit Surgical |
| Camarena Health Centers, Madera | Fresno Surgical Hospital | Transitions Children's Services |
| Central California Endoscopy Center | Fresno Unified School District | United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley, Parlier and Mendota Health Centers |
| Central California Gynecologic Oncology | Heritage Crossing Inpatient Hospice | Valley Children's Hospital |
| Central Valley Breast Care | Hinds Hospice | Valley Foot & Ankle Specialty Providers |
| Central Valley Ob/Gyn Medical Group | Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center | Valley Health Team, Fresno |
| Chestnut Pediatrics | Kaweah Delta Health Care District, Visalia | Valley Osteopathic Holistic Health, Inc. |
| Children's Health Center Behavioral Clinic | Navajo Area Indian Health Service | Valley Regional Home Health & Hospice |
| Clinica Sierra Vista | Neurosurgical Associates Medical Group, Inc. | Valley Surgical Specialists |
| Comprehensive Pain Management | Optimal Hospice Care | Valley Vascular Surgery Associates |
| County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health | Orthopaedic Associates Medical Clinic, Inc. | Women's Specialty and Fertility Clinic |
| County of Fresno Department of Public Health | Peachwood Medical Group | Yosemite Medical Clinic at Yosemite National Park |
| County of Fresno Sheriff Coroner's Office | | |

Graduate Medical Education Training Programs

Residency Programs

- Emergency Medicine
- Family and Community Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (SOD)
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

2023-2024 Fellowships

- Acute Care Surgery*
- Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging *
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Community Pediatrics *
- Emergency Medicine Medical Education *
- Emergency Ultrasound *
- Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
- Gastroenterology
- Global Health*
- Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction (OMFS/SOD) **

- Hematology/Oncology
- Hepatology *
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Interventional Cardiology
- Maternal Child Health *
- Orthopaedic Trauma *
- Pulmonary Disease/Critical Care
- Sleep Medicine
- Wilderness Medicine *

Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Programs

- Emergency Medicine
- Orthopaedic Surgery

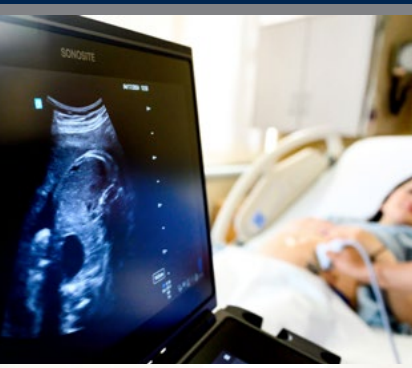
*Non-ACGME Accredited
**SOD School of Dentistry

2023-2024 Academic Year as of 8/1/23

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS	TRAINEES
Emergency Medicine	46
Family Medicine	36
Internal Medicine - Categorical	69
Internal Medicine - Chief Residents	4
Obstetrics/Gynecology	16
Orthopaedic Surgery	20
Pediatrics	18
Psychiatry	24
Surgery	25
TOTAL	258

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS	TRAINEES
OMFS - Preliminary	1
OMFS	16
TOTAL	17

ACGME ACCREDITED FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS	TRAINEES
Cardiovascular Disease	9
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	1
Gastroenterology	7
Hematology/Oncology	6
Hospice/Palliative Care	4
Infectious Diseases	4
Interventional Cardiology	1
Pulmonary/Critical Care	8
Sleep Medicine	2
Surgical Critical Care/Acute Care Surgery	3
TOTAL	45



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NON-ACGME ACCREDITED PROGRAMS	TRAINEES
Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging Fellowship (IM)	1
Global Emergency Medicine Education Fellowship (EM)	1
Head & Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction (OMFS)	2
Hepatology Fellowship (IM - GI)	2
Pediatric Chief Residents (PEDS)	3
Wilderness Medicine Fellowship (EM)	1
TOTAL	10

TOTAL 2023-2024 GME TRAINEES	TRAINEES
Residents (SOM)	258
Residents (SOD)	17
Accredited Fellows	45
Non-Accredited Fellows	10
TOTAL	330



Commencement Highlights and Awards



UCSF Fresno Celebrates the Class of 2024

UCSF Fresno celebrated the completion of training for **100+** residents in **eight** medical specialties, fellows in **13** sub-specialties, **five** OMFS dental residents and **three** physician assistants in a Postgraduate Training Program on June 13, 2024.

72% of all UCSF Fresno graduates stayed in California, **44%** stayed in the Central Valley.

100% of the graduating Psychiatry residents stayed in California; **83%** stayed in Fresno.

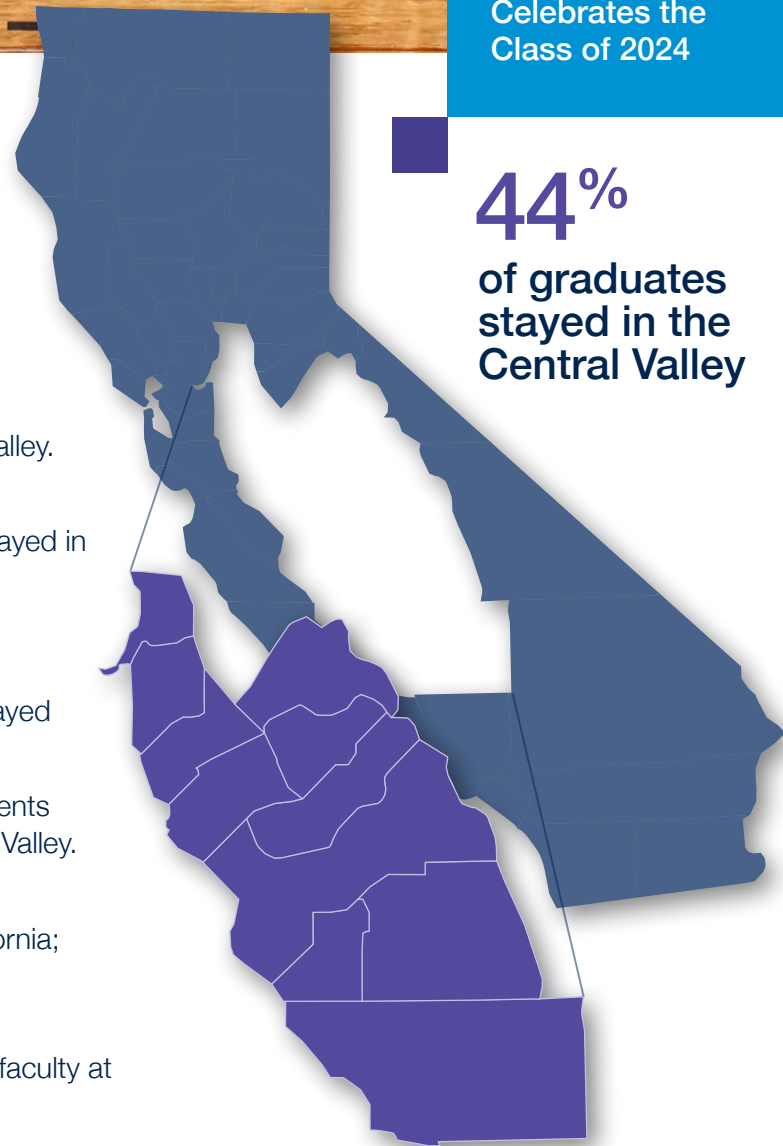
100% of the Family and Community Medicine graduates stayed in California; **42%** stayed in the Central Valley.

88% of the graduating Internal Medicine residents stayed in California; **58%** stayed in the Valley.

100% of the OB-GYN residents stayed in California; **50%** stayed in Fresno.

100% of Infectious Diseases fellows joined the faculty at UCSF Fresno.

44% of graduates stayed in the Central Valley



Among the Graduates:

**Nancy Dang-Orita, MD**

For as long as she can remember, **Nancy Dang-Orita, MD**, wanted to be a physician. It is a career that satisfies her longing to help others in a way that is intellectually stimulating and challenging. She is among the more than 100 residents and fellows who completed training and graduated from UCSF Fresno in 2024. Dr. Dang-Orita completed a two-year fellowship in Infectious Diseases (ID). Originally from Orange County in Southern California, Dr. Dang-Orita joined the faculty in Infectious Diseases at UCSF Fresno, a division within the UCSF Fresno Department of Medicine.

**Jessica McFarland, MD**

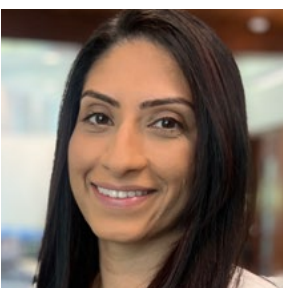
Jessica McFarland, MD, wanted to be a doctor because her parents were physicians, and she grew up shadowing them in their clinics. Inspired by their connection to their patients and wanting to make a difference in people's lives, the San Jose, California, native took part in medical immersion trips to Panama and Nepal during college. The experiences abroad taught her about health care disparities and confirmed her calling to pursue a career in medicine. Dr. McFarland is among the more than 100 residents and fellows who graduated from UCSF Fresno in 2024. She completed a two-year fellowship in Infectious Diseases (ID) and joined the faculty in Infectious Diseases at UCSF Fresno, a division within the UCSF Fresno Department of Medicine.

**Enid Picart, MD**

Enid Picart, MD, grew up interpreting for her parents during their emergency room visits. With no medical insurance and no access to primary care, the Emergency Department was their only opportunity for medical care. From SJV PRIME medical student to practicing physician, Dr. Picart fulfilled a childhood goal to care for underserved communities. She completed a four-year residency program in Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno and currently provides care for patients in the Emergency Department at Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center. She also continues to work as a volunteer physician with Mobile Health and Learning (Mobile HealL), UCSF Fresno's mobile medical clinic designed to bring health care services to local communities where it is needed most while providing learning opportunities for future health care providers.

**Roman Roque, DO**

Roman Roque, DO, MPH, was born in the Philippines and moved to California's Bay Area with his family at the age of 12. His father was a community physician in the Philippines and a maternal uncle was a physician and professor. Both were some of his earliest inspirations. Dr. Roque is among the more than 100 residents and fellows who completed training and graduated from UCSF Fresno in 2024. He finished a four-year residency program in Psychiatry and joined the VA Central California Health Care System's Substance Use Disorders Program as a staff psychiatrist and serves as clinical faculty with the UCSF Fresno Department of Psychiatry.

**Bhavi Vohra, MD**

Bhavi Vohra, MD, originally from Santa Clara, California, took what she calls a non-traditional path to becoming a physician. After working nearly three years in the bio-tech industry, she went back to school in search of more fulfillment. She earned a master's in medical science, followed by a medical degree. Dr. Vohra considered becoming a pediatrician because of positive experiences as a child with her own pediatrician. However, clinical rotations during her third year in medical school solidified her future. It was then she realized she wanted to be in the operating room and to work with women. She completed residency training in OB-GYN at UCSF Fresno. After graduation, Dr. Vohra expanded Central Valley Bhangra, the dance studio she and her husband started in Clovis. She accepted a position with Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fresno.

Commencement Awards

- **Jeff Thomas, MD**, Chief Medical Quality Officer, Community Regional Medical Center, presented the **Community Medical Centers Resident and Fellow Awards and Teaching Awards**
- Outstanding First-Year Resident: **Katherine Jones, DO**, UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency Program
- Outstanding Resident Fellow Teacher: **Rameen Atefi, DO**, UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency Program
- Community Health System Teaching Excellence Award: **Gregory Simpson, MD**, Professor, UCSF Fresno Department of Medicine, Division of Dermatology,
- Outstanding Non-Physician Teacher: **Kaitlyn Loi, PharmD, BCPS**, Community Regional Medical Center
- **Danny Davis**, Senior Vice President, Chief Clinical and Operations Officer, Community Health System, presented the newly created **Community Health System Research Excellence Award**:
- CHS Research Excellence Award, **Brian Chinnock, MD**, Professor, UCSF Fresno Department of Emergency Medicine
- **Wessel Meyer, MD, FACEP, MBChB**, Associate Chief of Staff for Education, VA Central California Health Care System and UCSF Clinical Professor, presented the **VA ICARE Award**:
- VA ICARE Award: **Roman Roque, DO, MPH**, UCSF Fresno Psychiatry Residency Program
- **Nathan Thomas Maue Dreyfus, MD**, Emergency Medicine Resident and Resident Council Member, presented the **Leon S. Peters Resident and Fellow Awards**:
- Leon S. Peters Resident of the Year: **Rameen Atefi, DO**, UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency Program
- Leon S. Peters Fellow of the Year: **Aseel Al-Bayati, MD**, UCSF Fresno Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship
- **Marisol de la Vega Cardoso**, Senior Vice President of Administrative Services, Family HealthCare Network, presented the newly established **FHCN Excellence in Primary Care Awards**:
- FHCN Excellence in Primary Care Award: **Justin Kamkar, DO**, UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine Residency Program
- FHCN Excellence in Primary Care Award: **Keerat Singh, DO**, UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine Residency Program
- **Marina Roytman, MD**, UCSF Clinical Professor, Director of the UCSF Fresno Liver Program, and Immediate Past President of the **Fresno Madera Medical Society**, presented the **Steven N. Parks Leadership Award**:
- Steven N. Parks Leadership Award (FMMS): **Jessica McFarland, MD**, UCSF Fresno Infectious Diseases Fellowship
- **Eyad Almasri, MD**, Assistant Dean for Research at UCSF Fresno, presented the **Borba Resident, Fellow and Faculty Research Awards**:
- Borba Faculty Research Award: **Mohamed Fayed, MD**, Associate Professor, UCSF Fresno Department of Medicine, Pulmonology
- Borba Research Award: **Khaled Abdullah, MD**, UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency Program
- Borba Research Award, **Bashar Tanous, MD**, UCSF Fresno Internal Medicine Residency Program
- **Ivan Gomez, MD**, FAAFP, Interim Director, Clinical Affairs at UCSF Fresno, presented the **Henry J. Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching**: **Gregory Simpson, MD**, Professor, UCSF Fresno Department of Medicine, Division of Dermatology



Greg Simpson, MD



Seven of the eight SJV PRIME students who participated in the 2024 Match continued their medical education at University of California campuses. Two stayed at UCSF Fresno in Emergency Medicine.

**SJV PRIME
Class of 2028**



L to R:
**Christopher Teran, MD
and Jacob Perez-Stringer, MD**

**SJV PRIME+
BS Class of 2028/
MD Class of 2032**



SJV PRIME

SJV PRIME is a tailored track for UCSF medical students committed to improving health in the San Joaquin Valley. The second class of SJV PRIME students participated in the National Residency Matching Program Match Day and was the second cohort to graduate with UCSF School of Medicine medical degrees.

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The sixth cohort of students in the UCSF SJV PRIME, the Class of 2028, was admitted this past summer.

SJV PRIME+

The eight-year baccalaureate to MD program in partnership with UC Merced and UCSF, admitted the second cohort of 15 students— all from the San Joaquin Valley. The mission is to advance health and increase the physician workforce in the San Joaquin Valley.

Awards, Achievements, Appointments and Milestones



Eyad Almasri, MD, was appointed to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine.



Narayana Ambati, MD, and wife, Rama Ambati, were honored with the Narayana Ambati, MD, and Rama Ambati Endowed Fund in Urology. Dr. Ambati also received the Charlotte Baer Memorial Award.

Meg Autry, MD, interim Chief of the Department of OB-GYN at UCSF Fresno, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Exceptional OB-GYN Education from UCSF OB-GYN Clerkship.

James Andrews, MD, received the Emergency Medical Services Award from CalACEP at the AdvancED 2023 Conference.

Kenny Banh, MD, received a Certificate of Recognition from The City of Fresno, office of Councilmember Nelson Esparza. Dr. Banh also was awarded the Asian Pacific Islander of the Month from Congressman Jim Costa, and he received the Distinguished Asian American & Outstanding Community Service Award from the Fresno Center.



Danielle Campagne, MD, FACEP, was named Chief of Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno and Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine at the UCSF School of Medicine and appointed to the Gene W. Kallsen, MD Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine.

Jannet Castaneda Sanchez, Emergency Medicine Clinical Research Coordinator, obtained SOCRA's CCRP certification. SOCRA established the certification program for clinical research professionals to create an internationally accepted standard of knowledge, education, and experience by which clinical research professionals will be recognized by the clinical research community.

Virginia Coningsby, UCSF Fresno Department of Emergency Medicine manager, successfully completed the requirements for recertification in Graduate Medical Education Training Administration (C-TAGME). TAGME-certified professionals exhibit their advanced competencies in and demonstrate a higher commitment to the role of residency and fellowship administrators, coordinators and managers in accredited ACGME and AOA programs.



Katherine Flores, MD, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fresno Madera Medical Society. UCSF Fresno honored Dr. Flores with the establishment of the Katherine A. Flores, MD, Health Pathway Champion Award.

John E. Garry, MD, FACS, a colon and rectal surgeon and volunteer appointment with the Department of Surgery, was selected by the Volunteer Clinical Professors Advisory Board at the UCSF School of Medicine as a recipient of the 2022-2023 Special Recognition Teaching Award.



William Dominic, MD, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fresno Madera Medical Society. Dr. Dominic, who made indelible contributions to burn care in the San Joaquin Valley, retired after 32 years on the faculty at UCSF Fresno in the Department of Surgery.



Christopher Downer, MD, FACOG, in January 2024, was named Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) at UCSF Fresno and Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Services at the UCSF School of Medicine. Dr. Downer's appointment was effective in July 2024.

Dr. Downer and Monica Raible, MD, and **Shelley McCormack, MD**, received awards for Outstanding Faculty in Medical Student Teaching from UCSF-OB-GYN Clerkship; **Brian Morgan, MD**, received a Multi-Year Dedication to Medical Student Teaching; **Rebecca Evangelista, DO**, received the Faculty Excellence in Medical Student Teaching award in student teaching. **Dr. McCormack** also received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics; **Dr. Raible** received the Faculty Award from The Society for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology. **Alexandra Freeman, MD**, received the National Award for Excellence in Resident Education from the Council on Residency Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Lily Hitchner, MD, and Andrea (Drea) Long, MD were inducted into the UCSF Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators (AME). The mission of AME is to support the people who advance the education mission of UCSF.



Vipul Jain, MD, MS, was named Chief of Medicine at UCSF Fresno and appointed to the VMC Foundation Chair in Medicine.

Lynn Keenan, MD, a sleep specialist and former director of the UCSF Fresno Sleep Medicine Fellowship, retired after 25 years in the Department of Medicine.



Christine Ann Nelson, MD, was named Interim Chief of Pediatrics at UCSF Fresno



Lawrence Sue, MD, FACS, was appointed to the James W. and Amy Davis Endowed Chair in Trauma.

Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD, faculty in the UCSF Fresno Department of Surgery, was named among America's Best Vascular Surgeons in 2024 by Newsweek Magazine.

Karl Van Gundy, MD, a pulmonologist, retired after 34 years in the Department of Medicine.

Lori Weichenthal, MD, posthumously received Sandy Gallagher Award from Hinds Hospice Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors Team. The award reflected Dr. Weichenthal's passion for physician wellness and her commitment to suicide prevention work.

Faculty Development

For the first time, in 2024, Educator Essentials was offered at the UCSF Fresno Regional Campus. Previously, faculty traveled to San Francisco to complete the series. Nearly 80 faculty participated in part one in Fresno this first year and over half of them completed part two. Completion of three components is required for the Educator Essentials certificate.

Educator Essentials sessions teach skills that all educators need. Topics include learning climate, feedback, and curriculum development, among others. Faculty development opportunities are offered to enhance satisfaction and success of faculty teaching the next generation of physicians.



Fast Facts











9 Residency Specialties






















20 Fellowship Sub-Specialties



275 Core Faculty
350 Volunteer + Appointments



2 Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Programs

Scholarly Activities



179 Faculty Publications



12 Continuing Medical Education and Community Events



94 Clinical Trials



500K+

Patient visits annually at clinical partner sites



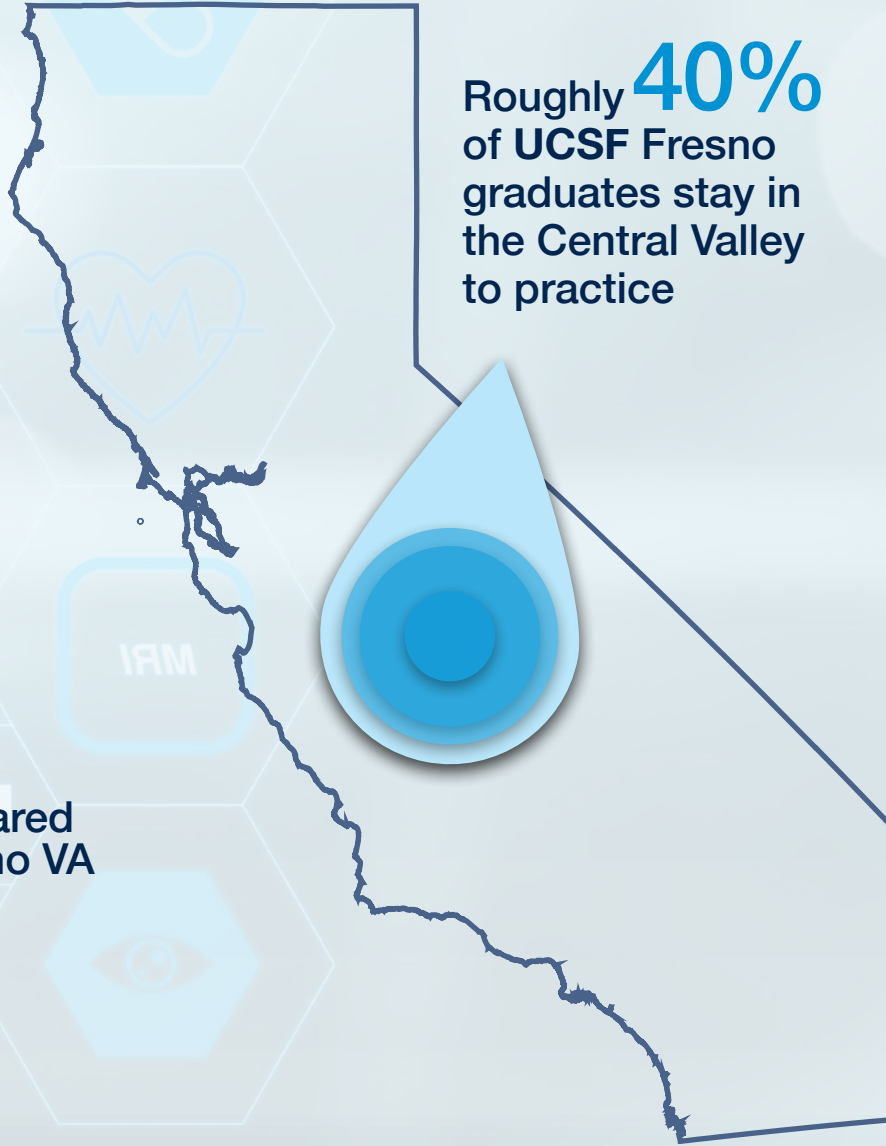
4,100

Clinical Skills session participants



25K

Veterans cared for at Fresno VA



Roughly **40%** of UCSF Fresno graduates stay in the Central Valley to practice



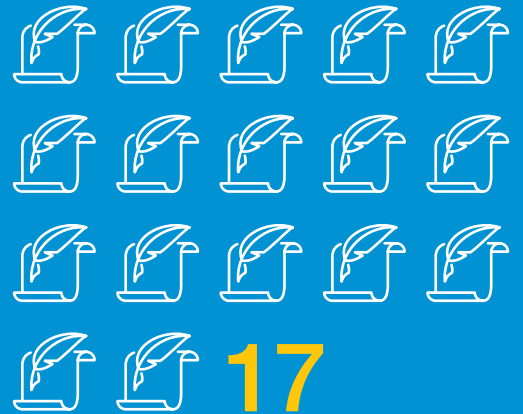
\$82.6
million

Extramural Funding Secured in 2024



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Teaching/Instruction Awards and Grants



Public Service and Patient Care Grants



In the News

Media often turn to faculty physicians, fellows and residents and advanced practice providers at UCSF Fresno for their expertise on health and medical issues. Over the past year, UCSF Fresno experts have been interviewed by local, state, and national outlets. Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, UCSF Fresno was **mentioned 354 times on TV, radio, online and print media reaching an audience of 1.7 billion for a publicity value of \$15.6 million.**



354

mentions in print, broadcast and online media outlets



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estimated audience members reached



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in publicity value

Topics

- Air quality
- Burns and smoke inhalation
- Chron's and colitis
- Coffee and kids
- Contraceptive care
- COVID-19
- Doctors Academy
- Doctor and health care workforce shortages
- Fireworks safety
- Flu vaccines (English and Spanish)
- Folic acid
- Heat
- Maternal health and language barriers
- Measles
- Mobile HeaL (English and Spanish)
- Narcan
- Pregnancy tests
- Restless Sleep Disorder
- Sleep supplements
- SJV PRIME and SJV PRIME+
- Stroke risk in Hmong Americans
- Valley fever
- West Nile Virus

In Memoriam

UCSF Fresno mourned the loss of two of our own in 2024.



Mike O'Shaughnessy, MD, faculty in the UCSF Fresno Department of OB-GYN since 1992, passed away in January. Dr. O'Shaughnessy was our principal urogynecologist. He was tirelessly devoted to patients and a stalwart member of the OB-GYN Department.



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Madeline "Maddie" Giegold, MD, PGY4, UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine resident, passed away in July. Dr. Giegold will be remembered for her commitment to racial and social justice, health equity, her love of the great outdoors, and her passion for environmental and wilderness medicine.

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