Greetings from UCSF Fresno Family Medicine!

Many of you have heard by now of the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Dr. Alexander Moir. An icon in our community as a leader and educator at UCSF Fresno, Dr. Moir dedicated over 20 years to the betterment of health in our rural communities and inspired hundreds of physicians through his teaching and mentorship and touched the lives of many in his years providing compassionate care for his patients. As Chief of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF Fresno, he brought a new definition to “Community” through his leadership and guidance. A memorial was held for Dr. Moir at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium on January 9. It was truly awe-inspiring to see the lasting impact he had made on so many and to see many of you there to celebrate his life.

Interviews for the 2016 entering class are complete! The quality of medical students that interviewed in Fresno are truly of remarkable caliber, and the standard is increasing every year. We are looking forward to these promising new physicians to join our team to train at UCSF Fresno. After a great interview season, we MATCHED in March! We look forward to an outstanding group of 12 new residents for Family Medicine. Special thanks to Lois Ceja and Susan Jensen for once again putting together a smooth process and making our future residents feel welcome.

Our scholarly EXPO was on December 10. After a great keynote presentation to kick us off from UCSF Family Medicine Department Chair Kevin Grumbach, we once again had a successful event, with presentations from our neighboring programs in Visalia and Hanford, and attendance by residents of four different Family Medicine programs in the Valley. UCSF Fresno continues on an annual basis to impress with the quality of scholarly work, with over a dozen national and international conference presentations and publications in 2015.

Our work is never done. The program is continuing to increase opportunities for our residents. With new institutional partnerships offering expanded curriculum, training in advocacy and leadership, expanded community service efforts, and new curriculum on practice transformation, our graduates are becoming more prepared than ever to hit the ground running to make an impact on their communities.

We are on FaceBook! Check it out online. UCSF Fresno Family & Community Medicine

Please e-mail Lynnette Brewer, Program Manager at lbrewer@fresno.ucsf.edu to update your contact information and if you know the addresses of any other alumni please let us know so we can contact them as well.

Program Director’s Corner:
Ivan Gomez, MD
Welcome Stephanie Kapsimallis, FPN-C, ACHPN

Stephanie is a certified Nurse Practitioner in palliative care. She completed her undergraduate degrees in nursing and psychology at California State University, Fresno and earned a MSN with emphasis in family practice. Stephanie furthered her training in palliative medicine through the Post-Masters Palliative Care Program at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Poster accepted at Palliative Care Conference

Our poster from the most recent Center to Advance Palliative Care National Conference (CAPC) in San Antonio, Texas November 11-13, 2015, entitled below, was accepted to be published in the Journal of Palliative Medicine for May 2016. Also, this poster will be published on CAPC’s online website.

IMPACT OF RACE ON PAIN MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES IN A COMMUNITY-BASED TEACHING HOSPITAL FOLLOWING INPATIENT PALLIATIVE CARE CONSULTATION

Duc Chung, MD, Austin Sue, MD, James Simmons, DO, Christine Swift, MSN, Susan Hughes, MS, Tegest Hallu, MD, Patrick Macmillan, MD; Hospice and Palliative Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, Fresno.

Dr. Chung received a national American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) Access Scholarship to attend our AAHPM & HPNA Annual Assembly in Chicago on March 9-12, 2016. As an AAHPM Access Scholar, Dr. Chung received full conference coverage and a $500 scholarship. He served as a volunteer along with other scholars in the Academy to continue to advance palliative care medicine. Drs. Macmillan, Austin Sue (palliative care fellow), and Tegest Hallu also attended the national conference to represent our UCSF Fresno program.

Family Medicine Tailgate Party at Fresno State

Our tailgate potluck party and football game has been one of many annual family events we do each year. Among some of the attendees were Drs. Moir, Gomez, Ruvalcaba, Austin, Gutierrez, Sanghera, Dhah, Iris, Lynnette, Vanessa and Mary. Everyone enjoyed the Fresno State vs. Utah State game, the social atmosphere and of course the food. Liana was our BBQ chef, who for the first time bar-b-cued. Great job!
In Loving Memory of a Friend and Colleague

By Ivan Gomez, Program Director, UCSF Fresno FCM

UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine is mourning the loss of Dr. Alex Moir, who passed away following a skiing accident on December 19, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Elise, and their two sons.

Alex had a profound impact on many people over his long career that spanned over two decades. His legacy not only as a doctor, but also as an inspirational teacher and a leader is obvious in the over 250 practicing family physicians, many serving right here in the Central Valley, that are the doctors they are today because of the role model Alex was in embracing the core values of care and compassion for our patients. In his more than 20 year career at UCSF Fresno, he advocated for rural and small-community family medicine, as well as healthcare for Latinos and other underserved communities, and impressed this passion upon his peers, residents and medical students.

As a testament to his years practicing in the community of Selma, California, Dr. Moir was recognized in 2012 by Adventist Health Central Valley Network with a Physician of the Year Mission Award for his commitment to providing physical, mental and emotional care to his patients.

Under his leadership as Chief, UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine has blossomed, becoming known and recognized statewide and nationally for its huge diversity, comprehensive training and service mission it is known for today.

If you would like to make a donation to the Family Community Medicine Department in memory and in honor of Dr. Moir, and to help continue his tremendous work and legacy, please send your gift to

UCSF Fresno - Development Department
ATTN: Moir Memory Gift
155 N. Fresno St.
Fresno, CA 93701

All donations that come in to honor Dr. Moir will go toward furthering his work in the department of Family Community Medicine at UCSF Fresno.
2015 Family Medicine Research Expo

We held our Family & Community Research Expo on December 10, 2015. Since last year, our event has been expanded to include other residencies from the Central Valley. This year, we had attendance and poster showings from our residency, Clinica Sierra Vista – Divisadero Community Health Center Family Medicine, Kaweah Delta Family Medicine Residency Program, Visalia, Adventist Family Medicine Residency Program, Hanford, and Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Hanford. There were a total of 17 resident posters, 1 Hospice & Palliative Care Fellows poster, and 1 faculty poster. Our key note speaker was Kevin Grumbach, MD, Chair of Family & Community Medicine, UCSF, School of Medicine. He spoke about how to integrate research as a core operating process. The resident posters were judged by Paul Mills, PhD, Interim Assistant Dean for Program Development and Research. This year, the Davin Youngclarke winner was Ashlynn Gordon, DO. Congratulations Dr. Gordon! Her poster (shown below) was titled “Affordable Care Act Impact on Emergency Room Visits”. She also presented her research at the 2015 Tom Bodenheimer Symposium and at the 2015 NAPCRG Annual Meeting (abstract under Scholarly Activity Projects).
Message from the Chief Residents

As we cross into 2016, we are happy to announce that our interns are half way done with one of the most challenging years of their residency, 2nd years are officially more than half way done with their entire residency career and 3rd years have less than 2 weeks left until graduation! As residents, these are very important milestones for us, and we couldn't be happier that we have reached them!

Thus far, the academic year has been very busy. In addition to our normal duties as residents, we've had a few events to help relieve some stress. Our retreat held at Wonder Valley was a great opportunity for resident wellness and team building. Thank you to all our attendings who covered our services so that we could spend the weekend with our fellow residents. Our Christmas party was a hit with wonderful raffle prizes, entertaining magic show and great dinner and dancing. We are eagerly looking forward to our annual spring picnic and our graduation this coming June.

We are proud to announce that as a department, our focus on resident wellness, leadership, research opportunities and community outreach has been growing! Now more than ever before, our residents are more involved in community events, have great projects planned for the next 3 years and are taking an active role in our local community. We couldn't be more thrilled to see what's in store for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Satjit Sanghera and Dr. Liana Milanes

PS- a few more words of wisdoms from a great doctor: "Oh the places you'll go, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way!" – Dr. Seuss

Welcome our new Family Medicine babies!

Aiden Thomas Lucaterno, born on February 1, 2016, 6lbs, 1oz. and 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to Moriah and Daniel Lucaterno on the birth of their son, Aiden and congratulations to Vanessa Gonzalez as a first time proud grand-ma!

Ariana Reynoso-Garza, Born on January 10, 2016 at 10:15pm, weighing 7lbs. 5oz., 20 inches long. Congratulations to proud parents, Rashell and Mr. Reynoso!

Jiya Rumi Kolahi, born December 23, 2015, 5lbs 9oz and 19 inches long. Congratulations to Anjani & Mr. Kolahi on the birth of their daughter, Jiya!

Caydence Varee Brewer-Slaughter, born on March 28, 2016, 6lbs. 1oz. and 19 inches long. Mom, dad and big brother MJ are elated with the newest little addition to the Brewer-Slaughter family! Congratulations to Lynnette and Ray!
• UCSF Fresno Housestaff Graduation June 9, 2016- William Saroyan Theater

• FCM Graduation June 10, 2016- The Falls Event Center, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.