In Loving Memory of Dr. Alex Moir

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

Dr. Moir spent his more than 20 year career at UCSF Fresno, where he advocated for rural and small-community family medicine, as well as healthcare for Latinos and other underserved communities.

He also taught and practiced rural medicine in Selma at the Adventist Medical Center. 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.

"Alex had spent his entire career at UCSF Fresno since graduating from medical school, tirelessly providing care to the patients in our region. Alex was an outstanding physician, teacher, mentor and leader, and he will be greatly missed," said Michael Peterson, MD, Interim Associate Dean of UCSF Fresno.

If you would like to make a donation to the Family Community Connect With Us on Social Media

UCSF Fresno has increased its visibility by opening pages on Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube ... and you can get involved by joining each page!

It's a great way to connect with fellow graduates, and faculty as well as keep up-to-date on UCSF Fresno activities.

So join in the conversation today! Click on the social media logos below to instantly join. Become a friend on Facebook, and link your LinkedIn bio to ours.

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UCSF Fresno Leadership News

Interim Associate Dean Peterson announced the following leadership changes for UCSF Fresno:

**Carlos Sueldo, MD**, clinical professor, was named to the position of Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology for UCSF Fresno.

**Serena Yang, MD**, associate clinical professor, has accepted the position of Interim Chief of Pediatrics for UCSF Fresno.

**Roger Mortimer, MD**, clinical professor, has accepted the position of Interim Chief of Family and Community Medicine for UCSF Fresno.

**Steve Foster, DO**, assistant clinical professor, has accepted the position of Program Director of Pediatrics for UCSF Fresno.

**Christopher Downer, MD**, assistant clinical professor, has accepted the position of Program Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology for UCSF Fresno.

UCSF Fresno Selected to Participate in
UCSF Fresno has been selected as one of only nine institutions to participate in an exciting, new national professional development program, Professionals Accelerating Clinical and Educational Redesign (PACER).

PACER is a three-year, grant-funded program that will help build interprofessional faculty teams capable of transforming their clinical practices and educational programs to better prepare trainees to work together in high performing patient-centered medical homes.

"My colleagues and I are honored to have been selected for the PACER program and we look forward to participating," said Serena Yang, MD, MPH, associate clinical professor and interim chief of UCSF Fresno Department of Pediatrics and team leader of UCSF Fresno's PACER. "This program will enhance our knowledge and skills to provide and teach interprofessional, team-based, comprehensive and continuous health care with the goal of achieving maximized health outcomes for patients," said Yang. "This is consistent with what we aim for every day at UCSF Fresno."

Upcoming CME Courses Announced

2nd Annual Medical Update in the Valley
March 11-12, 2016

Organized by the Department of Internal Medicine at UCSF Fresno and Community Medical Centers, the two-day conference will present faculty from diverse disciplines and their approaches to common and can't miss issues in primary care. General internists, family practitioners, primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other clinicians who are at the front lines of primary care will find up-to-date information they can use in their practices. Click here for more details or to register.

Air Pollution & Climate Change Symposium
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Organized by the Department of Internal Medicine at UCSF Fresno, the conference will present the following themes: state of air in the Central Valley of California; air pollution and its effects on obstructive airway diseases; climate change and its effect on air pollution; and medium- and long-term solutions to combat climate change and air pollution. Click here for more details or to register.

8th Annual Wilderness Medicine Conference
May 18-20, 2016
Bass Lake, CA

Join the UCSF Fresno Department of Emergency Medicine at Bass Lake, California -- gateway to Yosemite National Park -- for the High Sierra Wilderness and Travel Medicine Conference.

The conference is designed to meet the needs of those who may encounter life-threatening situations with limited resources. This includes not only emergency physicians, nurses, and PA's, but also internists, family practitioners, backcountry rangers, and members of the search and rescue community. Through both lecture and skills workshops, we will explore topics including survival and field treatment of environmental illness, rescue techniques, and lessons learned from medical delivery in austere settings ranging from the Alaskan wilderness to the large Western National Parks. Click here for more details or to register.

Support the UCSF Fresno Foundation in 2016: Make a Difference!

UCSF has grown to become the number one public university in fund raising -- and number 4 among all United States universities -- in a recent ranking by the Council for Aid to Education.

Thanks to people like you who give generously to UCSF Fresno, we're able to continue to grow and enhance our programs. Your gifts are most appreciated at UCSF Fresno! Join in the spirit of giving and make a gift today.

Together:

- We provide education and training to physicians.
- We unite high-tech with patient care.
- We move discoveries from research to the patient bedside.
- We train outstanding clinicians and leaders who advance the health of infants, children, adolescents and adults throughout the world.

Give today and benefit tomorrow!
Upcoming Events:

Calling All UCSF Alumni!

All UCSF Alumni from Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Graduate Programs, and the Fresno Residency Program are cordially invited to attend an all-alumni reception in Fresno on May 26 at 6:00pm at Ruth’s Chris Steak House (7844 N. Blackstone Avenue in Fresno).

The evening will include local updates by local Interim Associate Dean of UCSF Fresno, Dr. Michael Peterson, as well as a brief presentation on "Our Aging Population", by Dr. Gil Rabinovici, Attending Neurologist at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center in San Francisco.

The evening will also include a social time to mix with other alumni and enjoy delicious appetizers and wine. Please save the date and plan on joining us for this free event for our alumni. For more information, please call Terri Griffin at (559) 499-6426 or tgriffin@fresno.ucsf.edu.

Swinging PHor a Cure!

Save the date to join Dr. Vijay Balasubramanian along with grateful patients, family members and many others to swing PHor a cure at the first annual golf tournament to raise funds for his Pulmonary Hypertension program at UCSF Fresno. Adrian Ortega is planning this event in honor and in memory of his mother, Anna, who was helped by the program.

The tournament will be held in Visalia at Valley Oaks Golf Course on Saturday, April 9 at 11am. For more information or to register, go to www.swingingphoracure.com.