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## **UCSF FRESNO GRADUATES CLASS OF 2007 RESIDENT PHYSICIANS**

*Nearly half are expected to stay in the Central Valley to care for area residents*

FRESNO – The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program will graduate 65 resident physicians in a ceremony to be held **Thursday, June 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Copper River Country Club** (11500 North Friant Road) in Fresno. A social hour for the graduates, their families and friends and UCSF Fresno faculty and staff members will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Thirty of the graduates are expected to stay in the Fresno vicinity and Central Valley to care for area residents.

Among them:

- Cyrus Buhari, DO, of Stockton, will enter the UCSF Fresno Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship program.
- Angela Grasser, MD, who attended high school in Lemoore, is staying to practice family and community medicine at Orange Cove Clinic.
- Eight of the 10 resident physicians graduating in pediatrics are remaining in the Valley. Five are staying on at Children's Hospital Central California.

“Growing up in the Valley, I worked as a medical assistant in a clinic in Riverdale,” said Grasser. “That’s where I formed my first impression of what a doctor does. That’s what I know and that’s what I will continue to do.”

“UCSF Fresno’s contribution to the community is evident each year,” said Joan Voris, MD, associate dean at UCSF Fresno. “About 30 percent of our graduates remain in the area to provide much needed health care services. It is particularly pleasing this year to have nearly half of them staying.”

Graduation highlights include:

- Welcome remarks by Joan Voris, MD, Associate Dean, UCSF Fresno
- Graduation address by Greg W. Hendey, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, UCSF Fresno
- Presentation of the prestigious *Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching*. Of the four Kaiser awards presented by the UCSF School of Medicine, one is given to an outstanding faculty member in the Fresno program.

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- Other awards include: *Outstanding First-Year Resident, Outstanding Resident Teacher, Outstanding Attending Teacher, Outstanding Non-Physician Teacher, Borba Award for Outstanding Research, and the Dizon Community Service Award.*

For more information about the UCSF Fresno graduation ceremony, please call (559) 499-6518.

*UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program plays a substantial role in providing health care services to San Joaquin Valley residents and training medical professionals in the region. UCSF Fresno has trained approximately one-third of Valley physicians currently practicing in one of the seven specialties in which UCSF Fresno provides training. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, UCSF Fresno has graduated approximately 60 resident physicians every year, totaling more than 2,000 to date. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the area's underserved populations. UCSF Fresno currently trains about 200 medical residents, nearly 200 medical students and one fellow in critical care each year as well as provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high-school students interested in the health professions. Plans are underway now to expand UCSF Fresno's fellowship programs, which offer specific training in an area of expertise beyond residency training and generally last two to three years in length. Beginning in July, UCSF Fresno will start two new fellowship training programs in cardiology and pulmonary medicine.*

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