UCSF Fresno Selected to Participate in National Professional Development Program

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program is one of only nine institutions selected 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, 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 at the Deran Koligian Ambulatory Care Center as a Patient-Centered Medical Home at Community Regional Medical Center. This is consistent with what we aim for every day at UCSF Fresno.”

The nine selectees, including UCSF Fresno, have assembled outstanding teams of faculty from the three primary care disciplines in medicine (i.e. family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics) as well as nursing, physician assistant, pharmacy, behavioral health and other professional training programs. These PACER interprofessional teams will attend training sessions and work closely with expert coaches to develop and implement new models of interprofessional training in their primary care practices. Together, these nine teams across the United States form a powerful learning community of educators that is well positioned to transform primary care medicine and foster interprofessional, collaborative patient-centered care.

Ultimately, PACER will create a sustainable model of faculty development that evolves over time, starting with the training of these nine interprofessional teams who will then collaborate with other primary care residencies in their region. PACER will eventually create three regional centers that will provide support, training and resources to expand the learning collaborative to other primary care and health professions training programs.
The nine institutions selected to participate in PACER include:

- Eastern Virginia Medical School; Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters; Old Dominion University
- Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
- The North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System (soon to be Northwell Health), Division of Internal Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and Department of Pediatrics; Hofstra North Shore-LJI School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies; St. John’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Department of Clinical Pharmacy
- Palmetto Health and the University of South Carolina
- UC Davis School of Medicine and School of Nursing; University of California Health System; Sacramento County Primary Care Center; Transforming Education and Community Health (TEACH) Clinic
- UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program; Community Regional Medical Center
- University of Colorado School of Medicine, College of Nursing, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, and Physician Assistant Program
- Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Bronson School of Nursing, and Department of Psychology
- Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health, and School of Professional Psychology; Cedarville University School of Pharmacy; Kettering College Physician Assistant Program

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For more information about PACER, please visit www.pcpacer.org or contact project coordinator Ari Galper at galper@ohsu.edu

About UCSF Fresno: The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975, plays a substantial role in providing health care to residents of California’s San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. UCSF Fresno is the San Joaquin Valley’s largest physician training program. Annually, UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 250 medical residents (medical school graduates who are training under senior faculty physicians prior to practicing on their own) in eight specialties, 10 oral and maxillofacial surgery dental residents, 50 medical fellows (physicians who are completing training beyond residency) in 17 subspecialties and about 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) on a rotating basis. One-third of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Valley. Thanks to the expertise of faculty physicians at UCSF Fresno, in many cases, travel outside of the region is no longer necessary for patients seeking specialty medical care. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the region’s underserved populations. In
addition, UCSF Fresno helps prepare middle, high school and college students for careers in health and medicine through a variety of pipeline programs. Please visit www.fresno.ucsf.edu

About UCSF: UCSF is a leading university dedicated to transforming health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. Founded in 1864 as a medical college, UCSF now includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy; a graduate division with world-renowned programs in the biological sciences, a preeminent biomedical research enterprise and top-tier hospitals, UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. Please visit www.ucsf.edu/news.

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