UCSF Fresno Wraps Up Successful Recruitment Period
Residency programs fill 100 percent of available positions for seven years in a row

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program wrapped up another successful recruitment period. All available residency positions in the UCSF Fresno programs that participated in the match were filled, representing a 100 percent match rate. As a result, about 100 new medical physicians and 4 oral and maxillofacial surgery dental residents will start their residency and fellowship training at UCSF Fresno this summer. UCSF Fresno has filled 100 percent of its available positions every year since 2011.

“Congratulations to all of the medical school graduates who matched with UCSF Fresno,” said Michael W. Peterson, MD, UCSF Fresno Associate Dean. “We look forward to your arrival this summer. We are confident that your experiences here over the next three to five years will prepare you to be excellent clinicians and advocates for your patients.

“I’d also like to thank our faculty and staff who worked diligently as always to make this year’s recruitment period another successful one,” added Dr. Peterson.

The names of the incoming residents will be made available to UCSF Fresno on Friday, March 17 – this year’s Match Day.

“The caliber of medical school graduates applying to and matching with UCSF Fresno along with our ongoing successful match results speak to the outstanding quality of our medical education program,” said Lori Weichenthal, MD, Assistant Dean of Graduate Medical Education at UCSF Fresno. “The opportunity to learn from the finest faculty physicians, the range of clinical settings, diversity of patient populations and clinical cases make UCSF Fresno a top-notch training program.”

Match Day occurs every year in March and is the time when medical school graduates learn where they will spend the next three to five years conducting the postgraduate training necessary to practice medicine in the United States. Medical residents who wish to continue their training beyond residency also may take part in Match Day. As part of the
process, medical school graduates and residents typically register with the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). When the resident or fellow and the prospective medical education program mutually agree on the selection, a “match” has occurred.

The UCSF Fresno residency programs that participated in the NRMP match received 5,165 applications and conducted 1,181 interviews for 79 positions. UCSF Fresno fellowship programs that took part in the October/December NRMP matches received nearly 700 applications and conducted nearly 100 interviews for 16 positions. The remaining programs filled available positions through another matching service or through interviews. UCSF Fresno currently offers residency training in eight specialties and fellowship training in 17 subspecialties.

About UCSF Fresno: 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, approximately 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) on a rotating basis and physician assistants in three residency programs. Recent statistics show that 50 percent of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Central Valley. Thanks to the expertise of faculty physicians, the majority of complex cases can be appropriately treated locally without traveling outside of the region for exceptional care. Faculty and medical residents at UCSF Fresno engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. 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

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