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## **UCSF Fresno Presents 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardiology in the Valley Symposium**

Event focuses on current controversies in cardiology

FRESNO –Coronary heart disease is the number one cause of death in California and the San Joaquin Valley has some of the highest rates of heart disease in the state. Heart failure, often resulting from coronary artery disease, significantly contributes to the death rate. UCSF Fresno’s Department of Internal Medicine and Community Medical Centers will present the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Cardiology in the Valley Symposium,” from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research, 155 N. Fresno St. in downtown Fresno.

Topics to be covered include the landscape of heart failure; heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (a form of congestive heart failure, previously known as diastolic heart failure); the present and future management of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; atrial fibrillation (irregular, rapid heart rate that can cause poor blood flow) and heart failure; new and upcoming therapies in the management of patients with various arrhythmias.

Cardiologists, hospitalists, family and internal medicine physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and allied health care professionals with an interest in cardiology are encouraged to attend.

The registration fee is \$10. Medical fellows, residents and students may attend free of charge. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. This is a continuing medical education event. Up to 4.5 Category 1 Credits are available. Continental breakfast and lunch and discussion with faculty are included.

John A. Ambrose, MD, FACC, UCSF professor of medicine at UCSF Fresno and emeritus chief of cardiology, is the course director for this event.

“When I arrived at UCSF Fresno in 2005, one of my goals was to enhance continuing medical education for providers in Fresno and the surrounding communities,” said Dr. Ambrose. “My initial target was in cardiovascular diseases due to the high rates of heart disease that occur in the San Joaquin Valley.

“Initially, outside speakers were needed to supplement our own faculty lectures. However, the cardiology faculty at UCSF Fresno has grown significantly over the years. Now that we are in our twelfth year, our local faculty has expertise in nearly all areas of cardiology. We provide the highest level of cardiac patient care in the Valley and we provide advanced fellowship training in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology to foster future leaders in cardiac care for the region.”

Register online at: <http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/conferences/cardiology2017/>

For more information, please call (559) 499-6421.

**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](http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu)

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