UCSF-FRESNO ANNOUNCES BEST RECRUITMENT MATCH TO DATE—50 NEW MEDICAL RESIDENTS UNVEILED AT FIRST EVER PROGRAM CELEBRATION

The UCSF-Fresno Medical Education Program will formally announce one of its most successful recruitment seasons to date on Thursday, March 29 at 4pm at University Medical Center. For the first time, UCSF-Fresno’s Associate Dean, Deborah Stewart, MD, along with eight medical education program directors, will unveil 50 of the best and the brightest medical school graduates coming to the Central Valley in June to begin residency programs. UCSF-Fresno is directly responsible for educating more than 50 percent of physicians practicing in the Valley today.

Time: 4pm to 5pm  
Date: Thursday, March 29  
Place: University Medical Center, Fresno, California  
445 S. Cedar Avenue (at Huntington Boulevard)  
(Use Boyd Avenue entrance, located east off of Huntington. Park in front of the hospital entrance. Event located in outdoor garden area.)

News Conference Participants include:

Deborah Stewart, MD, Associate Dean  
University of California, San Francisco Fresno Medical Education Program  
J. Philip Hinton, MD, Chief Executive Officer  
Community Medical Centers  
David Phillips, Acting Associate Director and Public Affairs Officer  
Veterans Administration Central California Health Care System  
Robert Kezirian, M.D., Residency Coordinator  
Valley Children’s Hospital

Background

Some 600 medical students travel to Fresno every fall to tour UCSF-Fresno’s Medical Education Program and the Fresno community in pursuit of their ideal residency program. Of the 600, only 50 residents can potentially match with UCSF-Fresno to train at the prestigious Medical Education Program. As residents, UCSF-Fresno provides the training for the specialties they will ultimately practice, offering a choice of eight medical programs such as family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery and others. As a national standard, when both the resident and the prospective program mutually agree on the selection a “match” has occurred. This year, UCSF-Fresno matched 93 percent. UCSF-Fresno will confirm the results of the “match” by unveiling the new residents at a celebration press conference on Thursday, March 29 at 4pm.

Note to the media: UCSF-Fresno medical resident students will be on site to answer questions. For more information please contact Cara Peracchi Douglas at 559.243.3606, or on the day of the press conference at 559.289.8970.