

UCSF Department of Emergency Medicine Newsletter



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NEW EM CHIEF AT UCSF FRESNO



Dr. Jim Comes, Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed Chief of Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno Department of Emergency Medicine and Vice-Chair of Emergency Medicine at UCSF. Dr. Comes earned his BS from the University of California Irvine and his MD from the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his emergency medicine residency training at UCSF Fresno (Valley Medical Center). Jim has dedicated his career to graduate medical education, serving in an educational leadership role for the past 23 years, first as program director for the transitional year internship and assistant residency director followed by program director from 2006-2017 for the UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine Residency Program. Jim is chair of the Emergency Department at Community Regional Medical Center, one of the busiest emergency departments in the state. He has received letters of commendation from Senator Barbara Boxer and other elected officials for his service to the community. He is the recipient of the Haile Debas Academy of Medical Educators UCSF Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition to being a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, he serves as an examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Comes will hold the endowed Gene Kallsen Chair in Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno and provide visionary leadership for the clinical, educational and research components of emergency medicine.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dr. Kayla Enriquez, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, gave an oral presentation on Safe Quality Services: A novel training approach for infection control and emergency care skills in post-Ebola (EVD) Liberia at the Plenary Session for the 2017 UCSF Education Showcase for which she and her team received the 2017 Cooke Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Renee Hsia, Professor of Emergency Medicine, has been invited to serve on the National Academies Committee on Health Care Utilization and Adults with Disabilities for a study being conducted for the Social Security Administration from 2017-2018. The goal of the study will be

to provide an analysis of health care utilizations as they relate to impairment severity and the Social Security Administration's definition of disability for incorporation into federal policies.

Dr. Shruti Kant, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, presented a workshop with Dr. Ellen Laves (Pediatrics) at the Western Group on Educational Affairs (WGEA) in Salt Lake City on February 28 titled "Moving Beyond the Steps: Enhancing Procedural Education using Cognitive Task Analysis." She also presented at the UCSF Education Showcase on March 20, "Aha! Moments: Breakthroughs in learning lumbar punctures and implications for instruction," and co-taught the Debriefing in Simulation workshop at the UCSF Education Showcase on March 19 with Dr. Darren Fiore (Pediatrics).



BUILDING A CAREER IN GLOBAL HEALTH



Dr. Carol Chen, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics (pictured), and **Dr. Andrea Tenner**, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, co-chaired the inaugural global health CME conference on "Building a Career in Global Health" held on the UCSF Mission Bay campus on March 9 and 10. Participants traveled from as far away as the East Coast of the US and New Zealand. The 52 participants included 12 faculty from UCSF, Stanford, University of Chicago, Yale,

Columbia, and University of Cape Town and representatives from Doctors Without Borders, International Rescue Committee, and the World Health Organization.

The following presentations were made by DEM faculty:

Dr. R. Starr Knight: Using ultrasound in resource-limited settings

Drs. R. Starr Knight, Andi Tenner, Carol Chen: Medical procedures in resource-limited settings

Dr. Corey Bills: Research in resource-limited settings

Dr. Teri Reynolds: (1) Building partnerships locally and internationally and (2) Financing a career in global health

Dr. Andi Tenner: How to choose a site for global health work

Dr. Kayla Enriquez: Work-life balance in global health (panel discussion)

Other UCSF faculty and residents who took part in the course were: **Drs. Raj Daftary, Will Shyy, Lily Muldoon, and Winnie Chan.** Participants commented:

- *"I found it extremely useful and informative in regards to figuring out my next steps in this career path. It was a great wealth of practical information. I look forward to next year!"*
- *"I'm so glad that I made the trip to take part. I'll be sure to pass along this event to my Canadian colleagues interested in global health!"*
- *"As [someone] fairly new to global health, this conference both broadened my horizon to consider aspects of global health that I was yet to consider, and also helped me narrow in on specific project areas that I would like to focus on in the future- especially ultrasound curriculum! The hands on sessions were a highlight for sure, and demonstrate the great amount of creativity that exists in the GHEM group."*



RESEARCH ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

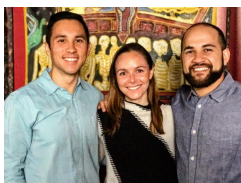
Dr. Esther Chen, Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, received an Education Innovations Funding award for the 2017-2018 academic year from The Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators, in collaboration with the UCSF Program for Interprofessional Practice and Education and the UCSF Library, for a proposal titled "[Zero Waste Emergency Medicine: A Choosing Wisely Curriculum for Emergency Medicine Faculty and Residents](#)." As Principal Investigator, she will be working with **Dr. Aaron Kornblith**, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, and **Dr. Gabriel Sudario**, PGY-4.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Dr. Craig Smollin, Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Co-Medical Director of the California Poison Control System, San Francisco Division, was [interviewed](#) by San Francisco television station KTVU about a potentially deadly ingredient found in tea leaves sold at a medicinal shop in Chinatown.

Dr. Renee Hsia, Professor of Emergency Medicine, was heard on Marketplace Morning Report on public radio on March 6 commenting on the increasing number of [mental health patients](#) being seen in emergency rooms. Dr. Hsia also contributed to the Association of American Medical Colleges Opioid Webinars Series presentation, "Parallel crisis: the over and under prescription of opioids," on February 27.

RESIDENT / FELLOW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to **Dr. Gabe Sudario**, **Dr. Gretchen Fuller**, and **Dr. Rosny Daniel**, Chief Residents for 2017-2018. Welcome to the Class of 2021.

UCSF-SFGH Emergency Medicine Residency Program Class of 2021



Anna Bilski
Northwestern University



Erin Bowler
Emory University



David Dillon
Weill Cornell University



Edward Grom
Harvard University



Kevin Hanley
Keck SOM USC



Paul Hausknecht
Baylor College of Medicine



Timothy Hong
University of Rochester



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Jonathan Kobles
University of Connecticut



Nicholas Mauricio
Boston University



Emily Neill
Keck SOM USC



Joseph Nelson
New York University



Saned Raouf
University of Colorado



Grace Taylor
Harvard University

Dr. Julia Chang, PGY-4, **Dr. Steven Straube**, PGY-4, and **Dr. Gabe Sudario**, PGY-4, were selected as recipients of the 2017-2018 Global Health Elective Scholarships. This scholarship will help support their work abroad as senior residents.

Dr. Lily Muldoon, PGY-2, serving as the Health Advisor for the Organic Health Response (www.organichealthresponse.org), received a \$35,000 Global Grant from Rotary International. The title of the grant is "Mfangano Health Network: Building an island-wide network to coordinate and sustain maternal health for 26,000 people of HIV-affected communities of Mfangano Island, Western Kenya."

Dr. Melody Glenn, EMS fellow and Medical Director for the University of San Francisco's Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program, designed and taught a class on OB/GYN Emergencies and Neonatal Resuscitation to the EMTs as part of their continuing education training. The EMR program at USF responds to on-campus emergencies along with Public Safety, providing EMT level first response to the campus population and special events. The program will be starting a pilot project shortly with ZSFG Base Hospital to enable direct EMT to Base Physician contact and patient disposition, which will be a first for San Francisco (normally EMTs do not speak with the Base Hospital Physician Consultant, only Paramedics).



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