INFECTIOUS DISEASE FELLOWSHIP, UCSF FRESNO

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Program Description:

About the Program

The Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at UCSF Fresno offers comprehensive clinical training and research opportunities in one of the largest medical centers in Central California. Two highly qualified physicians are offered positions in our program annually. Training takes place at Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) and the VA Central California Health Care System. CRMC is home to one of California's busiest emergency departments and the only Level 1 trauma center and burn unit between Sacramento and Los Angeles. Fellows care for a diverse patient population and encounter an extraordinary array of pathologies.

Training includes inpatient clinical rotations, outpatient clinical experiences, protected time for research, scholarly activities, quality-improvement (QI) projects and continuity-care experience providing comprehensive HIV services to nearly 1,500 patients. In addition, fellows are trained in hospital epidemiology, clinical microbiology, and antimicrobial stewardship. Please refer to the curriculum section for more details.

Strengths of our Program

Our training program places equal emphasis on clinical training, infection control, antibiotic stewardship, and research. It is designed to prepare physicians for careers in academic medicine, hospital infection control/ antimicrobial stewardship and private practice. Our fellows are trained to become experts in caring for patients with serious infections and to effectively work in teams and communicate with physicians, other medical personnel and advocate for patients and their families. Emphasis is given to improving their fund of medical knowledge, expertise in patient care and professionalism. They acquire a wealth of knowledge in various fields such as antibiotics, antivirals, and antifungals – their pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics: epidemiology, diagnostic methods, therapy and prevention of infections in hospitalized patients, and ambulatory settings. Special areas of training include HIV/AIDS, infections in critically ill and immunocompromised hosts, mycology including but not limited to coccidioidomycosis, and infections in trauma victims and illicit drug users.

Our goal is to produce skilled clinicians, educators, and clinical investigators. Graduates are well suited for work in academic and clinical fields.

Instructors:

- Michele Maison-Fomotar, MD, Associate Clinical Professor
- Hebah Ghanem, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor
- Nancy Dang, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor
- Geetha Sivasubramanian, MD, Associate Professor Clinical Medicine
- Almira Opardija, MD, Associate Clinical Professor
- Jessica McFarland, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor
- Erica Kasper, MD, Clinical Professor
- Robert Libke, MD, Professor
- Naiel Nassar, MD, Professor
- Babak Youssefi, MD
- Shirisha Pasula, MD Assistant Clinical Professor

Details:

Entrance Requirements: https://fresno.ucsf.edu/infectious-diseases/applicants#minimum-employment-requirements

Policies: https://fresno.ucsf.edu/resident-portal/policies-and-procedures

Trainee Responsibilities: https://fresno.ucsf.edu/resident-portal#Housestaff-Handbook

Benefits/Leave: UC Resident Benefits | Health and Insurance Coverage for Residents and Fellows (https://www.ucresidentbenefits.com/)

UCSF Hospital System Responsibilities: Major Affiliates: Community Regional Medical Center, VA Central California Health Care System, UCSF Medical Center

Salaries: https://fresno.ucsf.edu/Salary-and-benefits

Accreditation:

The UCSF Fresno Infectious Disease Fellowship program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (https://www.acgme.org/) (ACGME). For more information regarding our accreditation, please contact fresno-info@ucsf.edu.