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Mark R. Laret
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Mark R. Laret is chief executive officer of UCSF Medical Center, including UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, since April 2000. He is a 30-year veteran of health care management and a national leader in health care initiatives and reform. He represents the interests of major academic medical centers before Congressional and Administration officials and federal agencies on issues of quality, safety and financing of medical care; innovations in health care delivery; access for the underserved; and the training of medical residents.

He is the 2014 chair of the California Hospital Association Board of trustees, and recently completed a term as chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges, the national trade association for the nation’s medical schools and academic medical centers. He also is a former chair of the national Council of Teaching Hospitals and has been a board member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. A graduate of UCLA, where he was a Regents scholar, Laret earned his master’s degree in political science from the University of Southern California (USC). Prior to joining UCSF, Laret held management positions at two other UC hospitals – UCLA Medical Center and UC Irvine Medical Center. During his years at UCLA, Laret spearheaded the Medical Center’s acquisition of Santa Monica Community Hospital and headed the 900-physician UCLA Medical Group.

Bertram Lubin, MD
CEO
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland

Bertram Lubin, MD became the CEO of in 2009. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, completed a Pediatric Residency at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital. He left the University of Pennsylvania to join Children’s Hospital Oakland in 1973 and serve as its Chief of Hematology/Oncology as well as initiate a laboratory research program in red cell membrane biology. His interests have focused on sickle cell anemia and led to national newborn screening for this disease and to basic advances in understanding of the mechanisms associated with complications of this disease as well as the need to have a comprehensive approach to the treatment of patients and their families. He began the first non-profit Sibling Donor Cord Blood Program in the world which has resulted in life saving treatments for
children with sickle cell anemia, thalassemia, aplastic anemia, and leukemia. He has been investigator or co-investigator on more than 30 NIH grants, served on leadership committees, advisory boards, and NIH peer review committees and has published more than 150 articles in peer reviewed journals.

In 1980, he became the director of medical research at Children’s Hospital Oakland and transformed a small research program into a $50 million-a-year enterprise called Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Institute. He has been a member of 28 national advocacy and professional organizations representing broad areas of interest related to child health. Dr. Lubin is an educator, with a particular interest in fostering careers of individuals who come from socioeconomically challenged backgrounds. He has trained and mentored scores of fellows, residents and medical students. Dr. Lubin has been a strong and active advocate of policies and programs that will promote the well-being of children and address social justice as well as care for children with chronic illness.

**Sam Hawgood, MBBS**  
**Interim Chancellor of UCSF**  
**Dean, UCSF School of Medicine**

Sam Hawgood, MBBS, has served UC San Francisco for 32 years as a clinician, researcher, teacher, mentor and leader. He succeeded chancellor Susan Desmond-Hellmann on April 1, 2014 as interim chancellor of UCSF. In this position, he will oversee the entire $4 billion UCSF enterprise, which also includes top-ranking schools of dentistry, nursing and pharmacy, as well as a graduate division and affiliated hospitals.

Hawgood has also been serving as dean of the UCSF School of Medicine and as vice chancellor for medical affairs since September of 2009, after assuming the role of interim dean in December of 2007. His distinguished career at UCSF includes serving as chair of the Department of Pediatrics, associate director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute. Under his leadership, the school has become the top medical school in the nation in research funding from the National Institutes of Health ($439.6 million in 2013), with many of its departments also leading the nation in their fields, reflecting the caliber of scientific research on campus. In that time, the school also became the only medical school in the nation to rank in the top five in both research- and primary care education (#4 in each), in the US News & World Report’s annual assessment of graduate schools.

Hawgood joined UCSF as a research fellow in 1982, and has maintained his own laboratory since 1984. His focus on the proteins associated with pulmonary surfactant has led to a multi-disciplinary Program Project Grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which has supported his work continuously since then and gained him an international reputation in neonatology research. Hawgood is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Association of Physicians, and in 2010 was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), part of the National Academy of Sciences.

Hawgood has maintained an active presence in clinical medicine, including serving first as division chief of the Division of Neonatology, then as chair of Pediatrics and physician-in-chief of the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital prior to becoming dean. He is the president of the UCSF Medical Group, the faculty association that represents more than 1,800 UCSF physicians.