SFGH - UCSF Relationship Benefits San Francisco and Advances Health Worldwide

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) and the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine UCSF have been partners in public health since 1873, collaborating on care, research and education. Today, UCSF provides all physician services at SFGH, a comprehensive medical center, safety net hospital and the city’s only trauma center.

What is SFGH’s role in San Francisco?

SFGH serves some 100,000 patients per year and provides 20 percent of the city’s inpatient care. As San Francisco’s public hospital, SFGH’s mission is to provide quality health care and trauma services with compassion and respect to patients that include the City’s most vulnerable. As the city’s only trauma center, SFGH provides life-saving care to people from all walks of life. The partnership with UCSF School of Medicine has made San Francisco General Hospital one of the nation’s top academic medical centers.

How does UCSF fit in?

The physicians at SFGH are UCSF faculty who train the next generation of doctors and conduct cutting-edge research based on the needs of the SFGH patient population. For example, they are world leaders in HIV/AIDS and traumatic brain injury research and care.

The SFGH campus is home to 170 UCSF principal investigators doing research through programs based at SFGH, with annual awards of more than $160 million from sources such as the National Institutes of Health.

Nearly 1,800 UCSF employees work at SFGH, including about 500 physicians, and approximately 1,000 interns, residents and fellows each year. Additionally, SFGH employs UCSF advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Faculty, staff and students from UCSF’s four schools – medicine, dentistry, nursing and pharmacy – work collaboratively with San Francisco Department of Public Health staff. The partnership strengthens both organizations and benefits the patients, the city and beyond.

How do the partners strengthen each other?

For UCSF, San Francisco General offers the triple benefit of education, patient care and research. Each of these endeavors is world-class, evident in the high number of teaching awards, research grants and professional commendations showered upon the UCSF team at SFGH. Best of all, the teaching, research and clinical care are not isolated, but work together providing real-time benefit to patients and state of the art opportunities for physicians and other providers.
For San Francisco General, having UCSF physicians and scientists in house means that top-notch care and cutting edge research is available to all San Franciscans. Our trauma patients get life-saving care from world renowned surgeons and emergency medicine experts. Because of our emphasis on teaching and research, the care provided here is often translated into improved health practices, protocols and policies nationally and around the world.

Year after year, the SFGH rotation ranks as the most popular among UCSF medical residents. After their classroom training, residents complete their education with rotations at SFGH, the VA Hospital and UCSF Medical Center’s Parnassus campus. So on any given day, a third of UCSF’s physicians-in-training are here at SFGH.

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH)

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is the sole provider of trauma and psychiatric emergency services for the City and County of San Francisco. A comprehensive medical center, SFGH serves some 100,000 patients per year and provides 20 percent of the city’s inpatient care. In 2011, SFGH became the first hospital in the country to be certified for a Traumatic Brain Injury program. As San Francisco’s public hospital, SFGH’s mission is to provide quality health care and trauma services with compassion and respect to patients that include the City’s most vulnerable. San Francisco General is also one of the nation’s top academic medical centers, partnering with the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine on clinical training and research.

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

UCSF is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and high-quality patient care. Established in 1864, UCSF is the only UC campus in the 10-campus system dedicated exclusively to the health sciences.

Today UCSF boasts high-ranking schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy and a Graduate Division, plus one of the nation’s top medical centers.

The clinical enterprise is recognized nationally for its leading health care providers, who work together as a team to develop new treatment approaches and to achieve the best outcomes. They are among the nation’s leading experts in virtually all specialties, including cancer, heart disease, neurological disorders, immunological disorders, HIV/AIDS and organ transplantation, as well as specialty services for women and children. People from all parts of the United States – and from across the world – come to UCSF to receive life-saving health care services.

A hallmark of UCSF excellence is a spirit of collaboration among all disciplines that carries through its wide spectrum of patient care, research and education programs, fostering an environment of innovation and discovery. The result is groundbreaking life sciences research and world-class health care that support UCSF’s mission: advancing health worldwide™.

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