Central California Faculty Medical Group

Celebrating 40 Years

Fiscal Year 2019 – A Year In Review
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Dear Central California Faculty Medical Group Employees and Community Partners:

In the past 25 years as the Executive Director and CEO of CCFMG, I have had a front-row seat to see a vast expansion of services and opportunities for our community to receive exceptional care. As I reflect on the past 40 years, I am filled with deep gratitude for all of the providers, advanced practitioners, residents, administrative support staff and key clinical partners who worked together to create an organization that currently provides over 500,000 patient visits each year.

What started as an incorporated medical group of 38 physicians providing contracted services to the County of Fresno, has grown into a multi-faceted organization with over 230 core faculty that support medical education for eight residency programs and 18 fellowship programs through UCSF Fresno, a branch campus of the UCSF School of Medicine. We have 23 faculty practice sites that provide 50 specialties and subspecialties to our community, often providing access to specialty care that would otherwise not be available in the Central Valley. We make medical education happen, and we provide invaluable care to hundreds of thousands of Valley residents who depend on our compassion and our expertise.

I often hear feedback from our community about what we do, and it puts into perspective the valuable services our clinicians provide. It is imperative that on our journey of growth we remain patient-centered. One patient comment specifically reminded me of why we work so hard to train, educate and encourage talented physicians. Ricardo, who is a patient at University Gastroenterology and Hepatology Associates, writes of his care with Marina Roytman, MD, “I have gotten my life back. I am improving week by week and she has given me hope again.” Talented specialists like Dr. Roytman don’t just provide medical expertise for their patients, they are often beacons of hope that transform patient’s lives.

I also know that there is still so much work to be done. Fresno is an underserved community, with some of the lowest primary and specialty physician ratios per capita in the state of California. This means training and recruiting providers continues to be a primary driver in what we do. As I look forward to our future, I am confident in our talented faculty and staff who remain focused on growth and meeting the unique and dynamic needs of our community.

Warm regards,

Joyce Fields-Keene, MPA
Chief Executive Officer
The first Board of Directors, 1979
(from left to right) Robert Knopp, MD; Bjorn Nilson, MD; Ken Cooke, MD; Harold Price, MD; David McMicken, MD; Ralph Wessel, MD; George LaCroix, MD; Steven Parks, MD; unknown; Justin Williams, MD; Lauren Grayson, MD; Robert Cano, MD; Richard Lockwood, MD; Vin Whelan; Gary De Young.

When CCFMG first incorporated in 1979, there were representatives from the following 13 departments:

- Anesthesiology
- Surgery, Neurosurgery, Urology
- Orthopaedics/Physical Medicine
- Obstetrics-Gynecology
- Eye and ENT
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Family Practice
- Pediatrics
- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Pathology
- Radiology

As it is today, each department chief sat on the CCFMG Board of Directors to help steer the vision and direction of the company. In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we thank all those who served in a leadership capacity throughout our history.
1979
Central California Faculty Medical Group, Inc. (CCFMG), incorporates. This change allows the physicians to transition from Fresno County salaried employees to a faculty medical group based at Valley Medical Center

1980
CCFMG holds the First Annual Shareholders’ Meeting
County A&E Agreement increases by 32% and the county contract is amended to add 105 FTEs to support the Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP)
CCFMG develops a physician staffing model with the county to address service and education needs

1984
CCFMG develops two primary care sites to enhance private patient opportunities at Valley Medical Center:
• Family Practice Health Center — Sunnyside
• Family Practice Health Center — Clovis

1985
The Multi-Specialty Center is established, with surgical and surgical sub-specialty activity, a diabetes center and a weight control program
Valley Medical Center opens a Level 1 Trauma and Regional Burn Center

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UCSF Affiliation Agreement is developed
Another primary care site opens on Olive Avenue:
• Family Practice Health Center — Tower District
The San Joaquin Medical Network (IPA) establishes the Private Practice Division of CCFMG, part of a 41 primary care physician network

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1990
CCFMG’s administrative office moves from 2212 N. Winery to 4910 E. Clinton Way
The State of California institutes the Prop 99 program, tobacco tax initiative funds, and CCFMG receives $11 million for fiscal year 1989-1990

1991
CCFMG enters into the first Fresno HMO contract with TakeCare
The Women’s Specialty Center and the Central California Osteoporosis Program open on the Multi-Specialty Center campus

1992
Valley Vascular Surgery Associates opens
San Joaquin Medical Network, CCFMG’s Managed Care Panel, grows to 50 primary care physicians and 184 specialists, for a total of 234 providers

1993
CCFMG transitions the San Joaquin Medical Network to PrimeCare Managed Services Organization (MSO) and assigns the HMO full-capitation risk contracts to the Independent Practice Association (IPA)

1996
CCFMG adopts the purpose: “We Make Medical Education Happen”
The management of Valley Medical Center changes to Community Hospitals of Central California and the name Valley Medical Center changes to University Medical Center
The master agreement with the County of Fresno rolls over to Community Hospitals of Central California

1997
To support the purpose of, “We Make Medical Education Happen,” CCFMG derives a set of values: Accountability, Compassion, Enjoyment, Integrity, Learning and Quality
The Values Support Unit is established to help employees focus on and live up to the Values and the Foundations
Emergency Medicine – Department Report

The Emergency Medicine Department continues to grow, providing over 114,000 patient visits at Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Fiscal Year 2019. With two new interns in a class of twelve, five new faculty and two new fellows, the department remains focused on improving patient care and teaching the next generation of highly-skilled emergency room physicians.

Department Highlights:
A study by Dr. Michael Darracq, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Toxicologist, and Dr. Steven Riccoboni, Clinical Instructor, titled “Does the U Stand for Useless? The Urine Drug Screen and Emergency Department Psychiatric Patients” was cited by Emergency Medicine News as one of the top three toxicology articles published in 2018.

Jessica Mason, MD, continues to champion medical education through her EM:RAP podcast that has more than 20,000 subscribers every month. EM:RAP is a monthly audio series for Emergency Medicine (EM) medical practitioners.

EM has also partnered with California State University, Fresno’s Biology Department to take in pre-medical students to help enroll patients and help future physicians develop clinical research skills. The Academic Research Associates program is under the direction of Brian Chinnock, MD, and Jannet Castenada.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
Kenny Banh, MD, launched the UCSF-Fresno Health Education and Learning (HeaL) mobile clinic which has the three-part mission of improving access to care in the San Joaquin Valley, training the next generation of physicians and increasing diversity in the medical profession.

Dr. Banh received the California Medical Association’s Compassionate Service Award for 2018 at the 147th annual CMA House of Delegates on October 14, in Sacramento. This award honors a physician member who best illustrates the association’s commitment to community and charity care.

The residents and faculty continue to be active in the UCSF Fresno Paramedic/EMS Program. They continue to provide medical direction at a national level for the National Park Service (NPS) and are the national training center for the NPS, holding yearly training courses to advance medical care in our national parks.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
Robert Knopp, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The department started with four residents in 1974.

Department Fast Facts:
» 42 residents
» 5 new faculty added over the last year
» 18 studies opened in the last year
In the past year, Family and Community Medicine has explored and developed new partnerships with area health care institutions as it continues to play a major role in addressing the primary care workforce needs of the region.

Department Highlights:
Family Medicine has undergone tremendous growth and changes during the last academic year and has expanded partnerships and collaborations with area community health centers and other partners statewide. The program is in its second year of residency expansion undergoing a 25% increase from 36 to 45 residents, with its second class of 15 residents starting in July of 2019.

Liana Milanes, MD, was selected for the UCSF Family Medicine Educational Alliance’s Award for Excellence in Educational Collaboration. This award is selected among faculty at all UCSF-affiliated Family Medicine training campuses (10) and residency programs.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
UCSF Fresno Family Medicine has launched a new partnership with the UCSF Contra Costa Global Health Fellowship Program. The program provides opportunities for Global Health fellows to work in core rural health care and obstetrics patient care, and gain teaching experience.

The department has performed more than 500 hours of community service by participating in sideline doc, volunteering in classrooms, providing concussion education, performing sports physicals and attending community health fairs. The department also promoted and organized a coat drive for the Poverello House over the winter.

Family Medicine has also teamed up with clinical training partners to develop an infrastructure to support the expansion of undergraduate medical education in the Central Valley. Through partnerships with local community health centers and other area partners, Family Medicine aims to develop a rewarding and premier experience for medical student education to meet the need of bringing more physicians to the Valley.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
John Blossom, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The department’s first graduating class in 1973 was two residents.
The Department of Internal Medicine is the largest department at UCSF Fresno, with over 13 divisions and 80 core faculty from Central California Faculty Medical Group. Faculty and staff are always working on cutting edge research, new ways of providing patient care and dynamic educational opportunities for our residents.

Department Highlights:
The Dermatology Division has thrived over the past year, continuing to provide the only dermatology inpatient coverage in the greater Fresno area. University Dermatology Associates also provides pediatric dermatology, phototherapy, photodynamic therapy, cosmetic dermatology, dermatologic surgery and MOHS micrographic surgery.

The Gastroenterology and Hepatology Division conducted the Liver Health Day community outreach project. This was done in conjunction with the Women’s Heart Fair and showcased FibroScan, as well as point of care Hepatitis C testing. The division also recruited two new faculty allowing the division to now provide services for hepatology, general gastroenterology and advanced endoscopy at Community Regional Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
The Endocrinology Division has experienced significant growth in the past year by adding three additional faculty and starting new clinics to better meet the patient needs in the community. The division is now able to provide the Insulin Pump and Continuous Glucose Monitoring clinic, the Diabetes in Pregnancy Clinic and the Thyroid Cancer clinic.

In 2018, the Oncology Division moved to Community Cancer Institute and has seen tremendous growth in patient volumes and the number of clinical trials available to patients within the last year.

The department continues to be community-focused, with various divisions organizing opportunities for volunteering and community outreach. The Hospitalist Division has had faculty volunteer and donate to the Central Valley Food Bank, as well as act as a host family for the Fresno Summer Orchestra & Opera Academy.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
Roger Larson, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The department began with one faculty member.

Department Fast Facts:
» 33 active Alliance and other cooperative group trials,
» 12 pharmaceutical trials and 7-8 investigator initiated trials by the Oncology Division
» 2 times per week the Palliative Division provides outpatient clinics at the Community Cancer Institute.
» 27 research, scholarly and quality improvement projects currently active within the Rheumatology Division
The Department of Neurosurgery continues to provide high-level operative and medical neuroscience services to the residents of the Central Valley. There has been an expansion of service lines and an increase in the number of operations performed over the last year.

**Department Highlights:**
The department has recently hired a new board certified neurosurgeon, R. Loch Macdonald, MD, who specializes in general and vascular neurosurgery. Dr. Macdonald is focused on building the neurovascular service line and expanding care to patients throughout the community.

Stuart Glassner, MD, a neurointensivist has developed a three day seminar combining both didactic instruction and hands-on simulation problem solving for neuroscience advanced practitioners. The course focuses on conditions encountered by advanced practitioners taking care of critical care patients with neurologic issues and neurosurgical postoperative patients.

Arash Afshinnik, MD, was recently nominated to the Board of Directors for the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS). The NCS is a multidisciplinary, international organization whose mission is to improve outcomes for patients with life-threatening neurological illnesses.

The Neurocritical Care division currently supports the National Institute of Health (NIH) StrokeNet Research Studies as a stroke research site for UCSF. The NIH StrokeNet network was created to facilitate studies and clinical trials to advance acute stroke treatment, stroke prevention and recovery after a patient has a stroke.

**Patient Care & Community Involvement:**
The department has focused on increased collaboration with radiation and medical oncology to streamline the care of neuro-oncology patients and decrease the time from diagnosis to treatment.

Neurosurgery participates in TRACK-SCI, a prospective registry of spinal cord injury patients. Spinal cord injury (SCI) is a major cause of morbidity worldwide with debilitating impacts on the patient. This integrated and multidisciplinary approach is focused on bringing research and patient care together. The principal investigator of the study is Michael Beatty, MD, of UCSF. The UCSF Fresno principal investigator is Yu-Hung Kuo, MD.

**History at a Glance:**
» The Neurosurgery Department was founded in 2015 as a way to advance the important work CCFMG neurosurgeons were doing in the areas of neurocritical care, neurovascular surgery, spine surgery and traumatic brain injury. The department has experienced tremendous growth in the past four years, and looks forward to the continued expansion in the subspecialties of neuroscience.
Over the past 12 months, the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department has been focused on growth, as the department expanded services and coverage for reproductive health in the Valley. The department has successfully recruited a full-time gynecologic oncologist, as well as a full-time gynecologist who specializes in pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Department Highlights:
University Gynecologic Oncology Specialists opened in March of 2019 to better serve the needs of Valley residents who require consultation and treatment for gynecologic cancers. The department is excited to welcome Trung “Tim” Nguyen, DO, as the Medical Director of the office.

Over the last year, the faculty of this department have received multiple accolades. Carlos Sueldo, MD, received the 2019 Star Award from American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM). Brian Morgan, MD, received the UCSF 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award by the Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators. Drs. Morgan, Downer and O’Shaughnessy also received the UCSF Outstanding Faculty Award in Medical Student Teaching.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
UCSF Fresno OB/GYN continues to actively participate in the Preterm Birth Initiative in Fresno including representation on local workgroups, participation in PTBi programs/services and research projects. As the county with the highest population-adjusted rate of preterm births in California and the highest rate of disparities among African-Americans, Latinas, and Caucasians, Fresno was selected for the first collective impact effort.

The department also participates and supports the Glow! Program, a prenatal care program that takes place in a group setting. The goal is to improve the health of moms and babies with a particular focus on maternal wellness and support for women in Fresno County to reduce and eliminate preterm birth and infant mortality.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
George LaCroix, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The department started with two residents and faculty per year.

Department Fast Facts:
» 16 residents
» 2,100 deliveries a year attended by faculty and residents at CRMC
» 100 residency applications received for every available position
Orthopaedic Surgery – Department Report

The Orthopaedic Department continues to expand, providing high-quality orthopaedic care for the community. With a brand new state-of-the-art office, University Orthopaedic Associates has seen significant growth with over 1,500 patient visits per month.

Department Highlights:
Dr. Eric Lindvall was recently selected and inducted into the American Orthopaedic Association (AOA). The AOA is a leadership organization designed to guide the future of musculoskeletal care. Currently, less than 8% of orthopaedic surgeons have been selected to join the organization.

Dr. Jason Davis received the Howard Rosen Table Instructor Award for his outstanding contribution to the AO Trauma North America Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management in San Diego, California.

This year, 36 medical students applied to the program for a surgical elective in orthopaedic surgery. Application numbers have steadily increased from the first year when only four applications were received.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
The Orthopaedic Department continues to grow with four full-day orthopaedic clinics per week at the Family HealthCare Network in the Deran Koligian Ambulatory Care Center.

The department continues to be community-minded with many of the faculty volunteering and contributing positively outside of direct patient care. Samia Ghaffar, MD, volunteers for Live Again Fresno, a non-profit organization serving children and families living in motels along Parkway Drive in Fresno. Jason Davis, MD, mentors students at Edison High School in the Biomedical Sciences and Technologies Pathway program. Many faculty also volunteer their time and services to the Physician Mentorship Program for High School Minority Students interested in medicine as a career.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief: James Zettis, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The training program at UCSF Fresno began with three residents and five core faculty in 2010.

Department Fast Facts:
- 26 research projects participated in by faculty and residents within the last year
- 15 recent graduates of the program accepted into orthopaedic specialty fellowship programs
- 36+ faculty, residents and staff at the new 1,233 square-foot University Orthopaedic Associates office
Pediatrics – Department Report

In the past year, the Pediatrics Department continued to build upon the mission of improving child health in the San Joaquin Valley through excellence in patient care, education, research and community engagement.

Department Highlights:
This year, University Pediatric Specialists moved to the Clovis Community Medical Center campus, and the department welcomed Chokechai Rongkavilit, MD. Dr. Rongkavilit joined the faculty as a pediatric infectious diseases specialist to establish a new pediatric antimicrobial stewardship program at Community Regional Medical Center and direct the department’s research initiatives. In addition, Thianchai Bunnalai, MD, Division Director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, led a multidisciplinary team to achieve CCS certification for the PICU at Community Regional Medical Center.

Cynthia Curry, MD, Professor of Genetics, published a textbook “Genetic Consultations in the Newborn.” Sarah Stender, MD, CDE, Division Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, published in MedEdPublish and The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

Harrol T. Hutchison, MD, PhD, was selected by the Child Neurology Society to receive the 2019 Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award.

Did You Know?
The department is now training 36 pediatric residents and 30 medical students per year, with 35 core faculty in general pediatrics and pediatric specialties, and has 100+ volunteer faculty in the community.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
Over this past year, Dr. John Moua and Dr. Bunnalai, have been tireless advocates and leaders in growing the services and educational activities in pediatric specialties and pediatric critical care medicine at Community Medical Centers.

Dr. Christian Faulkenberry, Medical Director of the Children’s Health Center (CHC), resident primary care clinic at the Family HealthCare Network Ambulatory Care Center, is partnering with UCSF Benioff Children’s faculty to improve outpatient pediatric asthma care at the CHC.

Pediatric faculty and residents give back to the community through volunteer hours and donations to organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Poverello House, Live Again Fresno, Central California Food Bank and local public schools.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief: Bjorn Nilson, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1983

Beginning Facts: The department began with 12 residents and eight general pediatrics faculty.

Department Fast Facts:
» 500+ clinicians attended Continuing Medical Education events led by pediatric faculty

» 25 research and quality improvement projects by faculty and residents

» 22,000+ patients seen in the Children’s Health Center in the Deran Koligian Ambulatory Care Center and Family HealthCare Network in the last year
Psychiatry – Department Report

In the last year, the Psychiatry Department has focused on growth: three new faculty members joined the department in partnership with the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, and one new faculty member began work as a consultation-liaison psychiatrist for Community Regional Medical Center. The department continues to improve community access to high-quality psychiatric care through clinical partnerships and training and education.

Department Highlights:
This year, Patrick Shea, MD, assumed the role of medical student site director, and again the UCSF medical students gave the psychiatry clerkship the highest ratings in Fresno. Dr. Shea also oversees the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) PRIME students. A number of SJV PRIME graduates continue to residency programs here in the Central Valley (UCSF-Fresno and others) and remain to serve the Central Valley in their careers, making the program an important initiative for reducing the burden of physician shortages in our community.

Craig Campbell, MD, continues to contribute to American Ambulance’s Behavioral Health Support Team, in partnership with Ken Katz, LCSW, director of the program. This is an innovative program to provide clinically informed paramedic support to individuals suffering from mental health crises. In his role, Dr. Campbell contributes training, consultation and ongoing supervision to paramedics.

Patent Care & Community Involvement:
The Department of Psychiatry continued its collaboration with the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health in providing medical staffing and restructuring its care delivery model to better serve patients. In his first full year as Medical Director for the County, John Tran, MD, hired three full-time psychiatrists and is in the process of recruiting many more.

Beverly Chang, MD, volunteered to give presentations on dementia and psychiatric care in the elderly to the Alzheimer’s Association, the Sun City Lincoln Hills Community Forum and the California Assisted Living Association.

Scott Ahles, MD, continues to train graduate students in psychology, social work and marriage and family therapy at Fresno State. He teaches classes and supervises the patients seen by graduate students in the Student Health and Counseling Center.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
Scott Ahles, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1983

Beginning Facts: The department began with four residents and two faculty.

Department Fast Facts:
» 2 book chapters and 5 journal articles published by faculty and residents

» 4 international conference presentations given

» 6 community presentations to better educate Valley health care providers
Within the last year, the Department of Surgery has grown in both surgical volume and patient care. The department has continued to focus on community engagement and providing the highest quality medical education opportunities for all learners.

Department Highlights:
The Surgery Department has worked tirelessly with residents and faculty to streamline the burn and plastic surgery patient list in the Electronic Medical Record. This is an ongoing quality improvement project within the program that will significantly impact patient care and resident education.

Andrea Long, MD, received a pilot grant from Central California Faculty Medical Group to fund her study, “Breaking the cycle of violence: effects of culturally sensitive crisis interventions on violent injury recidivism.” The grant funding was awarded in May of 2019.

John Bilello, MD, a pediatric surgeon, was awarded Community Medical Center’s first-ever “Care Hero” award for saving the life of Payton Berube after a traumatic car accident left Payton in critical condition at Community Regional Medical Center. Dr. Bilello and Payton were highlighted across multiple media outlets when Dr. Bilello was surprised with the honor in July 2019.

Patient Care & Community Involvement:
Endocrine surgeons, Christina Maser, MD, and Farah Karipineni, MD, along with their proctor Jonathan Russell, MD, performed the first scarless thyroidectomy in the Valley at Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital. After performing the successful procedure in November, the team has established a scarless thyroidectomy program, the first of its kind in the Valley.

The department also supports the Trauma Survivors Reunion through Community Regional Medical Center. This annual event, first held in 2017, provides trauma survivors the opportunity to reconnect with staff, surgeons and each other and make connections that last a lifetime.

Leigh-Ann O’Banion, MD, was recently awarded a grant to provide better education to amputation patients in the Central Valley and is working to create a program that serves as a model for other teams across the country.

Did You Know?
Dr. Parks joined the UCSF faculty in 1975 and moved to Fresno in 1976 to “help out for 1-2 years.” He later became the Director of Burns and Trauma and was named Chief of Surgery and Program Director of Surgery and Residency for the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program in 1982.

History at a Glance:
1st CCFMG Department Chief:
Steven Parks, MD

CCFMG Department Established: 1979

Beginning Facts: The department started with two residents and three core faculty members.
The first time, the young man felt an intense pain in his belly, the sudden attack lasted for five minutes.

The next attack came as unexpectedly as the first, and disappeared as quickly.

The south San Joaquin Valley resident knew something was wrong, but examinations by doctors and blood work at the local hospital had found nothing out of the ordinary.

But on the third episode in February – four months after the first painful attack – the discomfort awakened him from sleep. “It would not go away,” he said.

A scan of his abdomen showed a cystic mass on his liver – and doctors knew by its appearance that parasites were inside. The young man had hydatid disease caused by infection with the larval stage of the dog tapeworm Echinococcus granulosus.

Very few cases of hydatid disease are reported in the United States, but there was no mistaking that the cyst was caused by the dog tapeworm, said UCSF Fresno’s Amir Fathi, MD, a liver surgeon.

The south Valley resident was familiar with the parasitic disease. Thirteen years ago when he was a child living in Yemen, he had an operation to remove parasites.

Tapeworm larvae can grow in the body for years before symptoms appear. Somehow during his operation in Yemen a decade ago, a few parasites escaped eradication.

Dr. Fathi assembled a multidisciplinary team that included Naiel N. Nassar, MD, program director of infectious disease at UCSF Fresno. “With Dr. Nassar’s help, we actually reached out to our counterparts in Egypt and Iran and asked for their experience about this disease,” Dr. Fathi said.

“...with very bad ramifications of wrong treatment,”

Dr. Fathi said.

The surgery required a carefully choreographed plan. Dr. Fathi first ordered a full body scan to make sure the parasites were isolated to the liver. “We looked everywhere else because this patient had had this since childhood,” he said. “And we had learned from our Iranian colleagues that if you have disease in the chest you have to treat the chest disease before the abdomen.”

The body scan showed three softball-size cysts – all in the liver. The team pre-treated the patient with an oral anti-parasite medication to kill as many of the parasites as possible. Two of the cysts were located near major veins and removing them could compromise the liver. Dr. Fathi injected the cysts with 99 percent alcohol and hypertonic saline to kill as many of the parasites as he could in the operating room, under a controlled setting.

He packed the liver, isolating the organ to prevent any parasites from escaping into the abdomen. “And then we very carefully opened the cysts where all the parasites lived and the parasites were removed.”

Dr. Fathi said.

An MRI after the surgery showed the parasites were gone. And a month after surgery, the young man had recovered enough to be released for work. He is grateful to Dr. Fathi. “He’s been with me since step one. He’s a really good doctor.”
What our Patients are Saying

University Pediatric Specialists
“Dr. Reyes is a competent and empathetic physician. It is her quality of care that makes her an outstanding physician.”
– Cindy

University Medicine Associates
“I’m 79 years old and your providers are keeping me going and enjoying life”
– Nancy

University Cardiovascular Center
“Dr. Wiemann is a great doctor.”
– Roman, age 11

University Dermatology Associates
“They take their time and listen to every detail”
– Cintia

University Orthopaedic Associates
“Dr. Roytman has been a blessing in my life.”
– Ricardo

University Gastroenterology & Hepatology Associates
“I have always had the best care, always friendly. Takes their care seriously and you never have any discomfort.”
– Sherry
UCSF Fresno Faculty in the News

We are the medical experts of the Central San Joaquin Valley, and on a weekly basis, both local and national media turn to UCSF faculty practicing in Fresno for their knowledge. Providing context to a trending health care concern, giving healthy living tips through local television stations and being featured on MedWatch Today on KSEE24 and CBS47 are just a few ways our faculty have participated in over 100 media interviews in the last year. We continue to be a reliable source of health care expertise in a broad range of topics including patient care and medical education.
Key Financial Statistics

Central California Faculty Medical Group
Patient Visits

![Bar chart showing patient visits from FY 2014 to FY 2019.](image)

University Centers of Excellence (Faculty Practice Sites)
Patient Visits

![Bar chart showing patient visits from FY 2014 to FY 2019.](image)
**Physicians and Advanced Practitioners – Fiscal Year 2019**

- **CORE FACULTY PHYSICIANS**: 233
- **ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS**: 103
- **Total Providers**: 336

**Central California Faculty Medical Group Sources of Revenue**

- **PATIENT CARE SERVICES**: 82%
- **MEDICAL EDUCATION**: 11%
- **OTHER INCOME**: 7%

**Payer Mix**

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**Physicians and Advanced Practitioners**

- **Central California Faculty Medical Group Sources of Revenue**
- **Physicians and Advanced Practitioners – Fiscal Year 2019**

**University Centers of Excellence Payer Mix**

- **Faculty Practice Sites**
How CCFMG Has Shaped Health Care in the Valley

Forty years ago, a small group of physicians employed by Fresno County incorporated as Central California Faculty Medical Group, Inc. (CCFMG), creating an entity that has proved instrumental to the advancement of health care and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley.

The incorporation in 1979 allowed CCFMG to add physicians for the community and expand the training of medical residents at UCSF Fresno (known then as the Central San Joaquin Valley Medical Education Program in Fresno, which was established in 1975 by the UC San Francisco). Each physician holds a faculty appointment with UCSF.

From the beginning group of 38 physicians, CCFMG has grown to more than 230 core physicians who are faculty for eight of UCSF Fresno’s nine residency programs and for 17 of the 18 UCSF Fresno fellowship programs. In the past four decades, faculty physicians have trained more than 3,000 resident physicians, and roughly 50% of the residents stay to practice in the medically-underserved Valley.

CCFMG was essential to the development of the robust medical education program in Fresno today, said CCFMG Chief Executive Officer Joyce Fields-Keene, MPA, CMPE.

In 1985, the late Steven N. Parks, MD, the founding father of CCFMG, successfully pushed for a trauma center in Fresno. Today, faculty physicians and residents cover CRMC’s emergency department, which at 114,000 patient visits a year, is one of the busiest ERs in California.

Physician faculty offer advanced medical education and care in 50 specialties and sub-specialties at private practice locations, allowing patients to receive expert medical services without leaving the Valley. CCFMG provided physicians with a foundation – and support – to build medical practices, said Gene Kallsen, MD, past president/chairman of CCFMG.

CCFMG recently expanded general and specialty surgical services to the South Valley, opening an office in Visalia. A new state-of-the-art orthopaedic office for 11 UCSF Fresno fellowship-trained orthopaedic specialists opened to see patients in sub-specialties including pediatric scoliosis, trauma, sports medicine and joint replacement. And, CCFMG opened the only office with a board certified gynecologic oncologist in the Valley.

“Over the last forty years, CCFMG has focused on recruiting and retaining the best specialists to care for our community. The improved access to high-quality care for everyone who lives in this area has been our main focus as we grow, and add service lines,” Fields-Keene said.

“CCFMG looks forward to expanding health care partnerships to meet the growing and diverse needs of the Central Valley,” Fields-Keene said. “As we look forward, we hope to continue to provide high-quality expert medical care while continuing to train the next generation of doctors.”
CCFMG Facts & Figures

1979
Incorporated

8
Residency Programs

300+
Research Studies, Clinical Trials and Public Service Projects

17
Fellowship Subspecialty Programs

230+
Core Faculty Physicians

50%
UCSF Fresno Residency and Fellowship Graduates Stay in the Central Valley

23
Faculty Practice Sites

554,914
Central California Faculty Medical Group Patient Visits in Fiscal Year 2018-2019

“We make medical education happen.”