

# CCFMG *Today*

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## Stem Cell Research Brings Hope of New Treatments to Central Valley:

CCFMG Physician Appointed  
to Stem Cell Research Institute  
Aims to Bring Clinical Trials and  
New Therapies to Valley Patients.



**Caring for Today's Patients. Teaching Tomorrow's Doctors.**

# Distinguished Faculty

Congratulations to the following physicians on their excellence in patient care, community service, research, and teaching.



**Eyad Almasri, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

Named Outstanding Attending Teacher and Assistant Dean of Research at UCSF Fresno.



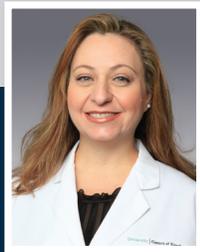
**Kenny Banh, MD**  
Department of Emergency Medicine

Received Dean's Commendation for Exceptional Volunteerism and Community Service for UCSF Fresno's COVID-19 Equity Project



**Mohammed Bukari, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

Awarded Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching



**Teresa Daniele, MD, FACC**  
Department of Internal Medicine

Named one of Majaree Mason Center's Top Ten Professional Women



**Vipul Jain, MD, MS**  
Department of Internal Medicine

Elected President of the California Thoracic Society



**Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD, FACS, FSVS, RPVI**  
Department of Surgery

Awarded the Borba Faculty Research Award

# CCFMG Fast Facts Community Impact

With nearly 220 core faculty physicians and more than 100 advanced practice clinicians, CCFMG provides care in more than 80 specialties and subspecialties. In an area plagued with doctor shortages, this care is invaluable to our communities.



**12**  
Faculty Practice Sites



**3,420\***  
COVID-19 Vaccines Administered



**31,771\***  
COVID-19 Patients Treated



**2,010\***  
Burn Patients Treated



**40-50%\***  
UCSF Fresno Residency and Fellowship Graduates Stay in the Central Valley



**2,277\***  
Babies Delivered

## OUR VISION

To be the top physician-owned medical group of choice, providing exceptional care while training the next generation of health care leaders.



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## 30 Years Later, Trauma Patient and Surgeon Remain Close Friends

**On October 5, 1993, Mary Poulos was at an ATM getting lunch money for her kids when a man pushed a gun into her side and shot her as she was walking away.**

After being rushed to Community Regional Medical Center, Mary was placed into the care of CCFMG trauma surgeon Dr. James Davis. Her only option for survival was a complex procedure called a pulmonary embolectomy.

"I know of a few cases where that has been done; the mortality rate tends to be rather high because it's a big deal. It's done when patients are extremist," said Dr. Davis, "And she did great."

While many years have passed since the life-saving procedure, Mary and Dr. Davis remain close friends. "Every event I went to, I kept thinking, I'm here because this man saved my life, and this trauma center was here," said Mary, "It's been a very profound experience."

Her family now includes four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Watch Mary and Dr. Davis tell their story by scanning this code.

# FACULTY IN THE NEWS

CCFMG's faculty physicians are the medical experts of the Central Valley. On a weekly basis, both local and national media outlets turn to our UCSF faculty practicing in Fresno for their expertise on trending health topics. In 2021, our physicians were interviewed by local media outlets like ABC 30, KSEE 24, and CBS 47, as well as national media outlets like yahoo/news.

The  
Guardian

## The California region where Covid 'just isn't slowing down'



*"During the previous Covid surges, there were a lot of infections, but there weren't as many car accidents or shootings. Now that people are going back to their everyday business, they're getting in car accidents, they're getting shot, they're getting heart attacks – so we're treating all of those people as well as Covid patients."*

**Danielle Campagne, MD**

Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, UCSF

## UCSF Fresno seeing long lines for COVID-19 testing during holidays



**Kenny Banh, MD**

Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education, UCSF Fresno  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, UCSF

*"We are looking at Omicron showing that probably increases its replication within the upper pharynx and the nose and stuff. It may actually be a little slower in the lungs, but that's leading to a higher increase in infectivity rate. Basically meaning that it's easier to catch from someone."*

THE  
BUSINESS JOURNAL



Left to right: Robert Kollmorgen, DO, Arbi Nazarian, MD, Geoffrey Rohlfing, DO, and Raj Amin, MD of University Orthopaedic

## Local Team of Hip, Knee Surgeons Improving Patient Quality of Life



*"I genuinely feel there is a need for partial knee replacements which are less invasive, have a smaller incision and are a faster recovery than a total knee replacement. I also really enjoy the Direct Anterior Approach to Total Hip replacement, which has been described as muscle sparing, and has been shown to have a quicker recovery."*

**Geoffrey Rohlfing, DO**

Assistant Clinical Professor, UCSF

PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



**Varsha Babu, MD**  
 Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF  
 Medical Director, University  
 Diabetes and Endocrine Specialists

**Why did you become a physician?**

I became a physician because I believed that it would help me positively impact people’s lives. Growing up, I had the opportunity to witness the practice of medicine firsthand from my parents, who are both primary care physicians in India—seeing their work made a deep impression on me as a young child.

**Tell us about your specialty?**

I specialize in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism. These areas deal with the management of imbalances in hormones produced by different organs in the body. My special interests lie in managing thyroid disease, thyroid cancer, thyroid nodules, pituitary disease, polycystic ovarian syndrome, and other female hormonal problems.

**What do you enjoy the most about practicing in the Central Valley?**

I love my patients, colleagues, and staff. I am also heavily involved in teaching residents and medical students, making my practice in the Central Valley an excellent mix of patient care and medical education. The Central Valley has a great need for physicians, and I feel valued by the community, making my work that much more enjoyable.



**Health experts talk who is most at risk with poor air quality**



*“We’re right in the prime of some of the wildfires and also the heat, and that’s actually a bad combination. It increases the ground-level ozone level, smog, in the valley. Fresno and the Valley is a bowl, that stuff just stays here.”*

**John Moua, MD**

Chief of Pediatrics, UCSF Fresno  
 Assistant Clinical Professor, UCSF

**Race to vaccinate more people continues as COVID-19 surge overwhelms Central Valley Hospitals**



*“The vaccination rate versus the unvaccination rate, this will really make a huge amount of impact on us specifically and to the hospital. The more people who get vaccinated, I think the less hospitalization you’re going to see.”*

**Mohammed Fayed, MD**

Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF

# Defining Excellence

## Caring for Our Patients and Communities Together, Matters.



Seema Policepatil, MD  
University Medicine Associates

Since 1979 Central California Faculty Medical Group's providers and staff have cared for the Central Valley through every disaster, emergency, follow-up appointment, and wellness visit. Every day since then, our expert physicians have imparted their knowledge and wisdom to the next generation of health care leaders. For more than 40 years, we have dedicated ourselves to providing every patient at every visit with excellent care.

When CCFMG opened our first private practice office in 1984, our goal was to give our community unprecedented access to UCSF faculty physicians. This tradition of access to our world-class clinicians continues today. Through the University Centers of Excellence, patients can access the same level of care they expect to receive in larger cities, without leaving the Central Valley.

The University Centers of Excellence are the private practice sites of CCFMG. Each of our physicians holds a faculty appointment from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. They teach the next generation of health care leaders through the UCSF Fresno program. We are deeply proud of what this partnership and our faculty practice sites offer our community.

But what does it really mean to partner with CCFMG and the

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Luis Dehesa, MD and Sheila Mayo, PA-C  
University Dermatology Associates



Jaya Chintanaboina, MD  
University Gastroenterology & Hepatology Associates

University Centers of Excellence to ensure excellent care for Valley patients? It means excellence through trailblazing, innovative services, and care options. It means excellence through access to world-class knowledge and expertise locally. Most importantly, it means excellence by entrusting your care to physicians dedicated to the health of every

community we serve and to always doing what is right for every patient.

Our physicians, advanced practice providers, and administrative staff are committed to caring for our community and to advancing medicine through research. We look forward to serving our patients, as we have done every day for the last 40 years.

*Commitment to caring for our community together and exploring new frontiers of medicine to advance the health of our communities—the University Centers of Excellence difference, our definition of excellence.*

## Caring for Today's Patients. Teaching Tomorrow's Doctors.



# Stem Cell Research Brings Hope of New Treatments to Central Valley:

## CCFMG Physician Appointed to Stem Cell Research Institute Aims to Bring Clinical Trials and New Therapies to Valley Patients.

**A**s a hematologist and oncologist, Haifaa Abdulhaq, MD, understands what new treatment options, research, and clinical trials mean to the most vulnerable patients; hope. Hope for their care journey, hope for their family, and hope for their future. Not only does Dr. Abdulhaq provide her patients hope with knowledge of new treatment opportunities in her clinic, she also provides hope to Central Valley patients through her work to expand access to new stem cell research projects and clinical trials in our underserved communities.

Since the Central Valley has one of the lowest physician-to-patient ratios in the state, every physician and every new therapy means hope for patients. Central California Faculty Medical Group, CCFMG, works diligently to recruit and retain



highly-specialized physicians like Dr. Abdulhaq to help provide patients the world-class care they deserve. CCFMG employs more than 220 specialty and subspecialty physicians to continue bringing the hope of new medical advancements to the Central Valley.

As a physician with CCFMG, Dr. Abdulhaq wears many hats. She cares for patients at the Community Cancer Institute while teaching the next generation of physicians.

***“I love the relationship that we establish with our patients, the impact we have on their lives, and what we can do to help.”***

Haifaa Abdulhaq, MD  
Clinical Professor, UCSF

She is a Clinical Professor with the UCSF School of Medicine and serves UCSF Fresno as the Director of Hematology and the Director of the Hematology and Oncology Fellowship. She is active in the academic community and truly cares for her patients. “I love the relationship that we establish with our patients, the impact we have on their lives, and what we can do to help,” Dr. Abdulhaq said.

When UCSF Chancellor Sam Hawgood, MBBS, nominated Dr. Abdulhaq to the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) in January 2021, she was thrilled. “I knew about the institution for many years. I knew that this institution funds stem cell research throughout California. I never thought that I would be part of the board, so I’m really excited to have this opportunity,” Dr. Abdulhaq said.

CIRM aims to accelerate stem cell treatments for patients with unmet medical needs. To accomplish this, they provide funding opportunities for research and clinical trials. In addition to stem cell therapies for cancer, CIRM helps fund research and clinical trials to find stem cell therapies for heart disease, strokes, Alzheimer’s, Sickle Cell Disease, and more.

As one of two representatives from the Central Valley on the 29-member governing board of CIRM, Dr. Abdulhaq plays an essential role for patients of the Central Valley. While she sits on the board as a representative of the University of California, San Francisco, to help guide the board with her medical expertise,



Dr. Abdulhaq also represents the patients of the Central Valley and the needs of our communities. “My main goal in this position is really to advocate for patients of the Central Valley because this is a huge need for our patients, and it is time for us to bring this top-notch research to our patients,” she said.

Dr. Abdulhaq hopes to bring the CIRM-funded Alpha Clinics to the Valley. The Alpha Clinics are a network of clinics specializing in delivering patient-centered care through clinical trials using stem cell therapies. “When you look at the map, there are Alpha Clinics in the north in San Francisco and Sacramento and in the south in Los Angeles, but there’s nothing in the middle,” Dr. Abdulhaq said.

“I want [patients] to know there are a lot of trials being done utilizing stem cell research not only in cancer, but one of the big emphasis in CIRM is actually the advancement of research in neurodegenerative disease, some of the diseases that are now looked at as hopeless,” she said. “This is a really unmet need, and I

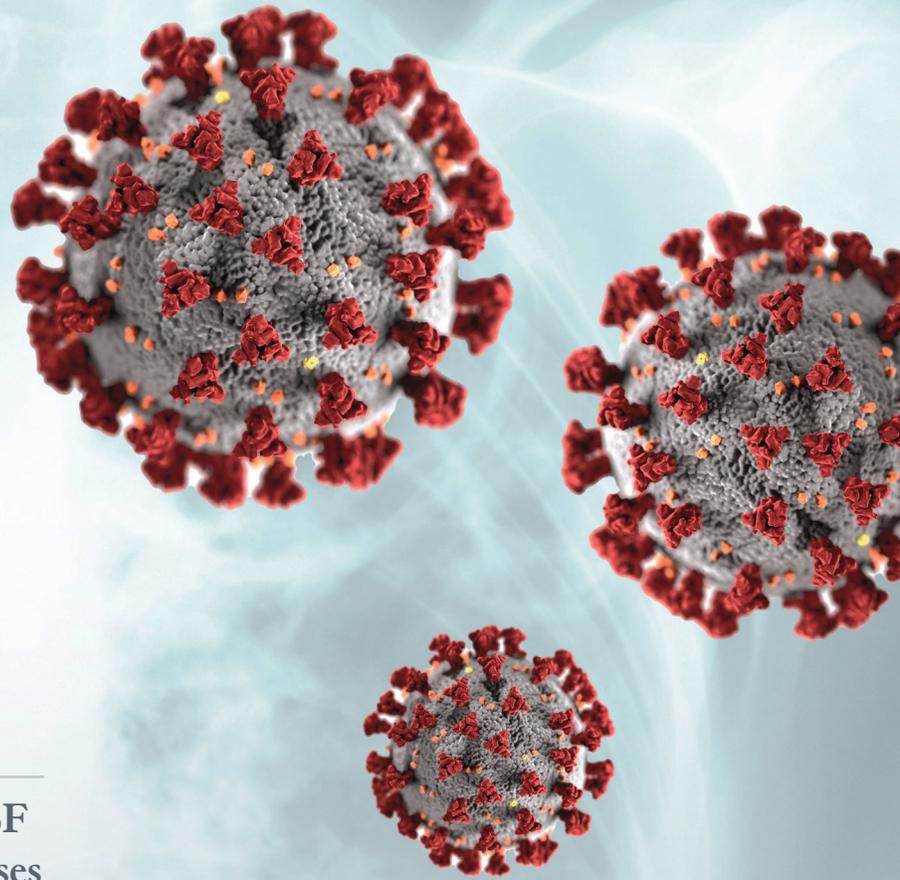
would like our patients to know that this research is out there and that as their physicians, we can hopefully connect them with these trials, and we can advocate for them to be a part of it.”

While CIRM is still in early discussions on how to bring the Alpha Clinics to the Central Valley regarding the collaborations needed, infrastructure, and resources to accommodate the research, Dr. Abdulhaq says everyone on the board is very enthusiastic about the idea.

Dr. Abdulhaq’s passion for her patients and her position to advocate for the Central Valley is just one of the many examples of CCFMG physicians working hard to bring hope for the patients of today and tomorrow.



Hear more about CIRM from Dr. Abdulhaq. Scan this code to watch the video.



# COVID-19 Associated Pulmonary Aspergillosis (CAPA)

A Research Publication by the UCSF  
Fresno Division of Infectious Diseases

**C** COVID-19 has wreaked havoc across the globe in the past year and a half. In addition to the direct morbidity and mortality associated with this infection, we have seen several secondary infections arise because of the virus causing damage to the lungs and immune system.

One such infection that has been of interest globally is Aspergillosis, a fungal mold infection of the lung which can be deadly. This fungus is known to cause severe and fatal lung infections in patients with weakened immune systems, such as those with cancer, and can be recovered from their respiratory secretions. However, lately, we have seen this cause infection in people with severe COVID-19 infections in the ICU. The doctors in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UCSF Fresno studied patients in Community Medical Centers' ICU with COVID-19 infections and Aspergillosis in the past year. The results of this study were published in the *Journal of Fungi*, a leading infectious disease journal on fungal infections.

The purpose of this study was to better understand the risk factors, clinical features, diagnosis, and treatment strategies of patients in our community with COVID-19 infections who develop secondary Aspergillosis infections. With the help of these studies, we can better understand ways to diagnose, treat, and maybe even prevent secondary fungal mold infections and thereby improve hospital outcomes.



*Scan the code to read the study.*

**Geetha Sivasubramanian, MD**

Assistant Clinical Professor  
of Medicine, UCSF

Associate Program Director,  
Infectious Diseases Fellowship  
Program, UCSF Fresno





## Valley Vascular Surgery Associates Offers Patients Customized Procedures for Aortic Aneurysms



**Sammy Siada, DO**  
Assistant Clinical  
Professor, UCSF  
Valley Vascular  
Surgery Associates

**W**hen patients hear they have an aortic aneurysm, they can become confused or even scared by this diagnosis. It is important they understand what an aortic aneurysm is and what treatment options are available.

An aortic aneurysm is a localized enlargement in any part of the largest artery in the body. As the aneurysm grows, the wall becomes weaker and may ultimately require surgical treatment to prevent it from rupturing. Surgery for aortic aneurysms has rapidly evolved over the past three decades, primarily because of the revolutionary introduction of minimally invasive endovascular, or catheter-based, interventions.

Endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) and thoracic endovascular aortic repair (TEVAR), which were introduced in the 1990s, changed how the majority of aneurysms are treated by offering definitive treatment using a small puncture site in each groin rather than a

traditional open surgery which requires a long abdominal incision. This allows most patients to be discharged to go home the day after surgery.

As the technology has advanced, increasingly complex aneurysms can now be treated by endovascular means using branched and fenestrated endografts. However, there remains a role for open surgery in young patients or those with complex aneurysms not amenable to endovascular repair. Some vascular conditions can also be treated using both open and endovascular techniques, also known as the hybrid approach.

Fortunately, the Central Valley has all the resources necessary to treat complex aortic disease. The surgeons at Valley Vascular Surgery Associates can tailor the appropriate treatment of aortic aneurysms, whether open, endovascular or hybrid, to each patient using the most cutting-edge technology.

# What Our Patients Are Saying



**Robin K.**

Arbi Nazarian, MD | University Orthopaedic Associates

“Dr. Nazarian is an extremely talented surgeon who is kind, caring and compassionate and I highly recommend him!”



**Roberto V.**

Shreela Mishra, MD  
University Diabetes and Endocrine Specialists

“Dr. Mishra is the best doctor. Very professional and always makes you feel comfortable and takes her time during your visit.”



**Susan A.**

Anne Prentice, MD | Valley Vascular Surgery Associates

“The front staff was very friendly and helpful. The back staff were great, we loved Dr. Prentice and her nurse.”



**Moh A.**

Anna Kazaryan, MD  
University Medicine Associates

“She is very knowledgeable and humble. She treats you just how she would treat any of her family members. I had a great experience and she’s always there when I had any concerns. Thank you, doctor for your help.”



**April F.**

John Ambrose, MD | University Cardiovascular Center

“I enjoy my visits to this office. It’s a very calm and friendly place to go. Dr. Ambrose is awesome. He takes the nervousness out of a visit that begins with Cardio.”



**Scott S.**

Nathan Hoekzema, MD  
University Orthopaedic Associates

“Dr. Hoekzema and his entire staff are top notch professionals and care more about the patient and the proper healing of an injury than rushing to a surgical solution. When a surgeon tells you that you don’t need surgery...that’s integrity. I would recommend this group to anyone.”



**Leo T.**

Anshu Varma, MD | University Medicine Associates

“Dr. Varma treated my deep cough, heavy congestion, and sound of my lungs as possible pneumonia. This was a good diagnosis because of my past history. I was given an office breathing treatment and an immediate chest X-ray. I felt like I received fast, quality treatment(s).”



**John S.**

Leigh Ann O’Banion, MD | Valley Vascular Surgery Associates

“Dr. O’Banion and her team are a great bunch of professionals and really know what they are doing. I probably literally owe my life to them.”



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## Were you happy with your visit and care?

Please share your experience by leaving us a review.

RS

**R. S.**

Raj Amin, MD | University Orthopaedic Associates

“Dr. Amin was very professional, friendly and sensitive to my needs. His evaluation of my total knee replacement and treatment were very helpful. I am so glad my primary doctor referred me to Dr. Amin.”

IG

**Ivette G.**

Luis Dehesa, MD | University Dermatology Associates

“Dr. Dehesa is the best and so nice. He really takes the time to listen to your concerns and provides the best options for you.”

HM

**Horrace M.**

Craig Campbell, MD | University Psychiatry Associates

“I have been with UCSF psychiatry for years and have had 6 different doctors who are overseen by Dr. Campbell. Each doctor was excellent. I was finally diagnosed correctly for the first time in my life.”

EW

**Emma W.**

Karl Van Gundy, MD | University Sleep and Pulmonary Associates

“I finally got to see my lung doctor, Dr. Van Gundy. He always makes you feel better right off... Your interest is what he does best. He has helped me through some tough times.”



Follow us on social media!





CCFMG's mission is to advance the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve, and we are thrilled to support local community benefit organizations that create positive change for the Central Valley. This spotlight is just one of many organizations CCFMG supports throughout the year.

In the late 1970s, Hinds Hospice founder Nancy Hinds worked as an oncology nurse in a local hospital. She routinely witnessed seriously ill patients spending their final days in a cancer ward with little dignity and often suffering severe pain. Nancy saw a need for better end-of-life care, and in 1981 she began providing hospice care for terminally ill patients in her home. With four beds, her father's help, and a small group of volunteers, they provided dignity and eased the suffering of more than 70 patients during the first four years. In time, Hinds Hospice expanded to a larger facility, and caregivers began serving patients in their homes. Grief support specialists began providing bereavement support for patient families. Eventually, Nancy shared her expertise with legislators as they crafted the guidelines to regulate hospice care in California as we know it today.



**“When you come to serve from a place of good, only good is accomplished”**

Nancy Hinds

In 2021 Hinds Hospice marked its 40th year of supporting Nancy's mission to “uphold the dignity and ease the suffering of the terminally ill while supporting their loved ones and those who are

grieving.” Their values require that they pursue excellence and act ethically, professionally, respectfully, compassionately, and with integrity. Their philosophy is based on their sacred call to serve.

As a nonprofit agency, Hinds Hospice relies on community support to respond to the expanding demand for hospice care in the Central Valley. Their ability to adapt to the community's needs demonstrates the vital importance of supporting partners during the past 40 years. CCFMG has a long history of supporting Hinds Hospice through financial contributions, patient referrals, and staff leadership on its board of directors.

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**Over the last five years, CCFMG has given over \$25,000 to Hinds Hospice to support critical services for their patients and the community.**

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Today Hinds Hospice serves Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties. The care teams see close to 400 patients each month and travel over 700,000 miles each year to provide care. Thanks to gifts from the community, Hinds Hospice offers Compassionate Care, so they never turn away patients for financial reasons.

Community support supplements the Hinds Hospice grief support programs as well. Those programs include: Angel Babies for families who have lost a child or have a child with a life-limiting illness; Survivors of Suicide Loss, supporting those impacted by a death by suicide; Circle of Friends, helping children ages three to twelve who experience a loss; the Subsequent Pregnancy Support Group, providing counseling for those pursuing a pregnancy after a miscarriage; individual grief counseling, and multiple support groups and memorial opportunities. Thanks to partners like CCFMG, grief support is available to everyone in the community regardless of their connection to hospice. Those struggling with a loss can reach the Hinds Hospice Center for Grief & Healing at (559) 248-8579.

The staff and leadership at Hinds Hospice are grateful to the community and look forward to serving Nancy Hinds' Mission for many more years.

Hinds Hospice is accredited by the Joint Commission and licensed in California. If you would like to support Hinds Hospice, please call (559) 320-0308, or log on to [HindsHospice.org](https://www.HindsHospice.org).

# CCFMG

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# CCFMG

## Administrative Leadership



**Joyce Fields-Keene, MPA, CMPE**  
Chief Executive Officer

*My career at CCFMG gives me great pride knowing I have a role in the growth and leadership of an outstanding academic medical group that provides critical patient care in the Central Valley, while training the next generation of physicians through our UCSF affiliation.*



**Lorinda Wheelock**  
Chief of Staff

*I am honored to work with so many talented and committed physicians and professionals dedicated to serving the health care needs of our community.*



**Devin Nugent**  
Chief Administrative Officer

*It is rewarding to be part of an organization that is training the next generation of health care leaders.*



**Charlotte Stoffel-Quinn, RN, MHA**  
Chief Compliance Officer

*It is an honor and a pleasure to work alongside such bright, committed professionals. My role in supporting our organization to navigate the risk and complexity of providing health care in an academic setting is truly rewarding.*



**Keri Oviedo, MBA**  
Chief Human  
Resources Officer

*I'm proud to work at CCFMG because we are dedicated to creating a positive employee experience, knowing that a well-supported team creates excellent patient care environments.*



**Frank Rahman**  
Chief Information Officer

*My role at CCFMG allows me to leverage technology to aid in improving health care, by putting patients first. I am humbled every day working with our clinicians who provide world-class care often under challenging circumstances in our Valley.*



**Dawn Turner, CPC**  
Chief Revenue Cycle Officer

*I enjoy working with an incredible team of professionals that are committed to ensuring our patients have an excellent experience even after their appointments.*



**Ersilia R. Lacaze, MA, MSc**  
Director of Marketing  
& Communications

*Excellence in care and in medical advancement are at the core of what CCFMG provides do for our Central Valley. It is a distinct honor to be a part of the exceptional team of physicians, advanced care providers and healthcare administrators that have done just that, for over 40 years!*



**Jessica Rodriguez, MBA**  
Chief Operations Officer

*I'm proud to serve alongside so many brilliant and compassionate clinicians that have dedicated their lives to ensuring our Central Valley has world-class care!*



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## University Cardiovascular Center Office Spotlight

University Cardiovascular Center offers Central Valley patients the entire spectrum of specialty cardiovascular care. With locations in Fresno and Clovis, patients can receive the world-class care they deserve close to home.

### Our expert physicians provide care for:

- Cardio-Oncology
- Electrophysiology
- Heart Failure
- Structural Cardiology
- Women's Heart Health
- And more...

