

# UCSF Program for Interprofessional Practice and Education

Quarterly Newsletter

March 2017

[The Program for Interprofessional Practice and Education \(PIPE\)](#) ensures that students and trainees in the health professions education programs at UCSF build a skill set that will increase patient safety, reduce errors, maximize efficiencies, and improve quality of care.

There are exciting interprofessional activities underway at UCSF. If you have news and story ideas, please send them to [Susana Aranas](#), IPE Coordinator.





## **Interprofessional Clinical Elective Launched!**

With grant funding from the UCSF Innovations in Education and the Tideswell Foundation, faculty in pharmacy, physical therapy, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner programs launched a 10- week longitudinal interprofessional clinical elective in the Division of Population Health's Care Support Team. The program engaged two teams of three learners across professions in co-managing healthcare for complex older adult patients with co-morbid medical and mental health conditions in both the clinic and home settings. The team recently received an important update from the Care Support Team on one of the patients:

*"Hi Student Team,  
I'm thrilled to report that the patient who worked with your team last fall had a 3 point drop in their A1c!!!! They were super proud of their result and called me to ask if I had seen the result? I think they are adherent to medications for the first*

*time in a long time – and it shows!"*

This elective will be launched again in the spring of 2017 with additional triads of learners who will co-manage the patient via clinic and home health settings using a form of tele health to engage the patient. The elective is being led by SON faculty Kara Birch and co-facilitated by SOP faculty Kirby Lee, Program in PT faculty Amber Fitzsimmons, and SON faculty Rosalind DeLisser.

Pictured from left to Right: Ellen Choi (Pharmacy), Meghan Ryan (PMHNP\* program), Erica Castro (PMHNP\* program), Debbie Magnani (Physical Therapy), Christina Gee (Physical Therapy), Renee Castillo (Pharmacy).

\*Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

## Interprofessional Humanistic Teaching Fellowship

UCSF has been selected as a site for an interprofessional humanistic teaching program through a Macy Foundation grant. This work will build on a humanistic teaching fellowship for School of Medicine faculty that was funded here in 2010-11. Co-facilitators for these sessions are Calvin Chou, internist at the VA and emeritus Academy Chair for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, and Kara Myers, nurse-midwife at ZSFG; both are faculty members in the American Academy on Communication in Healthcare. Faculty from each of the professional schools and programs including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing and physical therapy are taking part in this yearlong person-centered curriculum. Example of curriculum topics included appreciative inquiry/narrative reflection, highly functioning teams, error disclosure and team formation, and wellness and renewal to name a few.



## **SFVA Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education faculty will deliver the keynote address at the UCSF Education Showcase on Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

The San Francisco VA Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education (CoEPCE), established in 2011 as one of five national CoEPCEs in the VA health care system, has become an integral part of the SF VA health care system and of educational programs at UCSF. THE VA has invested \$1million per year to support this innovative educational initiative in its mission to prepare health care professionals to become future leaders in patient-centered, team-based care and to ensure that our nation's Veterans receive the highest quality health care. The CoEPCE trains interprofessional learners including internal medicine residents, nurse practitioner students and residents, pharmacy residents, psychology fellows, dietetics fellows, and social work interns by incorporating design principles for optimal workplace learning.

Rebecca Shunk, MD, Center Co-Director, Anna Strewler, MS, AGNP, Center Co-Director, and Bridget O'Brien, PhD, Director of Scholarship and Evaluation, will deliver the keynote address entitled "*High Yield* Interprofessional Learning in the Workplace: For Whom, How and Why it Matters." Using an interactive

format, the presenters will share their journey through design, implementation, evaluation, and improvement of this novel interprofessional workplace learning initiative. They will share insights and strategies regarding systems transformation, curriculum development, pedagogy, learning climate, and faculty development that educators can apply to other IPE and workplace learning environments.

## Medical Intern Visits Physical Therapy Practice

In November, Dr. Erik McDonald, one of the first year Medical interns in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, spent an afternoon at The Outpatient Physical Therapy Faculty Practice at Mission Bay. Dr. McDonald expressed great interest in physical therapy intervention for patients with shoulder and knee problems who were not appropriate for surgery, and was able to gain first hand experience with our expert Physical Therapy clinicians. Our plan is to continue collaborating with the Orthopaedics Department to foster inter-professional communication and collaboration by having first year ortho interns attend our clinic on a basis.



**2017 Education Showcase**  
**March 19-21, 2017**  
**Mission Bay and Parnassus Campuses**

[Registration is now open to attend the UCSF Education Showcase, March 19-21, 2017.](#) Interprofessional Teaching is highlighted on Sunday, March 19 with these workshops:

- [IPE Strategies: Aha! Capitalizing on IP Teachable Moments](#)
- [IPE Strategies: Setting the Stage for Interprofessional Teaching](#)

Please join us for keynote lectures, workshops and scholarly presentations on health professions education. Click the links below to see the details of each day's schedule and to register.

- [Sunday, March 19](#): Pre-Showcase Accelerated Path to Teach for UCSF Certificate Workshops (at Mission Bay, fees apply)
- [Monday March 20](#): Education Showcase: all events at Mission Bay

**Visiting keynote:** "Are we training for collective incompetence? Three common educational assumptions & their unintended impact on healthcare teamwork."

[Lorelei Lingard, PhD](#), Professor of Medicine and Founding Director and Senior Scientist of the Centre for Education Research and Innovation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Lingard is a leader in the field of rhetorical studies in medicine and qualitative methodologies.

- [Tuesday, March 21](#): Education Showcase: all events at Parnassus

**Local keynote:** "High Yield" Interprofessional Learning in the Workplace: For whom, how and why it matters.

[Rebecca Shunk, MD](#), [Bridget O'Brien, PhD](#), and Anna Strewler, NP, leaders from the SFVA Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education.





## Get Involved

Be a facilitator for the Interprofessional Practice and Education Curriculum, Core Principles of Interprofessional Practice, for the 2016-17 academic year.

*How Will Our Work Get Done?*

*April 24, 2017 for First Year Learners in Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing,  
Pharmacy, Physical Therapy*

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