

UCSF Academic Senate

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Clinical Excellence Awards

Senior Faculty

“Her ability to expertly counsel patients and families, particularly those from underserved communities, new immigrant families, and those facing socioeconomic challenges, is truly remarkable.”

—Claremont Clinic’s Primary Care Physician and
Advanced Provider Team at UCSF Benioff
Children’s Hospital Oakland



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Patricia Chase, MD *School of Medicine*

For her 40+ years of compassionate leadership, innovative and equity-driven pediatric patient care, and legendary diagnostic acumen, Patricia Chase was selected as the 2024 recipient of the Academic Senate’s Clinical Excellence Award for Senior Faculty in the School of Medicine.

Advancing UCSF PRIDE Values

As the Director of the Primary Care Clinic and the Section Chief for General Pediatrics at BCH Oakland, Chase not only oversees a practice of 20 faculty and 80 pediatric residents but also serves hundreds of East Bay families. She sees over twice the expected amount for her allocated clinical FTE. In addition to her exemplary role as a tireless clinician, she constantly demonstrates exceptional clinical acumen and innovation in her daily practice.

Chase’s commitment to innovation within the clinical realm is truly impressive. Under her leadership, numerous innovative programs have been developed at BCH Oakland, showcasing her ability to implement improved clinical pathways and streamline patient care experience. These initiatives include:

- The Center for Excellence in Immigrant Care
- The Family Navigation Desk
- The Pediatric Adverse Childhood Events research and screener
- BLOOM: The Black Baby Equity Clinic
- The Down Syndrome clinic
- Programs for behavior health integration and foster care

She encourages her colleagues and trainees to consider the patient’s whole story, making everyone around her better clinicians and better people.

About the Academic Senate Clinical Excellence Awards

The UCSF Academic Senate advances health worldwide by enabling shared governance, representing faculty voice in critical matters, and promoting faculty collaboration and PRIDE values in graduate education, biomedical research, and service.

Established and reviewed by the Clinical Affairs Committee, the Senate’s Clinical Excellence Awards recognize faculty who have demonstrated excellence in clinical care across all our schools and practice care sites. Awards are managed by the Office of the Academic Senate at UCSF.

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Early Career Faculty

“Known for her compassionate care, clinical acumen, and dedication to equity, Dr. Tsao is not only beloved by her patients but also admired by her colleagues for her collaborative spirit and unwavering commitment.”

—Prescott Woodruff, MD, MPH
Chief, Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep
at UCSF

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Lulu Tsao, MD *School of Medicine*

For her outstanding contributions to clinical education and patient care for underserved populations, Lulu Tsao has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Academic Senate’s Clinical Excellence Award for Early Career Faculty in the School of Medicine. Her work not only improves patient outcomes but is also addressing gaps in clinical care.

Advancing UCSF PRIDE Values

Tsao stands out as an exceptional clinician and leader, having spearheaded numerous innovative programs to enhance patient care. Her contributions include developing a forward-thinking prenatal penicillin allergy evaluation program and implementing chemotherapy desensitization protocols, both of which have significantly improved patient outcomes.

Tsao has been a tireless advocate and faculty advisor for trainee-led quality improvement with a focus on initiatives that promote healthcare equity at UCSF. In addition to increasing the demand for Allergy and Immunology (A/I) services at UCSF, her work has improved the fellowship experience by creating a formal avenue for recommendations. For example, she oversees the quality improvement conferences for A/I fellows and nurses, creating an interprofessional environment of continuous improvement.

Known for her compassionate care, clinical acumen, and dedication to equity, Tsao has been a dedicated mentor and teacher, guiding trainees and faculty in quality improvement initiatives and fostering interdisciplinary collaborations.

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