



UCSF Health Medical Directors



Michael Alvarado, MD

Professor of Surgery
Medical Director of Accountable Care

Michael Alvarado, M.D. is a Professor of Surgery and member of the breast care and melanoma programs. Just recently, he was appointed Accountable Care Medical Director. Dr. Alvarado received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University, his master's degree in chemistry from the University of Arizona and his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School.

After completing his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, he completed his surgical oncology fellowship at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the University of South Florida.

Dr. Alvarado plays an integral role in the multidisciplinary breast care team at the Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center in the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is also Director of the Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program.



Elizabeth Askin, MD

Medical Director of Clinical Documentation Integrity, Ambulatory Services

Elisabeth Askin is a primary care physician in DGIM, where she stayed on after completing her residency in internal medicine. Aside from clinical care, her interests include improving system design for medication management and documentation. She enjoys cycling, reading novels, and playing with her 2 kids.



Lee R. Atkinson-McEvoy, MD

Professor of Pediatrics
Executive Medical Director of Children's Primary Care
Vice Chair Pediatric Primary Care and Population Health
Department of Pediatrics

Lee returned to join the UCSF faculty in 2005. She is a Primary Care Pediatrician at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Pediatric Primary Care Clinic at Mt. Zion. Lee was born in Jamaica. She lives in Oakland with her husband who teaches in Berkeley and her 3 children.



Steven Bin, MD

Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics
Medical Director of Emergency Department, Benioff Children's Hospital
Physician Lead APEX, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, UCSF Health

Steven joined the UCSF faculty in 2013 and has focused his energy on the clinical operations and growth of the first and only freestanding children's emergency department in San Francisco. He enjoys spending his free time with his wife and 2 children exploring the bay area.



Kara E. Bischoff, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Associate Division Chief for Outpatient Palliative Care
Medical Director of Palliative Care Clinic
Director of Quality Improvement, Palliative Care Quality Network

Kara joined the UCSF faculty in 2014, after completing her residency, chief residency, and palliative care fellowship at UCSF. She works primarily in outpatient palliative care and helps to run a national quality improvement collaborative, the Palliative Care Quality Network. She is a mother, an outdoor enthusiast, and a Bay Area native.



Tom Chi, MD

Executive Medical Director of Surgical Specialties

Dr. Thomas Chi, MD, graduated as a President's Scholar from Stanford University with a BA in Human Biology and Masters degrees in both Sociology and Music. He earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine then completed two years of general surgery residency training and a urology residency at UCSF followed by a fellowship in Endourology and Laparoscopy.

Dr. Chi has been awarded grant funding from the National Institutes of Health and the American Urological Association Urology Care Foundation to research the fundamental mechanisms underlying the formation of urinary stones.

He joined the UCSF Department of Urology faculty in 2013 where he focuses on the care of patients with urinary stone disease, benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) and those in need of minimally invasive surgery. He specializes in performing endoscopic, laparoscopic, and percutaneous surgeries. Dr. Chi has used ultrasound guidance to create innovative radiation-free kidney stone surgeries for stone removal, representing the first program of its kind in the United States. He is also experienced in performing Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP) - a minimally invasive operation to treat men with an enlarged prostate.



Caitlin R. Costello, MD

HS Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry
Medical Director of Child and Adolescent Ambulatory Services at LPPHC
Associate Program Director, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Training Program
Associate Program Director, General Psychiatry Residency Program

Caitlin joined the UCSF faculty in 2015 after completing training in general, child and adolescent, and forensic psychiatry. She attends in the child and adult psychiatry clinics and works with the training programs in general and child and adolescent psychiatry. Her interests include obsessive-compulsive and tic disorders, anxiety disorders, medical education and training, and juvenile forensics issues.



William P. Dillon, MD

Executive Vice-Chair and Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging
Medical Director of Outpatient Imaging and Network Affiliation

Bill joined the UCSF faculty in 1983 following fellowship. He spends his clinical time as a neuroradiologist and has academic interests including advances in spine imaging and pain management, brain tumor imaging, and head and neck imaging. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, retired radiologist and former UCSF trainee Irene Balcar, MD with whom he has three adult children.



Christopher C. Dvorak, MD

Professor of Pediatrics
Chief, Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, and Bone Marrow Transplant
Medical Director of Pediatric Cellular Therapy Laboratory

Chris joined the UCSF faculty in 2007 and spends his clinical time on the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Service. His clinical research is focused on minimizing transplant-related complications, especially for infants and children with immunodeficiencies. He is a Southern California native who lives on the Peninsula with his wife and two children.



Giovanni Elia, MD

Clinical Professor of Medicine
Associate Chief of Inpatient Palliative Care Services
Medical Director of Palliative Care

Giovanni was born and raised in Italy, and joined UCSF in 2015. His passions are the care for seriously ill patients, performance improvement processes and IT data management and security. He enjoys sailing and hiking in the bay area.



Emily Finlayson, MD, MS

Professor of Surgery, Medicine, and Health Policy
Executive Medical Director of Ambulatory Surgical Services

Emily joined the UCSF faculty in 2009. She is a surgeon who practices colon and rectal surgery. Her research focus and national quality improvement work center on improving surgical care for older adults.



Deborah Franzon, MD

HS Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Medical Director of Pediatric Transitional Care
Director of Quality & Process Improvement for Critical Care
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital

Deb joined the UCSF faculty in 2016 and spends her time blending her clinical work in pediatric critical care with her passion for quality, process improvement and implementation science to optimize care processes and health outcomes for patients and families in the ICU and TCU at BCH. Her academic interests include leveraging the electronic health record to build tools to aid in best practice in the ICU environment as well as streamline complex care processes such as discharge. A California native, she resides in San Francisco with her husband, 2 children, 16 ½ year old Pug.



Ed Gerstenfeld, MD

Medical Director of Physician Administration, UCSF SMMC Electrophysiology Program

Robert Goldsby, MD

Medical Director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Jeff Gotts, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Co-Medical Director of the Medical ICU (MICU) of Moffitt-Long Hospital

Jeff joined the UCSF faculty in 2014 and attends in the adult medical and surgical ICUs at Parnassus. His academic interests include sepsis, ARDS, and the toxicity of electronic cigarettes. Jeff lives on the peninsula with his wife and 8-year old identical twin girls.



Jade Hiramoto, MD

Professor of Surgery, UCSF Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Medical Director of Vascular Surgery (10 CVT)
Clinical Director, Health Technology Assessment Program

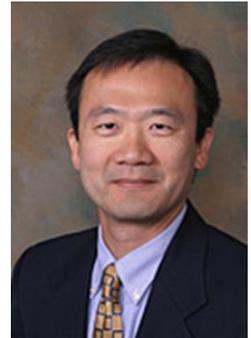
Jade has been at UCSF since 1992, as a medical student, surgery resident, research fellow, Interventional Radiology Fellow, and Vascular Surgery Fellow. She joined the UCSF faculty in 2005. In addition to her clinical work and translational research in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, she is an avid marathon runner.



James Huang, MD

HS Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Vice Chair for Ambulatory Services in the Department of Pediatrics
Executive Medical Director of Children's Ambulatory Specialties & Pediatric Treatment Center

Jim joined the UCSF faculty in 2006 as the Director of Pediatric Hematology. In addition to his work in Pediatric Hematology, he also attends on the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Service and directs the Pediatric Hemophilia Treatment Center at UCSF. Jim grew up in Texas and lives in the North Bay with three native Texans - his wife and 2 teenagers, and two (native Californian) kittens.



Lindsey Huddleston, MD

Assistant Clinical Professor
Anesthesia and Perioperative Care
Medical Director of Mission Bay Adult Intensive Care Unit
Director of Critical Care Ultrasound

Lindsey completed her anesthesia residency and fellowship of critical care medicine at UCSF and joined the faculty in 2015. She spends her clinical time working in both the adult Intensive Care Units and operating rooms at Parnassus and Mission Bay Hospital. She has special interests in Obstetric Critical Care and Critical Care Ultrasound. She is originally from Denver and currently lives in San Francisco with her husband and two-year-old daughter.



Grace E. Kim, MD

Distinguished Professor of Pathology
Vice Chair of Clinical Services
CLIA Laboratory Director at Mount Zion and Mission Bay
Medical Director of Pathology Services

It is not surprising that when Grace is not making surgical pathology diagnoses or giving you her opinion, you will find her out hiking with her husband. She also appreciates learning from you what she could do better.



Marc Kohli, MD

Associate Professor, Radiology and Biomedical Imaging
Medical Director of Imaging Informatics

Marc joined UCSF in 2015, and splits time between abdominal imaging and overseeing imaging-related applications and infrastructure: Enterprise Imaging/VNA, eUnity (clinical viewer), PACS, Powerscribe 360, etc. Marc is also active in global health, participating annually in a 10+ year partnership with Moi University in Eldoret Kenya. Marc is also an avid cyclist.



K. Pallav Kolli, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology
Director of Operations, Interventional Radiology
Associate Chair for Quality, Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging
Medical Director of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Quality Improvement Program

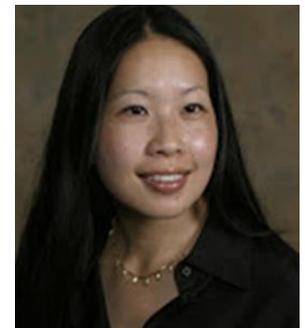
Pallav joined the interventional radiology faculty in the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging in 2012. His clinical work focuses on the treatment of complex venous disease and providing minimally invasive cancer therapies. In his non-clinical time he oversees quality improvement efforts in the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging. He lives in San Francisco with his wife and son and spends his spare time chasing his son around San Francisco parks!



Amy M. Lin, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine and Urology
Chief of Operations, Inpatient Solid Tumor Oncology Consult Service
Medical Director of Clinical Informatics, Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center

Amy joined the UCSF faculty in 2005 and has spent over a decade in both the SFVAMC and UCSF health care systems. She enjoys blending her knowledge of outpatient/inpatient clinical workflow with informatics and has special interest in improving point-of-care data capture strategies that can ultimately translate to better patient care delivery and provider experience. Amy is a native of Utah who enjoys rotating hobbies including jewelry making, coding, and cooking.



Nicole Ling, MD, MAS

Assistant Professor, Pediatric Rheumatology
Medical Director of Ambulatory Pediatric Medical Specialties

Nicole joined the UCSF faculty in 2015 and cares for children with rheumatic diseases in San Francisco and Oakland. She is the chair of the Pediatric Influenza Vaccination Taskforce and Pediatric Ambulatory Improvement Group. She is a bay area native and avid Warriors and 49ers fan.



Kathleen Liu, MD

Professor of Medicine and Anesthesia
Medical Director of Apheresis Hemodialysis Unit and Co-Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit

Kathleen joined the UCSF faculty in 2006. She is clinically active on both the inpatient nephrology services at Parnassus and Mission Bay and in the medical ICU at Parnassus. She grew up in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois (go Illini!) and lives in San Francisco with her husband (who also works at UCSF) and 2 kids.



John D. MacKenzie, MD

Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief of Radiology at Mission Bay Medical Center
Section Chief, Pediatric Radiology
Medical Director of Pediatric Imaging Services

John joined the UCSF faculty in 2010 and focuses his clinical, research and administrative efforts on the imaging care of children.



Michael S. Marcin, MD, MSCR

Medical Director of Adult Outpatient Services
UCSF Department of Psychiatry & UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

Michael joined UCSF as a clinical professor of psychiatry in 2015, and has become an integral part of the clinical leadership team and a key figure in Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics' quality improvement and recent expansion of services in LPPHC's Adult Outpatient Services. Among his important contributions has been the creation of the LPPHC Patient Experience Team and the LPPHC Adult Inpatient Program Patient Experience team, both dedicated to improving patient experiences and outcomes through continuous process analysis and transformation. Additionally, just this month LPPHC launches improved access for general psychiatric services that will soon partner with primary care and urgent care across UCSF Health. Outside of UCSF, he is a faculty member at both the American Society of Clinical Oncologists' Quality Training Program and the Academy on Communication in Healthcare (ACH), where he works with quality improvement teams on effective team development and communications skills.



Jeffery Meadows, MD

Associate professor of pediatrics, pediatric cardiology
Medical Director of Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
Director, Pediatric and Congenital Exercise Physiology and Cardiac Stress Laboratory

Jeff joined the UCSF faculty in 2007 and spends most of his time as an interventional cardiologist in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the Mission Bay Campus, although he also developed and runs the Congenital Cardiac Stress Laboratory in his spare time. Much, but not all of his research occurs as a part of his role in the multi-institutional Congenital Catheterization Research Collaborative (CCRC). Jeff is an avid cyclist and backwoods hiker. He is married, has a wonderful son, and lives in Mill Valley.

Paul Nadler, MD

Medical Director of Adult Urgent Care

Paul is the also Medical Director of the Screening and Acute Care Clinic and the Montgomery Acute Care Clinic.



Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS

Assistant Professor of Gynecology
Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
Medical Director of UCSF SFMC Gynecology Program
Director, UCSF Endometriosis Center

Jessica joined UCSF in 2015 after completing a minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS) fellowship and subsequently developed a multidisciplinary UCSF Endometriosis Center. She spends her time expanding minimally invasive and advance gynecologic surgery as well as pursuing her academic interests exploring innovations for safer surgery and improved treatment for patients with endometriosis. She is originally from Ghana, raised in the Washington, D.C. area, and lives in the East Bay with her husband.

Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS

Associate Professor Medicine
Medical Director of Care at Home
Associate Chief, Clinical Programs in Geriatrics

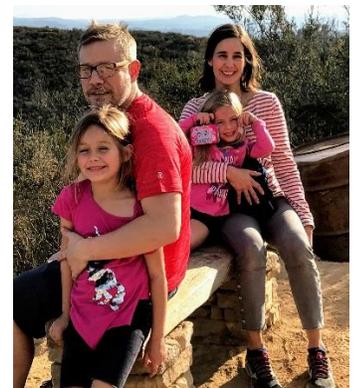
Carla joined the UCSF faculty in 2010, after completing both her Internal Medicine Residency and Geriatrics Fellowship at UCSF. Clinically, Carla works in Care at Home, proving primary and palliative care to homebound adults, provides Geriatrics consultation at South East Medical Center, and attends on the inpatient Medicine service and ACE unit. When not working, Carla enjoys spending time with her husband Josh, who is a chef, and is a good source for good restaurants around the world. She is also an avid traveler and is often thinking about her next adventure.



Margo Pumar, MD, MA

HS Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Medical Director of Integration and Collaborative Care
Department of Psychiatry
UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

Margo transitioned from ZSFGH to Langlely Porter in August and will spend her time enhancing outpatient behavioral health collaboration across UCSF's campuses. She is a Californian native who did psychiatry residency in New York before moving to Botswana with her husband, where she helped set up the country's first department of psychiatry between 2011 and 2014. Margo loves traveling, camping and adventuring with her British husband and their two high-energy, fun-loving girls.



Michael W. Rabow, MD

Professor of Clinical Medicine and Urology
Medical Director of Palliative Care, Cancer Center
Director, Center for Education in Palliative Care
Associate Director of Education, Division of Palliative Medicine

Mike started at UCSF as a medical student in 1989 and currently works providing palliative care to patients with cancer and promoting palliative care education among all clinicians. He lives in Marin with his wife and 2 teenage kids.



Alex Reyzelman, DPM

Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Medical Director of Physician Administration, UCSF SMMC Limb Preservation Program
Co-Director, UCSF Center for Limb Preservation

Alex joined UCSF in 2011 and spends his time doing clinical work in limb preservation and diabetic foot surgery. He has academic interests in advanced treatment in wound healing and amputation prevention. He lives in the East Bay with his wife and 3 kids.

Nilika Shah Singhal, MD

Assistant Professor, Neurology & Pediatrics
PISCES Neurology Liaison
UCSF Bridges Coach
Medical Director of Clinical Documentation Integrity, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital

Nilika joined the UCSF faculty in 2013 and spends her time blending her clinical work in taking care of medically-refractory pediatric epilepsy patients with academic interests in quality improvement and medical education. Originally from Texas, she lives in San Francisco with her husband and 2 kids.



Scott Soifer, MD

Medical Director of UCSF Physician Leader, BCHO

Krishan Soni, MD, MBA, FACC

Assistant Clinical Professor
Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine
Associate Program Director, Interventional Cardiology Fellowship
Medical Director of Quality and Safety for the Heart and Vascular Center

Krishan joined the UCSF cardiology faculty in 2016 after completing residency, chief residency and fellowships at UCSF. He serves as a Clinical QI champion for the Division of Cardiology and is engaged in numerous safety, quality and value improvement projects impacting care provided to cardiovascular patients. Additionally, in the role of Medical Director Quality and Safety for the Heart and Vascular Center, Krishan is focused on building clinical data and analytic capabilities to help drive quality and value improvement work in cardiology, cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. Originally from New York, he now lives in San Francisco with his wife Ahn and daughter Olivia.



Francis Yao, MD

Medical Director of Liver Transplant Unit

Deborah Yokoe, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine

Medical Director of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control Adult Services

After spending many years at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, Debbie joined the Department of Quality and the Division of Infectious Diseases at UCSF in January of this year. In addition to her roles as the Medical Director of UCSF Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control for the adult patient services and attending on the Transplant ID consultation service, she is very involved with infection prevention efforts at the national level and serves as the co-chair of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's federal advisory committee focused on preventing healthcare-associated infections. She is a native of California and a graduate of UCSF Medical School and the UCSF Internal Medicine residency program and is enjoying her return to San Francisco along with her husband, Cam Ashbaugh, who is also a member of the Division of Infectious Diseases. They have three children in their twenties who are living in various parts of the world and two cats who live at home.



Ron Zagoria, MD

Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs

Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging

Medical Director of Adult Imaging Services

After a number of years at Wake Forest University, Ron joined the UCSF faculty in 2013. Ron is Chief of the Abdominal Imaging Section in Radiology and has a special interest in CT and MRI of urinary tract diseases. He works closely with the Medical Center's administration to improve workflow and patient care in Radiology. He and his wife, Kat Zagoria, live in San Francisco and have two adult children.

