

## H. UCSF/FRESNO MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **BACKGROUND**

UCSF established a regional medical education program in Fresno in 1975 to provide training for doctors and other health care professionals in the Central San Joaquin Valley, to increase the supply of primary care physicians, to improve access to quality health care in the Central Valley, and to encourage the practice of culturally sensitive medicine. Programs were established in primary care and specialties at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. UCSF's Fresno training program is now accomplished primarily through affiliation agreements with a number of hospitals in the area, including the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fresno County Hospital, Fresno Community Hospital, Valley Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente, as well as several community hospitals. With the exception of an administrative center housing the Associate Deans' offices and faculty working at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, there is no single UCSF/Fresno "campus" or hospital. Therefore, the discussion below focuses on the potential relocation of existing UCSF space should a Fresno Regional Medical Center be created.

UCSF students may receive training at particular hospitals in the Fresno area in order to gain experience in one of the areas offered. Primary care disciplines, such as family practice, OB/GYN and pediatrics, and specialties such as psychiatry, radiology and surgery are offered in Fresno. Postgraduate and continuing education programs are also offered. During the 1993-94 academic year, the UCSF/Fresno Medical Education Program consisted of approximately 190 hospital-based faculty, 297 local faculty and 190 residents.

The medical education program contains the following key elements:

- Administrative space for the Medical Education Program at the Fresno Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which includes the deans' offices, administrative offices for the departments of Medicine, Cardiology and Psychiatry, and related laboratory and support space.
- Space for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program, which provides medical education to students and medical providers in underserved localities in rural and other underserved areas.
- Faculty practice space for the Central California Faculty Medical Group.

In the future, additional space to permit consolidation of some or all of these uses would be desirable. Consolidation of these activities would strengthen educational linkages and allow the use of shared facilities such as teleconferencing areas.

UCSF/Fresno participates in the Fresno Regional Medical Network (FRMC), a broad network of local hospitals and health care providers that serves as a

framework within which medical services, medical training and comprehensive outreach programs may be conducted. This framework allows the Fresno medical community to respond to managed care initiatives being taken by the state as well as improve the overall health delivery system to the California Central Valley.

The FRMC expects to construct a substantial facility in downtown Fresno, which would modernize and extend the existing Fresno Community Hospital, and possibly consolidate other medical institutions at the site. UCSF is currently evaluating the possibility of consolidating some of its existing space in this new facility. If private financing is forthcoming, there may be a potential to build a UCSF continuing education center which could serve as a conference center as well.

### **PLAN DETERMINANTS**

Determinants for UCSF's activities in Fresno consist primarily of policies related to the integration of medical training resources. The consolidation of existing medical facilities in Fresno would affect the scope and location of UCSF's activities in Fresno.

### **UCSF/FRESNO FACILITIES NEEDS AND PLANS**

UCSF expects to continue current activities at Fresno at existing levels, including graduate and postgraduate medical education and UCSF/Fresno clinical services.

<p><b><u>LRDP PROPOSAL:</u></b> Continue current academic and clinical care programs at Fresno at existing levels.</p>
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### **[THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WAS ADDED BY LRDP AMENDMENT #2]**

The Fresno Medical Education and Research Center has recently been completed to allow for the consolidation and co-location of education and research space in one new building.