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Annual Report
2024-2025



**Welcome to the
Department of Family and
Community Medicine**

Our vision is broad and aspirational: a healthier and more equitable world.

Our purpose is to advance the field of family medicine through innovative education, person-centered care, research, community engagement, and advocacy, to improve population health and equity.



Anthony Jerant, M.D.

Department Chair and Professor

On behalf of my colleagues, welcome to UC Davis Family and Community Medicine! We are a vibrant, collaborative, diverse, inclusive, innovative, and continuously improving department.

Working together, we undertake myriad exciting and important activities at locations throughout our community, encompassing the full breadth and reach of family medicine in pursuing our vision and purpose. We continue our commitment to the ideal that every community deserves exceptional family medicine physicians.

In each of our four pillars of activity—clinical care delivery; education; research and scholarly work; and advocacy and community engagement—there are many hallmarks that distinguish us. I encourage you to learn about our work.

About us



Our family medicine physicians care for patients at every life stage, and in multiple settings: in clinics, nursing homes, hospitals, encampments of unhoused people, and other places in our community.

For over 50 years, our Department has been committed to achieving excellence in all aspects of our mission. By fostering a growth mindset and promoting lifelong learning, we recognize excellence not just in results but also as an ongoing process. Embracing excellence as a way of life highlights two fundamental themes that guide all our efforts: prioritizing the well-being of our team members and advocating for and supporting anti-racist attitudes and approaches.

UC Davis School of Medicine 2025 US News & World Report Rankings

Tier

1

Primary Care (top tier)

17

Graduates in Primary Care

2024 US News & World Report Rankings (final year rankings were reported)

3

Most Diverse

5

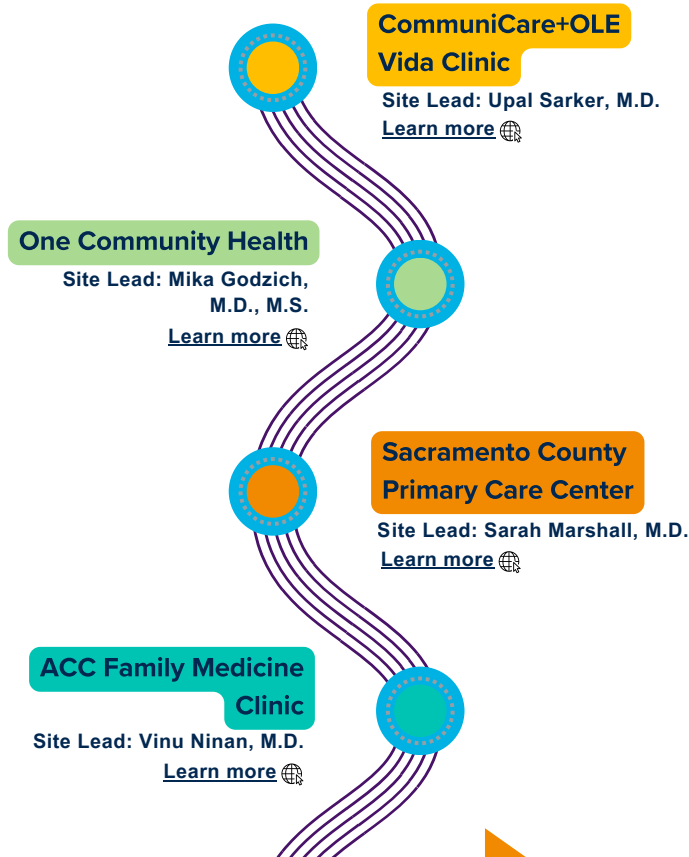
Family Medicine

Our defining characteristic and greatest strength is our exceptional people—faculty, residents, and staff. We encourage you to learn about our our team and their remarkable work, as well as the unique opportunities we offer residents and medical students.

For more information, please [visit our website](#) or reach out to one of our team members.

Patient care and training with community FQHC partners

The Department of Family and Community Medicine provides clinical care and residency training in four different outpatient clinics that serve diverse and largely vulnerable populations. This includes our own ACC clinic on the UC Davis Health campus as well as three community clinic partners.



Lizbeth Guillen, family and community medicine resident, examines a patient at CommuniCare+OLE Vida Clinic.

FQHC training partnerships have a positive impact on our graduates' practice settings.

Increases in training grant funding have supported the residency program and its activities.

A more diverse cohort of residents to serve communities in need of primary care physicians.

Of our graduates over the past three years, 33% work in practices serving the urban and rural underserved, most of them in California.

Educating the future primary care workforce

We are committed to training the next generation of family medicine physicians. Our programs provide trainees with the knowledge, skills, and mentorship to excel in their careers and make an impact in their communities.



Residency Program

We've been training family medicine residents since 1972. Our graduates can be found in rural communities, governmental organizations, community health centers, prisons, and large academic medical centers. We're committed to supporting each resident on their path to becoming family physicians.

We are proud of the talented and diverse group of residents who have joined us. They each bring their unique backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to the program.

Medical Student Education Program

We're committed to guiding students through their career decisions. Our caring staff and faculty ensure each student finds the best career path during their four years of medical school.

Family medicine physicians advise and mentor medical students. Advisors share their perspectives on health care, being a physician, how to thrive in medical school, and write letters of recommendation for residencies.

The program provides students:

- Curriculum planning and career advising
- Information and guidance in residency selection
- Hands-on experience in Family and Community Medicine sites
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills through student activities
- Preparation to work with patients from diverse, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

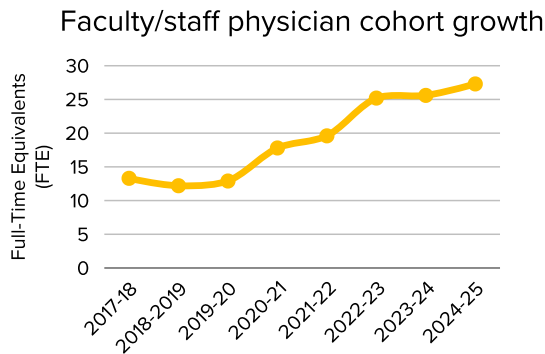
Hospitalist Medicine Fellowship

Our hospitalist medicine fellowship is designed for recent graduates who are interested in having hospital medicine as part of their future practice and want to spend a year honing their skills with experts. It is a great opportunity for recent graduates to work with internal medicine and family medicine teaching hospitalists at UC Davis Health's academic medical center and Mather's VA hospital.



UC Davis Medical Student Ren Bruguera (center) with family and community medicine faculty research mentors Alicia Agnoli (left) and Na'amah Razon (right).

Growing our footprint



Since 2020, we have doubled the size of our faculty and staff physician cohort, to better meet the needs of our residency and medical student education programs and broaden the scope of our clinical services and scholarship.

We also have a robust professional development program to support our team as they grow their careers.

44,680

Outpatient family medicine visits in 2024-2025; more than half of visits were at our FQHC partner sites.

Meet the 23 physicians who have joined us since 2018



Quyen Chappell, F.N.P.



Charles Chatman, Jr., M.D.



Timothy Chou, M.D.



Marcia Faustin, M.D.



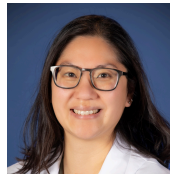
Annie Gensel, M.D.



Andrew Jones, M.D.



Ian Kim, M.D.



Anna Kong, M.D.



Connie Leeper, M.D.



Debbie Lupeika, M.D.



Beatrice Nichols, M.D.



Vinu Ninan, M.D.



Adeola Oni-Orisan, M.D., Ph.D.



MK Orsulak, M.D.



Na'amah Razon, M.D., Ph.D.



Kate Richards, M.D.



Upal Sarker, M.D.



Shannon Satterwhite, M.D., Ph.D.



Kirsten Vitrikas, M.D.



Melanie Wathugala, M.D.

[Meet our full team](#)

Embracing diversity

We help to lead and actively contribute to the UC Davis Health/School of Medicine initiative: Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism, and Equity (IDARE).

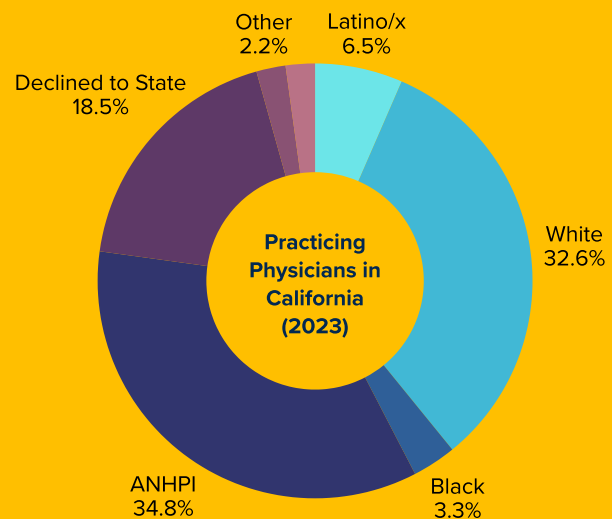
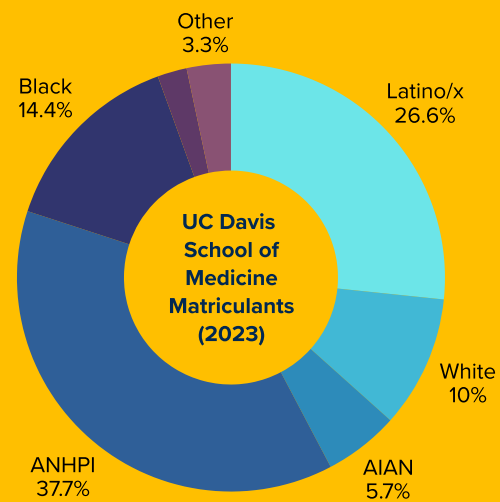
In our current five-year departmental strategic plan, anti-racism is a cross-cutting theme that informs our work in four main pillars of activity:

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Research and scholarly work
- ✓ Clinical care delivery
- ✓ Advocacy and community engagement



The Davis Scale

Three of our faculty members developed a measure of applicant socioeconomic disadvantage that has since been employed in our medical school application process. The scale, used to ensure all applicants receive fair consideration for potential admission, helped UC Davis to attain the nation's third most diverse medical student cohort in 2024 according to *US News & World Report*.



IDARE highlight

Our faculty and residents provide volunteer precepting to medical students and undergraduates at the UC Davis School of Medicine affiliated student run clinics, which serve an array of medically

underserved and uninsured groups of individuals, such as people who are unhoused or use drugs, people who engage in sex work, and people from the LGBTQ+ community.



Clinical opportunities

Our clinical care teams are committed to comprehensive, coordinated, always improving, and innovative patient care. We offer continuing, comprehensive health care, integrating biological, clinical and behavioral sciences. Our health care teams care for patients of all ages – from newborn to elderly – treating each patient as a whole.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinic (including abortion care)

Gender Affirming Care Clinic

Outpatient Palliative Care Program

Healthy Aging Clinic

Substance Use Inpatient Treatment (SUIT) Service

Collaborative Mental Health Care



Physician for the U.S. Olympics Gymnastics Team

UC Davis family and sports medicine physician Marcia Faustin is co-head physician for the U.S. Gymnastics Team as well as UC Davis Division 1 athletics. She has cared for star athletes, like Simone Biles and Sunisa Lee, at the 2024 Olympics in Paris and the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.



Alicia Agnoli, associate professor of family and community medicine, presenting her research.

Excellence in research

26 PubMed indexed publications in academic year 2024-2025

We conduct research aimed at giving health care providers, consumers and policymakers the information they need for informed decision-making.

- ✓ Physician-patient communication
- ✓ Addressing social determinants of health
- ✓ Chronic illness care
- ✓ Substance misuse
- ✓ Opioid pharmacoepidemiology
- ✓ Screening and preventive services
- ✓ Medical education and workforce development
- ✓ Other research areas

A few current projects

A Multi-Team System Implementation Strategy to Improve Buprenorphine Adherence for Patients Who Initiate Treatment in the ED

An embedded study within in this clinical trial funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) explores the role of stigma in the context of efforts to improve long-term buprenorphine treatment rates.

Rigorous Evaluation of California Policies to Disseminate ED-based Services for Opioid Use Disorder

This project, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), seeks to help address the opioid overdose crisis by assessing CA Bridge, an initiative to expand medication for addiction treatment in emergency departments.

MOBILIZE: Mobility and Transportation Solutions to Improve Hemodialysis Access

This study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will generate essential data on the social risks experienced by dialysis patients with end-stage kidney disease and improve methods for assessing their transportation insecurity.

Advocacy and community engagement

Healthcare and health advocacy and community engagement is one of our four pillars of activity, underscoring its importance to our team. We make space for our residents to make substantial contributions to advocacy and community engagement efforts.



MK Orsulak (right), assistant clinical professor of family and community medicine, staffing a mobile clinic.

Current initiatives

As part of our efforts to create a healthier and more equitable world, we are involved in a range of advocacy and community engagement initiatives.

- ✓ Health and health care-related legislative affairs
- ✓ Reproductive justice including abortion access
- ✓ Advance Health Equity and Address Disparities (AHEAD)
- ✓ Services for the unhoused, including mobile clinics
- ✓ Clinics for vulnerable populations
- ✓ Mobile medicine for the unhoused
- ✓ Inpatient and outpatient addiction medicine and harm reduction services

Shaping the future of primary care

We are a national leader in raising awareness about the declining state of primary care, which is adversely affecting a growing number of patients. In October 2024, we hosted a national gathering— [The Summit on Revitalizing Primary Care to Recenter Relationships and Enhance Health \(Rev PC\)](#)—of primary care experts to discuss the issues in primary care and produce workable solutions for a better future. We brought together dozens of leaders with expertise in primary care, policy, private and government sponsored health insurance coverage, and advocacy perspectives. In 2025, an expert panel convened by the summit [released a report](#) with seven recommendations to improve primary care. The recommendations have since been presented at webinars, including one [sponsored by the California Health Care Foundation](#).



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Thank you!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about specific aspects of our work, please feel free to contact personnel who lead our various initiatives.

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