

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome again to the San Francisco Area Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN) eNews. SFBayCRN facilitates primary health care practice-based research partnerships between researchers and clinical practice groups at UCSF, in the greater Bay Area, and beyond. We offer free initial consultations on practice-based research issues for our members. For more information about SFBayCRN, visit:

[www.sfbaycrn.org](http://www.sfbaycrn.org).

### **SFBayCRN Survey to Update Our Connections to You!**

Over the last 5 years, our distribution list has grown to over 5000 clinicians, researchers, and health care leaders across the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Within the next few days we will be sending out a brief electronic survey to update our contact information for you your organization. This will enable us to be more efficient in targeting communications and practice-based research opportunities to our members. **Thank you in advance for your participation!**

### **New Project to Transform Sickle Cell Disease Care in 5 Northern CA Counties**

#### Sickle Cell Care Coordination Initiative



UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, the UCSF School of Medicine and the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center are joint recipients of a grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to form the **Sickle Cell Care Coordination Initiative (SCCCI)**. The SCCCI is one of eight grantees in the U.S. that will use implementation science to identify and address barriers to quality care for youth and adults with sickle cell disease in Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Solano counties.

The SCCCI will utilize a multi-modal, multi-sector approach to 1) conduct a needs assessment across the five participating counties of the barriers to care for youth and adults ages 15 through 45 years with sickle cell disease, 2) design implementation research studies that address identified barriers to care and 3) develop a registry of patients in the targeted age group. SFBayCRN researchers will help lead the needs assessment and implementation activities. In the coming months, the SCCCI team will be reaching out to a range of stakeholders, including community health centers; emergency, hematology and primary care providers; payers; and individuals with sickle cell disease and their families, to ask for participation in our needs assessment. For information, contact **Marsha Treadwell, PhD** at [mtreadwell@mail.cho.org](mailto:mtreadwell@mail.cho.org)

### **Project ECHO for Hepatitis C**

Thank you to our SFBayCRN members who responded to requests to participate in **Project ECHO for Hepatitis C**. The program is still recruiting community clinicians to participate, especially from rural counties where access to Hepatitis C training and referral expertise is limited. Participants receive free mentoring and training to deliver state of the art care to hepatitis C patients in their local communities.

The next phase of the project will focus on recruitment of clinicians in **Lake, Mendocino, and Siskiyou Counties**. For more information, contact **James Rouse Iñiguez, MA** at [james.rouse@ucsf.edu](mailto:james.rouse@ucsf.edu)

### **[San Francisco Cancer Initiative Officially Launched at City Hall](#)**

In November, UCSF officially launched the **San Francisco Cancer Initiative (SF CAN)** in partnership with a broad coalition of stakeholders. SF CAN aims to reduce the incidence and mortality from the most common cancers in San Francisco that are likely to be affected by known interventions or better screening. Those are prostate, breast, liver, colorectal and tobacco-related cancers. Since the majority of those cancers disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minorities, as well as the socio-economically disadvantaged, a primary focus of SF CAN will be reducing inequities in prevention, screening rates, access to quality health care and overall outcomes. The initiative is already actively engaging with SFBayCRN

stakeholders in San Francisco, including the **San Francisco Health Network** and the **San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium**. For more information, visit [www.sfcancer.org](http://www.sfcancer.org).



*Alan Ashworth, President of UCSF's Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, launching SF CAN in a ceremony at City Hall.*

### **[Welcome and Farewell to SFBayCRN Steering Committee Members](#)**

This month we bid farewell to **Nishant Shah, MD, MPH** and **Robin Corelli, PharmD** who have participated and made important contributions to our SFBayCRN Steering Committee for many years. Nishant is moving with his family to Baltimore, and Robin is transitioning to a new role in the UCSF School of Pharmacy. Robin will be replaced on the committee by **Marilyn Stebbins, Pharm D**. Marilyn's work focuses on the intersection of primary care and pharmacy practice in underserved patient populations. We also welcome **Dayna Long, MD** to our Steering Committee. Dayna is a pediatrician at UCSF

Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and has a research focus on novel approaches to elicit and address social disparities in health.



*Drs. Stebbins and Long, recent additions to the SFBayCRN Steering Committee.*

**We are currently seeking additional Steering Committee members from community-based clinical providers and health care leaders. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Michael Potter, MD at [michael.potter@ucsf.edu](mailto:michael.potter@ucsf.edu) .**

### **[Do you have questions or news to share?](#)**

***We would love to hear from you!***

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