About Partners in Research

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Partners in Research and Patient Care

Since 1864, ZSFG and the UCSF School of Medicine have worked in close collaboration to provide health care services for the people of San Francisco.

ZSFG is one of UCSF’s primary teaching hospitals, where medical residents train under UCSF faculty and City staff. Today, more than 2,000 UCSF physicians and staff from all four UCSF professional schools work side-by-side at the hospital with 3,500 employees of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

*Most people in San Francisco equate us as a safety net hospital for the uninsured, but just as importantly, the trauma team acts as everybody’s safety net.*

*If you have a significant injury, you come here. Anybody on any day can be one of our patients.*

*Geoff Manley, MD, PhD*

?We are fully dedicated to the research, education and clinical care missions that define UCSF, which creates a tremendous sense of synergy and enables us to expand knowledge while we provide care,? said ZSFG trauma surgeon Andre Campbell [2], MD, also a UCSF professor of surgery. ?We are one group fortunate enough to have the support of two great institutions.?*

The 140-year affiliation between ZSFG and UCSF is mutually beneficial: It combines clinical and teaching activities to uniformly provide the highest quality of care to patients, while spending considerably less money than if the two entities functioned independently.

In addition to being an essential training site for UCSF physician residents, ZSFG is a major research site for the University. The hospital receives about $150 million in research grants each year, which accounts for 25 percent of all National Institutes of Health grants awarded to the entire University.
Because all of the physicians at ZSFG are UCSF faculty, we have highly trained specialists who are here to take care of patients and do research, said Sue Carlisle [3], MD, PhD, an anesthesiologist and vice dean of the UCSF School of Medicine at ZSFG. We are at the cutting edge of research on the care of trauma patients, from traumatic brain injury to violence prevention to the interface of mental illness and trauma, and this translates into better care locally and globally.