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From the Chief of Geriatrics



Dear UCSF Geriatrics Community,



We are pleased to announce the appointment of [Michi Yukawa, MD](#) as **Post Acute Care Medical Director at the Jewish Home & Rehabilitation Center (JHRC)** effective July 19, 2021. This leadership role is part of our JHRC – UCSF Partnership in Geriatric Medicine to provide integrated and coordinated delivery of clinical care expertise in geriatrics and palliative care across UCSF and SFCJL short-stay rehabilitation, expanding the reach of UCSF geriatricians in our community.

Dr. Yukawa is a geriatric medicine specialist and Professor in the UCSF Division of Geriatrics. She completed medical school and internal medicine residency at Brown University, received a Masters in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health, and completed a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship at the University of Washington. She was a member of the Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Washington from 2000-2010 before being recruited to the UCSF Division of Geriatrics. She has over a decade of experience as a medical director of skilled nursing facilities in both the private sector and Veterans Health Administration. She has developed effective practice models between academic medical centers and community skilled nursing facilities, and during her tenure as Medical Director of the San Francisco VA Community Living Center (CLC), she improved the CLC's Nursing Home Compare star rating from three to five stars.

In addition to her passion for practicing geriatric medicine and improving the quality of care at skilled nursing facilities, Dr. Yukawa is passionate about medical education and has developed several interprofessional educational programs at skilled nursing facilities. Because of her excellence in education, she was selected as a UCSF School of Medicine Bridges Coach. In this role, Dr. Yukawa provides academic guidance for UCSF medical students and supports their professional and personal development throughout their medical school curriculum. She also has

led a popular interprofessional student elective at the CLC with medical, physical therapy and pharmacy students working together as a mini-team to improve care quality. With her mentorship, many of her students have conducted research and other scholarly projects that have improved patient care in skilled nursing facilities. She envisions JHRC as a fantastic setting to teach trainees about community nursing home care.

As Post Acute Medical Director at JHRC, Dr. Yukawa will provide physician leadership for implementing a new patient care partnership in which UCSF geriatricians provide the clinical care for patients discharged from UCSF Health to JHRC's short-stay rehabilitation unit. She also will provide medical directorship for the entire 120-bed short-stay rehabilitation unit, known as the Friedman Pavilion. She will work with UCSF hospitalists and primary care to enhance the quality of the transition process for UCSF patients from hospital to JHRC and back to UCSF primary care and provide education for JHRC staff in geriatrics and quality indicators. She also will facilitate implementation science research into JHRC's clinical environment, including integrating Geriatrics and Geriatric-Palliative Care fellows into research and quality improvement projects.

Together, we envision this community-academic partnership will enhance the health of our community's most complex patients by improving care delivery and coordination at the hospital-skilled nursing facility interface and by training future leaders in the care of older people.

Sincerely,

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