Founded in 1983, the UCSD-SDSU General Preventive Medicine Residency trains physicians in preventive medicine and public health. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University (SDSU). The residency provides training for Post Graduate Years 2 and 3 (PGY-2 and PGY-3). Applicants must have completed at least one full year of acceptable clinical training/direct patient care (PGY1 internship) and completed Step III of the USMLE by the time of entry.

The residency has been fully accredited by the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) since its inception. We offer training in two of the three “years” required for Board eligibility. The didactic and exponential rotations year are obtained concurrently.

The rotations, at the University of California, San Diego and in the community provide training on competencies to deal with clinical preventive medicine and population-level problems such as health care for the indigent, bioterrorism prevention and response, communicable disease control, and health care delivery. Clinical and population-based training takes place mainly in the community, at community health centers, public health departments, and community research facilities. Residents concurrently obtain a Masters in Public Health degree at San Diego State University during their training; the MPH degree or its equivalent is required for Board certification in this specialty.

The joint sponsorship of this program results in a training environment with access to both academic and clinical medicine through the UCSD School of Medicine, and academic public health resources through the SDSU Graduate School of Public Health. Residents are SDSU graduate students throughout their residency, and as UCSD housestaff, they benefit appropriately from UCSD’s high quality systems for graduate medical education.

**FACULTY**

Residents interact with a wide range of faculty from each institution. The faculty listed are those most involved with the residency program.

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