About UCSF Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is composed of programs located at several different geographic sites: Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics (LPPHC) on the UCSF Parnassus campus, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, UCSF Medical Center at Mt. Zion, San Francisco Veteran Affairs Medical Center (SFVAMC), and the new UCSF Mission Bay campus. Training is provided by more than 180 full-time faculty members and over 200 volunteer clinical faculty to 600 medical students, 60 general psychiatry residents, 13 psychiatry fellows, and more than 70 pre- and post-doctoral trainees in clinical psychology, social work, nursing, and rehabilitation therapy.

Throughout its history, the UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has held a strong commitment to basic and clinical research training, and currently sponsors a number of pre- and postdoctoral training grants in basic and clinical research. Laboratories at each of the training sites are excellently equipped for molecular and cellular biology, as well as clinical psychopharmacologic, neurochemical, psychophysiological, and social science research. Trainees in the program have access to a wide variety of inpatient and outpatient programs at UCSF that provide subspecialty care and serve as a setting for clinical psychiatric research, as well as comprehensive programs to support and nurture psychiatry trainees interested in pursuing careers in mental health research.

Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics

Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics (LPPHC) encompasses a 22-bed acute adult inpatient unit, a Consultation and Brief Intervention Service, a Partial Hospitalization Program, and an array of specialty clinics, including a Depression Specialty Clinic, a Hormone and Mood Assessment Clinic, an Early Psychosis Clinic, an Anxiety Disorders Clinic, an Eating Disorders Clinic, and a Psychopharmacology Assessment Clinic. LPPHC Child and Adolescent Services is predominantly outpatient-based, offering general assessment of child and adolescent behavioral disorders, with a special focus on autism, ADHD, pervasive developmental disorder, Tourette’s Syndrome, and psychopharmacologic assessment.

Additional clinical services include a Women’s Care Mental Health Clinic, providing gender-specific outpatient mental health services to women, and a Psychological Assessment Clinic, a centralized consultation service providing neuropsychological and psychological consultations and evaluations to patients referred from outpatient partial hospitalization and inpatient settings. LPPHC admits approximately 500 patients annually, and records more than 26,000 outpatient services visits each year.

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Zuckerberg San Francisco General resides in a 539-bed county hospital serving San Francisco’s diverse ethnic and racial minority populations. Inpatient psychiatric services include 44 acute psychiatric beds, a
forensic unit that works in tandem with the San Francisco City and County Courts and Jail system, and an array of specially staffed and culturally appropriate services directed towards ethnic minorities. Zuckerberg San Francisco General offers an active Psychiatric Emergency Service that assesses over 7,000 patients per year, a Consultation-Liaison Service, a Preventive Depression Clinic, an active Substance Abuse Service and Clinical Research Center, and a citywide case management program for individuals who have severe residual psychopathology that results in repeated contact with the mental health system.

San Francisco Veteran Affairs Health Care System

The San Francisco Veteran Affairs Health Care System (SFVAHCS) includes specialized inpatient and outpatient programs focusing on substance abuse, chronic mental illness, and dementia, and offers developed clinical research efforts in schizophrenia, substance abuse, neuroimaging, and post-traumatic stress disorder. The UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at SFVAHCS operates a MIRECC providing research assessment cores on neuroimaging, neurochemistry and genetics, and sleep chronobiology, as well as clinical cores on dementia and post-traumatic stress disorder. The San Francisco Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Program is one of the nation's largest specialized outpatient treatment programs for veterans who have PTSD related to combat, sexual abuse, or harassment in the course of active duty military service. The service records over 7,000 clinic visits annually and serves approximately 1,500 veterans with PTSD. An additional 500 veterans with dual diagnosis PTSD are served by the SFVAMC Substance Abuse Service.

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