

Dear Colleagues:



I am thrilled to announce that Bradley Sharpe, MD, Professor of Medicine, will become the Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine (DHM) based at UCSF Health, as of December 1st.

Brad received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his MD from Harvard Medical School. He came to UCSF as a resident in 1999, and served as chief resident at UCSF Medical Center in 2002-03. He joined our faculty in 2003, one of the first faculty members in the then-still-young DHM.

Brad's skills as a leader were immediately evident, and he quickly rose to become Associate Chief of the DHM, as well as Associate Chief of the Medical Service at UCSF Medical Center. In these roles, he led day-to-day operations for the division and had a major role in strategy across all of the division's missions. Under Brad's leadership, the division expanded from about 15 faculty to more than 70, became widely known for its contributions in safety, quality, value, and medical education, established and nurtured programs in palliative care, global health, and informatics, built a nationally respected research program and infrastructure, and launched several new services, including the non-resident (now Goldman) Service, the Procedure Service, and the Neurosurgery, Bone Marrow Transplant, and Cardiology Co-management Services.

When I left the role of DHM chief last year to become department chair, Brad was the obvious choice to become interim chief of the division. Since assuming this position, he has built on the DHM's strengths, while also taking the division in important new directions. Both faculty and staff engagement scores continue to be among our department's highest, and he has helped transform the division's work in clinical research, supporting an innovative data core to facilitate data-driven research. He has enhanced collaboration with the DHMs at the VA and ZSFG, and is leading efforts to explore the division's role in providing or supporting hospitalist services at the growing number of UCSF Health affiliates.

In addition to his roles in the DHM, Brad has also been a key leader in our residency, serving as Associate Program Director for nearly a decade before recently stepping down from this role. At a national level, he has served as a board member of the Society of Hospital Medicine and a key player in the society's Leadership Academy. He has contributed to research in hospital medicine with more than 40 publications in the areas of clinical redesign, medical education, and the management of pneumonia. Brad is also a superb teacher, having won several teaching awards, including UCSF's Distinction in Teaching Award, the Internal Medicine Housestaff Teaching Award, and several "best lecture" awards from the medical students. He is a Master Clinician of the DOM, and a member of the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators.

Personally, Brad is a selfless leader blessed with great intelligence, boundless energy, an amazing work ethic, and unquestioned integrity and compassion. He is highly popular among his colleagues, housestaff, students, non-physician providers, and staff, and is a role model for many. I am confident that he will be an extraordinary leader for the DHM.

I am grateful to the DHM chief search committee, chaired by Niraj Sehgal, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine and Chief Quality Officer of UCSF Health, for its outstanding work. The committee's task was made particularly challenging by an exceptionally strong group of applicants, both internal and external.

Please join me in welcoming Brad Sharpe to his new role as Chief of the UCSF Health Division of Hospital Medicine.

-- Bob Wachter