

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Sarah Schaeffer will be the interim chair of the Department of Medicine (DOM) Residency Diversity Committee (RDC) following the departure of Dr. Rene Salazar to Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin.



Dr. Schaeffer, a graduate of New York University School of Medicine, completed her internship and internal medicine residency at UCSF in 2014. In recognition of her outstanding clinical skills and performance as a resident, she was selected as a chief resident. Following her chief residency year in 2015, we were thrilled when she was recruited to join the Hospitalist Division at UCSF Medical Center. A recipient of the John A. Watson Faculty Scholar award, Dr. Schaeffer, working closely with Dr. Salazar, has focused this past year on enhancing diversity within the DOM education programs and helping others recognize potential areas of unconscious bias. She is also a key member of the School of Medicine's Differences Matter initiative focused on increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion for residents, faculty, and staff. We have no doubt that Dr. Schaeffer will be superb in leading the RDC and working with the DOM education programs on promoting diversity recruitment and enhancing the culture of inclusion.

We also wish to thank Dr. Salazar for his stellar work in the past decade leading the Department's efforts to enhance diversity within its education programs. We wish him the best in his new role as Assistant Dean for Diversity at Dell Medical School.

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