



Core Clinical Experiences

Primary Care Addiction
Medicine Fellowship

Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program (OTOP)

OTOP is a publicly funded, licensed opioid treatment program (OTP) that provides outpatient treatment with methadone and buprenorphine to persons with opioid use disorder. The program provides a wide range of services, including psychiatric, hepatitis C and HIV treatment services, to poor and indigent people with addiction to illicit and prescription opioids. OTOP is licensed to provide methadone to 750 persons daily and located on the San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) campus. OTOP also operates satellite sites to reach patients in underserved parts of San Francisco through deployment of a mobile methadone van and office-based opioid treatment programs in three primary care health centers. Fellows spend approximately 3 months with OTOP.

Site Directors: Scott Steiger, MD and Brad Shapiro, MD

Street Medicine and Shelter Health

The Street Medicine and Shelter Health program provides street-based medical, mental health, and substance use treatment services to people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. Using an adapted patient-centered medical home model, the Street Medicine team's mission is to provide effective care for high risk, high vulnerability individuals experiencing homelessness, who were not getting what they needed elsewhere in the system. The team will assess patients and establish care for chronic conditions such as medical, mental health, substance use, and cognitive disorders. Care is offered at an open access clinic, homeless encampments, navigation centers, shelters, and syringe service programs. Medical staff join outreach services to help transition people living on the streets into shelter and housing. Fellows spend 3 months on street medicine. <https://www.sfstreetmedicine.org/>

Site Director: Barry Zevin, MD

Inpatient Addiction Care Team (ACT)

The Inpatient Addiction Care Team (ACT) is an interprofessional service launched in January 2019 at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) to improve the quality of care for hospitalized persons with unhealthy substance use. In a 284-bed hospital facility opened in 2016, SFGH provides 24-hour, comprehensive emergent, urgent and non-urgent care to 98,000 adult and pediatric patients annually. It is the city's public safety-net hospital for the most socially and medically vulnerable persons living in San Francisco. It is also the sole Level 1 Trauma Center and psychiatric emergency service for the City & County. The ACT features two components: 1) expert inpatient addiction medicine consultation; and 2) timely linkage-to-care to appropriate community programs post hospital discharge. The ACT provides the full spectrum of inpatient addiction medicine consultation, including screening and assessment; SUD diagnosis; behavioral therapies; medically supervised withdrawal management; and addiction pharmacotherapy initiation and optimization. Fellows spend 3 months on ACT.

Site Directors: Marlene Martin, MD and Hannah Snyder, MD

Family Health Center (FHC) Bridge Clinic

The Bridge Clinic is embedded in the Family Health Center (FHC), the largest primary care clinic in the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) public safety net system. Located on the SFGH campus, the Bridge Clinic provides consultation to FHC primary care providers and SFGH obstetric and orthopedic providers on a wide range of substance use-related issues, including risky, non-dependent alcohol use, prescription medication misuse, as well as alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use disorders. The clinic also serves as a hospital discharge clinic for patients, who were admitted or seen in the emergency department and diagnosed with a SUD. Services include comprehensive evaluations, counseling, pharmacotherapy, referrals to higher levels of care with close follow up, and integrated prenatal care for pregnant women with SUDs.

Site Director: Hannah Snyder, MD

Outpatient Buprenorphine Induction Clinic (OBIC)

Founded in 2003, OBIC offers buprenorphine initiation and stabilization for persons seeking treatment for opioid use disorders, then transitions patients to ongoing buprenorphine care integrated within community-based primary care or mental health care clinics. Patients served are largely indigent and many are experiencing homelessness or marginally housed. As the first buprenorphine induction clinic in the country, OBIC has initiated treatment for well over 1,400 patients. All patients receive culturally, linguistically, and age-appropriate care based on best-practice principles. Emphasis is placed on eliminating the stigma associated with substance use and other behavioral health problems. OBIC is co-located with the CBHS pharmacy and Treatment Access Program at 1380 Howard Street and funded by the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Site Director: Christine Soran, MD, MPH

