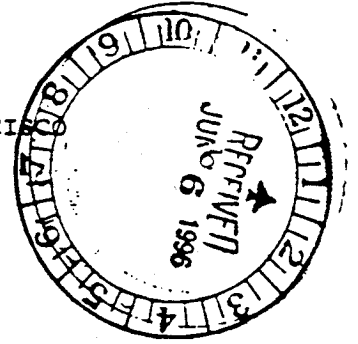


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UCSF AND STANFORD ANNOUNCE DISCUSSIONS ON COLLABORATION

The University of California San Francisco and Stanford University are engaged in preliminary discussions about collaboration in patient care programs, UCSF Chancellor Joseph B. Martin and Stanford President Gerhard Casper announced Friday (Nov. 17).

Their announcement follows consultation with the UC Board of Regents, which met Friday, and the Stanford Board of Trustees.

According to Chancellor Martin and President Casper, the primary goals would be to provide cost effective health services, improve community access to the latest advances in medical science, and ensure strong medical residency programs.

The exact nature of the collaboration between UCSF's Clinical Enterprise and Stanford Health Services remains to be determined. However, hospital and clinical care would continue to be delivered at both campuses and other sites.

The two medical schools and their faculties would remain independent.

The discussion will explore the feasibility of achieving economies of scale and reduced duplication of investment in new facilities and state-of-the-art equipment. Patients would benefit from the combined research advances and specialized expertise of two leading medical centers.

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"Both UCSF and Stanford today are strong institutions," Martin said in his remarks to the Regents. "Our faculties are among the world leaders in the biotechnology revolution. Our medical centers are consistently ranked as among the best in the country. Our medical schools and residency programs are among the nation's most selective and are recognized for training leaders of academic medicine and physicians highly skilled in contemporary practice."

While the UCSF and Stanford medical schools and their faculties would remain independent, combining clinical strengths also would enhance research and education.

"Such a collaboration would serve the public better in several ways," President Casper said. "It would provide a critical mass for teaching in small specialty programs and more diverse clinical training opportunities in all programs. Collaboration offers the potential for achieving efficiencies and cost reductions that neither of us could achieve alone."

Casper and Martin said the goal of the collaboration is to ensure that both schools will have the clinical resources required to train medical students and resident physicians for the 21st century. Meanwhile, Martin and Casper say they seek to assure that the education and research of these two premier academic medical centers continue to thrive in a dramatically changing health care environment.

The leadership of the two campuses, their medical centers and medical schools have been engaged in preliminary discussions for the last four months. Now, with the support of their governing boards, they will pursue more detailed discussions, engaging the faculty and campus communities in the process.

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