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CaPSURE™ (Cancer of the Prostate Strategic Urologic Research Endeavor) is a longitudinal, observational study of more than 13,800 patients with biopsy-proven prostate cancer. Patients have been enrolled from 40 community urology practices, academic medical centers, and VA hospitals throughout the United States since the inception of the project in 1995. Twenty-three sites actively participate in the study.

CaPSURE™ research findings have expanded knowledge of prostate cancer risk prediction, diagnostic trends, treatment patterns, outcomes, and quality of life. CaPSURE™ investigators have published more than 125 articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented over 200 papers at professional conferences. Residents, medical students, and fellows have authored many of the publications under the direction of senior investigators. The experience gained by these junior investigators has helped to shape and accomplish career goals.

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The CaPSURE™ Study seeks applicants for the UCSF CaPSURE™ Scholars Program in Prostate Cancer Outcomes Research. The goals of the Scholarship are to advance prostate cancer research and to support career development of young investigators. Research topics will include clinical outcomes, utilization of health care resources, and quality of life.

Four scholarships will be offered to qualified residents or fellows at accredited US training institutions.

Scholars, working from their home institutions, will formulate research plans under the mentorship of senior CaPSURE™ investigators. Mentoring will be conducted through email, telephone consultations, or in-person meetings. Scholars, UCSF statistical analysts, and mentors will work together to complete the project within the training year.

The study year will run from December 2009 through November 2010. Each scholar will receive a monetary stipend to fund presentation of results at a national meeting. Results also will be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

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National Mentors

The following individuals have extensive experience in prostate cancer research and with the CaPSURE™ project.

Peter R. Carroll, MD, MPH—CaPSURE™ Principal Investigator and Program Director; Professor and Chair of Urology; Ken and Donna Derr–Chevron Distinguished Professor; Associate Dean, School of Medicine, UCSF

Jeanette M. Broering, RN, MS, MPH—Director of Data Operations, Urology, UCSF

June M. Chan, ScD—CaPSURE™ Program Director; Associate Professor of Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Urology; Steven and Christine Burd-Safeway Distinguished Professor, UCSF

Matthew R. Cooperberg, MD, MPH—Assistant Professor of Urology, UCSF

Anthony V. D’Amico, PhD, MD—Professor of Radiation Oncology; Chief of Genitourinary Radiation Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Christopher J. Kane, MD—Professor of Surgery; Chief of Urology, University of California San Diego, Medical Center

Sara J. Knight, PhD—Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Urology, UCSF

Badrinath R. Konety, MD, MBA—Professor and Chair of Urologic Surgery, University of Minnesota

Mark S. Litwin, MD, MPH—Professor of Urology and Health Services Research, University of California Los Angeles

Maxwell V. Meng, MD—Associate Professor of Urology, UCSF

David F. Penson, MD, MPH—Associate Professor of Urology, Vanderbilt University

Leslie Wilson, PhD—Associate Adjunct Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, UCSF

Applications

Applicants should submit

- An application
- A curriculum vitae
- A one-page statement describing previous research experience, career goals, and how the scholarship will support those goals. Include one paragraph describing a topic you would like to study using CaPSURE data.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from the medical program director

A committee of senior CaPSURE™ investigators will select the scholars to be funded.

The application deadline is December 1, 2009. Applicants will be notified of decisions by December 15, 2009.

Applications should be sent by express delivery to:
UCSF CaPSURE™ Scholars Program
c/o Janet Cowan

Room A618, Department of Urology
1600 Divisadero Street
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Please note this is not our USPS mailing address

For more details, please go to:
<http://urology.ucsf.edu/capsurescholars.html> or contact Janet Cowan at jcowan@urology.ucsf.edu



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