

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: March 10, 2018  
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California  
SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee  
Recommendation  
STAFF CONTACT: April Alameda, Chief of Licensing

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (SFPRC) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Alice Bertaina, M.D., Ph.D., pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all of the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school itself and any affiliated institutions in which the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The SFPRC is comprised of two Board Members, one who is a physician and one who is a public member, and one representative from each of the 10 allopathic medical schools in California for a total of 12 members. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

At the SFPRC's March 8, 2018 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of one applicant from the Stanford University School of Medicine (SUSM).

Laurence Katznelson, M.D., Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, SUSM, presented SUSM's request for Dr. Bertaina to receive an SFP and provided the SFPRC with her qualifications.

Dr. Bertaina's area of expertise is pediatrics, specifically in the area of hematology, oncology and stem cell transplantation.

Dr. Bertaina has held the position of Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Regenerative Medicine at SUSM since September 2017. Dr. Bertaina was unanimously selected for this position based on her clinical expertise in the area of stem cell transplantation and quality translational research experience.

Previously, Dr. Bertaina was appointed as Head of the Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant Unit in the Department of Hematology and Oncology at Bambino Gasu Children’s Hospital in Rome in October 2013. Dr. Bertaina was responsible for enabling this institution to have the largest number of children transplanted with hematopoietic progenitors/stem cells in Europe. Dr. Bertaina has achieved distinction in pediatrics with her expertise and knowledge in the field of T-cell depleted haplo-HSCT.

If approved for an SFP appointment, Dr. Bertaina will hold a full-time faculty appointment as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at SUSM. Dr. Bertaina will play a key role at SUSM, specifically dealing with the treatment of malignant and non-malignant diseases. Dr. Bertaina’s clinical activities will focus on the management of pediatric patients receiving haploidentical stem cell transplantation and providing inpatient consultation to the Stem Cell Transplantation Unit at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. SUSM has demonstrated that Dr. Bertaina’s is academically eminent to hold a full-time professor clinical faculty appointment at SUSM and there is a great need for her expertise in pediatrics.

EDUCATION:

Medical School:

University of Pavia	Italy	1998-2005
Graduated July 25, 2005		

Postgraduate Training:

University of Pavia	Italy	2005-2010
Pediatrics		

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Bertaina for an SFP at SUSM pursuant to BPC section 2168.1 (a)(1)(B).