

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – JUNQUEIRA AVELINO DA SILVA, THIAGO

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ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application
Thiago Junqueira Avelino da Silva, M.D.

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REQUESTED ACTION:

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Dr. Thiago Junqueira Avelino da Silva, M.D., at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine (UCSF), pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND

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

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

The Committee is comprised of 14 members: one representative from each of the 11 medical schools in California, one representative from academic medical centers, and two Board members. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

On July 15, 2026, the committee reviewed the qualifications of applicant Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva. Committee member Dr. Patrick Ha presented Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva's qualifications for an SFP to the Committee.

Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva is a leading acute-care geriatrician in Latin America whose work is expected to greatly strengthen UCSF's geriatrics programs. He earned his M.D. from the University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine, where he also completed a two-year residency in internal medicine, a two-year fellowship in geriatric medicine, and a Ph.D. program in medical sciences. Since 2012, he has co-directed the Geriatric

In-Patient Unit at the University of São Paulo's main teaching hospital, turning it into a national model for high-quality care for older adults. He developed the hospital's first comprehensive, evidence-based geriatric care program, mentored the interprofessional team, and served as the primary clinical teacher of acute-care geriatrics for students, residents, and fellows.

Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva's extensive experience and expertise are evidenced by his many honors and awards; memberships in and service to professional organizations; as well as numerous regional, national, and international presentations. Additionally, he has authored 96 peer-reviewed publications and 14 books and chapters. He has also developed curriculum at Hospital das Clínicas, University of São Paulo, and the School of Medicine, Einstein Hospital Israelita.

Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva has worked non-clinically in the UCSF Division of Geriatrics. He was a visiting scholar from 2014-2015, and more recently, a research fellow from 2022-present. He will be appointed to the position of associate professor in the Division of Geriatrics in the Department of Medicine.

EDUCATION

Medical School:	University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Doctor of Medicine: 2004
Postgraduate Study:	Hospital das Clínicas, University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Residency in Internal Medicine: 2005-2007
	Hospital das Clínicas, University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Residency in Geriatrics: 2007-2009
	University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Ph.D. in Medical Sciences: 2012-2016

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva will hold a full-time associate professor position at UCSF. As a professor of medicine, he will provide instruction within the medical school's education program and deliver inpatient care to geriatric patients at UCSF Medical Center, focusing on managing complex, hospitalized older adults. Geriatricians are rare, and by 2040, Californians aged 80 and older will number 1.8 million. The need for geriatricians trained in inpatient care for older adults with complex conditions is increasing. Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva's acute-care geriatrics expertise will benefit UCSF's patients and, through regional and national geriatrics and hospital medicine meetings, will support other clinicians and patients.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

After review and consideration, the Committee members voted to recommend approval of Dr. Junqueira Avelino da Silva for this SFP at UCSF, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).