

DATE REPORT ISSUED: March 27, 2020  
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California  
SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee  
Recommendation  
STAFF CONTACT: Marina O'Connor, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION:

- 1) Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (SFPRC) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Stefan Joerg Friedrichsdorf, M.D., pursuant to California and Business 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 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 11 allopathic medical schools in California. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(c)(1).

At the SFPRC's March 25, 2020 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Medicine. Neal H. Cohen, M.D., Vice Dean at the School of Medicine, UCSF, presented UCSF's request for Dr. Friedrichsdorf to receive an SFP. Dr. Cohen indicated that Dr. Friedrichsdorf's unique expertise in hospital medicine, combined with his training in pediatric pain medicine and palliative care, will bring novel approaches to patient care. He explained that Dr. Friedrichsdorf will aid UCSF in providing innovative pain management strategies to children living with complex conditions. Dr. Friedrichsdorf is anticipated to transition his national continuing medical education (CME) programs in Pediatric Pain Medicine to UCSF as well as develop a new national course in Pediatric Integrative Medicine.

Dr. Friedrichsdorf is currently the Medical Director of the Department of Pain Medicine, Palliative Care and Integrative Medicine at Children's Minnesota. He is the President-elect of the Special Interest Group of Pain in Childhood of the International Association for the Study of Pain and the 2016 recipient of the Elizabeth Narcessian Award for Outstanding Educational Achievements by the American Pain Society. Dr. Friedrichsdorf established Education in Palliative and End-of-life Care Pediatrics, an international program for teaching pediatric palliative care, with funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. As an expert educator,

Dr. Friedrichsdorf has been invited to teach his course, Pediatric Pain Master Class, throughout the world. Additionally, Dr. Friedrichsdorf is an associate editor of the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, and has published more than 65 peer-reviewed articles and contributions to more than 25 books on the subjects of pain and palliative care.

If approved for an SFP appointment by the Board, Dr. Friedrichsdorf will hold a full-time faculty position as Professor of Pediatrics with a clinical emphasis on the management of pain, palliative care, and integrative medicine for the Benioff Children's Hospitals at UCSF. Dr. Friedrichsdorf will assist UCSF in establishing a Center of Excellence in pediatric pain management and integrative medicine at UCSF's Mission Bay and Oakland campuses. UCSF has demonstrated that Dr. Friedrichsdorf is academically eminent to hold a full-time professor clinical faculty appointment at UCSF.

EDUCATION:

Medical School

University of Luebeck, Faculty of Medicine  
Germany: 1990-1998  
Graduated: 1998

Postgraduate Training

University of Witten/Herdecke, Vest Children's Hospital  
Germany: 1998-2003

University of Sydney, Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Australia: 2003-2005

University of Witten/Herdecke, Vest Children's Hospital  
Germany: 2005-2005

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Friedrichsdorf for an SFP at UCSF, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(c)(1).

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REQUESTED ACTION:

- 1) Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (SFPRC) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Yoginder Singh, M.D., pursuant to California and Business Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND:

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At the SFPRC's March 25, 2020 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from Loma Linda University (LLU), School of Medicine. Daniel Giang, M.D., Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, Professor of Neurology, LLU, presented LLU's request for Dr. Singh to receive an SFP. Dr. Giang indicated that Dr. Singh's expertise in the field of neonatology, specifically in the area of functional neonatal echocardiography, will allow LLU to continue with the strategic development of a neonatal hemodynamics fellowship. He explained that Dr. Singh will provide the expertise needed to create a local Point of Care Ultrasonography (POCUS) in the intensive care training center that LLU has been unable to find elsewhere. Dr. Singh's recognized experience in teaching other clinicians new and important tools related to the practice of functional neonatal echocardiography will improve the management of sick newborns at LLU.

Dr. Singh is currently a distinguished faculty and recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award (CEA) at the Cambridge University Hospitals in the United Kingdom. Dr. Singh is a pediatrician certified and double boarded in neonatology and cardiology subspecialties. He is the academic, educational, and research lead for the National Pediatrician with Expertise in Cardiology Special Interest Group (PECSIG). Dr. Singh developed and established the guidelines for the practice of functional neonatal echocardiography. Under the auspices of the European Society of Pediatric and

Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC), he developed training programs for the practice of targeted functional neonatal echocardiograms. In addition to publishing over 60 papers in well-known peer-reviewed journals, Dr. Singh has reviewed books and other manuscripts published in journals such as Pediatrics, Annals of Intensive Care, and Archives of Diseases in Childhood. He has also been asked to review and participate in the vetting of large research grants.

If approved for an SFP appointment by the Board, Dr. Singh will hold a full-time faculty position as professor in the Department of Pediatrics and as an attending physician for the Neonatology Division at LLU. Dr. Singh will work exclusively at LLU, School of Medicine facilities to develop a local POCUS training center allowing intensivists from the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to obtain training and certification in neonatal functional echocardiography.

EDUCATION:

Medical School

Maharshi Dayanand University, Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Medical College  
India: 1991-1997  
Graduated: 1997

Postgraduate Training

Maharshi Dayanand University, Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Medical College  
India: 1998-2001

Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health  
United Kingdom: 2004-2006

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Singh for an SFP at LLU, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(c)(1).