

Dr. Tung Nguyen Appointed HDFCCC Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tung Nguyen, MD, as Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for the Cancer Center. In this new role, Dr. Nguyen joins the HDFCCC senior leadership team.

Building and training a workforce that is diverse, inclusive, and equitable is an important part of our mission and critical to our success. These values are central to our ability to train future generations of scientists and clinicians. While the Cancer Center's efforts in this area are not new, appointing Dr. Nguyen to coalesce and lead them reflects a growing awareness about the value of a diverse biomedical workforce.

Dr. Nguyen is ideally suited to lead DEI efforts at the Cancer Center. He is formerly a UCSF School of Medicine Dean's Diversity Leader for Research and a co-chair of the UCSF Office of Research Task Force on Equity and Anti-Racism in Research. Dr. Nguyen is the leader of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) Integrating Special Populations Core, which is charged with increasing diversity of participants in clinical research at UCSF.

Efforts taking place under his leadership will evolve in response to needs, opportunities, and input from stakeholders including faculty, trainees, staff, patients, and community leaders. They will extend throughout the HDFCCC, align with the UCSF Office of Diversity and Outreach, and complement DEI efforts for the UCSF Office of Research, UCSF School of Medicine and other schools, and UCSF Health.

A first generation Vietnamese American and a refugee, Dr. Nguyen is a graduate of Stanford School of Medicine, completed his residency in medicine at UCSF, and in 1997 joined the UCSF faculty, where he is a Professor of Medicine and holds the Stephen J. McPhee, MD, Endowed Chair in General Internal Medicine. Dr. Nguyen provides primary care to a diverse patient population and teaches medicine, health equity, and

community-engaged research. In the Cancer Center, he co-leads the HDFCCC Cancer Control Program and is a member of the SF CAN steering committee.

Dr. Nguyen has conducted research with diverse populations on cancer control, tobacco control, hepatitis B and C screening, nutrition and physical activity, and end-of-life care. He was formerly a Principal Investigator of the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training, a National Center funded by the National Cancer Institute to address cancer disparities from 2000 to 2016.

Dr. Nguyen is Director of the Asian American Research Center on Health, which has over 30 individual and organizational members dedicated to improving the health of Asian Americans. Dr. Nguyen served as a Commissioner on President Barack Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from 2011 to 2014 and as the Chair of the Commission from 2014 to 2017. Through these roles, Dr. Nguyen has addressed health disparities and health equity through clinical care, research, training, community engagement, and policy.

Given Dr. Nguyen's considerable activism and leadership on DEI issues during his time at UCSF, I cannot think of anyone better to help lead our continuing efforts. Please join me in welcoming him to this role.

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