UCSD Regional Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellowship

Fellowship Director: Matthew Swisher, MD MS
Clinical Sites for UCSD RAAPM Fellowship

Jacobs Medical Center

UCSD Hillcrest

Koman Outpatient Pavilion

Sulpizio CV Center
EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

- **Rotations**
  - Regional Anesthesia at various sites
  - Acute Pain Service at Jacobs Medical Center
  - Elective of your choice

- **Elective opportunities**
  - Clinical research
  - Global health rotation in [Rwanda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwanda)
    - Dr. Swisher | Founder and Director of the East African Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellowship Program (Kigali)
  - Pediatric regional rotation at Rady’s Children Hospital

- **Fellowship tracks (2 per year):**
  - Biomedical Informatics
  - Global Health and Health Policy
**EducaTional Curriculum**

- **Objectives**
  - Master basic single-shot and continuous peripheral nerve block techniques
  - Gain experience managing continuous perineural infusions for inpatients and outpatients
  - Understand how to build/manage a regional anesthesia service
  - Learn how to effectively manage acute pain (multimodal analgesia, epidurals, ERAS) and how to run an acute pain service

- **Structure of fellowship**
  - 4 regional/acute pain service days/week
  - 1 day/week in OR as attending (paid extra, solo or supervision)
  - Compensated OR/OB attending call readily available
  - Academic or QI project of your choice

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<th>Typical Number of Blocks per Fellow per Year</th>
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<td>Distal blocks (median, ulnar, radial, LABC, MABC, metacarpal)</td>
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**Total Number of Blocks** ~ 1,725
EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

- Conferences
  - UCSD Regional Conference
  - UCIMED/UCSD Regional Conference in Costa Rica
  - COSECSA/University of Rwanda/WFSA Annual Conference in Kigali, Rwanda
  - ASRA
THE BIG QUESTION: ACGME VERSUS NON-ACGME

• Benefits of non-ACGME programs
  • Opportunity to work as attending in OR (and not lose your OR skills your first year out of residency)
  • Greatly supplement your income
  • Greater autonomy
  • Year of fellowship is a great personal sacrifice, so we at UCSD aim to minimize the amount of sacrifice needed to become an expert RAAPM subspecialist

• Benefits of ACGME programs
  • Currently none
  • No standards for block volume or complexity
  • Far in the future, there might be a specialty exam in RAAPM, but until that time there are NO BENEFITS to trainees
  • Going ACGME only benefits individual departments and divisions by making them look more “official”

COMMITTED TO NON-ACGME STATUS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR FELLOWS
# Comparison of Programs

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<td><strong>Volume</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Complexity</strong></td>
<td>Catheter-heavy, many PVBs and ICs</td>
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<td>Mostly performing own blocks</td>
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Research Opportunities

• Clinical Trials
  • Learn how to design and execute clinical trials
  • Peripheral neuromodulation for analgesia
  • Cryoanalgesia for acute pain
  • Acute Pain Service (i.e. benefits of ketamine/lidocaine infusions, ERAS protocols, pain pathways)
  • Comparison of regional anesthesia blocks for various surgeries
  • Currently have 12 ongoing prospective, randomized trials

• Biomedical Informatics
  • Learn statistics and computer programming if interested to supplement research skills
  • National database research on opioid consumption/complications and perioperative outcomes
  • Institutional data analysis on quality improvement, multimodal analgesia, operating room efficiency, and perioperative outcomes
  • Predictive analytics (machine learning, AI) for patient outcomes
UCSD RAAPM FELLOWSHIP

- **Eligibility Criteria**
  - Board certification (or eligibility) in Anesthesiology
  - Current license in state of residency (at time of application)
  - California medical license (when starting fellowship)

- **Fellowship Positions and Application Process**
  - Number of positions = 6-7 total/year with start dates in July, August, and September (flexibility)
  - Application deadline = March 31st (UCSD accepts the ASRA Common Application)
  - Interviews = March
  - Salary = ranges from $110,000-220,000 depending on the amount of OR/OB attending call taken
• Rodney A. Gabriel, MD, MAS – Division Chief
  • Medical School: UCSF | Residency: BWH | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

• Matthew Swisher, MD, MS – Fellowship Director
  • Medical School: Duke | Residency: UCSF/BWH | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

• Engy Said, MD – Acute Pain Service Director
  • Medical School: UCLA | Residency: USC/UCSD | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

• John Finneran, MD
  • Medical School: UCSD | Residency: UCSD | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD
UCSD RAAPM Faculty

- Wendy Abramson, MD
  - Medical School: Thomas Jefferson | Residency: Penn | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

- Jessica Black, MD
  - Medical School: Ross | Residency: Crittenton | RAAPM Fellowship: Virginia Mason

- Rekha Chandrabose, MD
  - Medical School: UNC | Residency: UCSD | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

- Brian M. Ilfeld, MD, MS
  - Medical School: UCSF | Residency: UCSF | RAAPM Fellowship: U of Florida
UCSD RAAPM Faculty

• Bahareh Khatibi, MD
  • Medical School: U of Chicago | Residency: UCSD | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD

• Preetham Suresh, MD
  • Medical School: Case Western | Residency: UCSF

• Jacklynn Sztain, MD
  • Medical School: UCLA | Residency: UCSD | RAAPM Fellowship: UCSD
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