

SCORE Summer Research and Mentorship Program Hosts Six Medical Students

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(Left to right: Lauren Boeckermann, Mulin Xiong, Rich Isaacs, Naz Kandahari, DK Nguyen, Angeleque Hart)

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The SCORE program, an eight-week intensive summer opportunity at the Oakland Medical Center to pursue research and observe clinical care in either Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery or Obstetrics & Gynecology, has just welcomed its six newest medical students. Now in its fourth year with record-breaking application numbers -- more than 120 -- in 2019, the SCORE program pairs students with a faculty mentor to guide them through clinical research and/or quality improvement projects.

The goal of the program is to introduce medical students to clinical research in specific specialties and manage a project from beginning to end, with the ultimate goal of presenting findings at a national meeting or having them published in a peer review journal. Since the program's founding in 2016, more than 20 national presentations and more than 10 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals have been achieved.

While students spend four days per week dedicated to clinical research, they dedicate one day per week shadowing in a clinical field. Every Tuesday students engage in a didactic program with lectures that cover multiple facets of KP, including research but also administrative and clinical elements. Dr. Rich Isaacs, CEO and Executive Director of The Permanente Medical Group, recently came to speak to the SCORE students for the first time given his interest in medical education and the importance and accomplishments of the SCORE program.

"I had a great time with the medical students and know that they have a strong appreciation for our model," Dr. Isaacs said.

Among many topics, Isaacs shared the history of the organization, how it developed, and how KP is able to react to both known and unknown changes in the healthcare environment.

"Many of the students aren't from California, so a lot of them aren't as familiar with the organization," said Dr. Jonathan Liang, Director of SCORE-Oto Program. "These informal talks are a great way for students to learn about the Kaiser Permanente system and hopefully consider coming to practice here after graduating and address health inequities in our communities."

2019 SCORE Summer Research Program Students and Projects

Head and Neck Surgery

DK Nguyen, University of Central Florida College of Medicine (Mentor: Megan Durr, MD)
Treatment of Nasal Obstruction & Outcomes for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Mulin Xiong, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (Mentor: Jonathan Liang, MD)
Knowledge of Biostatistics in Residency Education for Otolaryngologists, Inflammatory Markers in Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease

Lauren Boeckermann, University of Cincinnati School of Medicine (Mentor: Kevin Wang, MD)
Increasing Rates of HPV Vaccination, Predictive Factors for Malignancy in Adult Neck Masses

Robert Hill, Mercer University School of Medicine (Mentor: Alex Rivero, MD)
Cerumen Transplantation for Patients with Chronic Otitis Media

Ob/Gyn

Nazineen Kandahari, UCSF School of Medicine

Angeleque Hartt, SUNY Downstate College of Medicine

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