

2024 Chief Leadership Course

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Dr. Matthew Symkowick Biography:

Facilitator

Matt Symkowick, MD - Program Director, Kaiser Napa-Solano Family Medicine Residency Program, Vallejo. Matt was born and raised in Sacramento, CA. He went to Georgetown University for both his undergraduate (Religious Studies) and medical training. Matt completed residency at UCSF- San Francisco General Family and Community Medicine. He served as a fourth-year Chief Resident at UCSF before fulfilling his National Health Service Corps Scholarship commitment at the Walker Jones Clinic in Washington, DC where he also served as Volunteer Clinical Faculty for Georgetown Department of Family Medicine. Matt came to Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center in 2006. He is the founding Associate Program Director of the Kaiser Permanente Napa-Solano Family Medicine Residency program, and in the Spring of 2023 was selected to be the Program Director. Matt and his founding colleagues recognize the evidence-based impact of biopsychosocial upstream determinants of health, and purposely designed a program to train outstanding full-scope Family Doctors with exceptional skills and knowledge in community medicine and health. The program is committed to recruiting and training physicians who represent the diverse community they serve to provide the most outstanding, equitable care for all members of their communities. Matt is Associate Clinical Professor of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF. He served as Physician in Charge of Kaiser Vallejo Medical Center from 2018 to 2023.

Matt is deeply passionate about teaching and clinical and leadership skills, and about learning to do so in more equitable ways. He teaches outpatient full-scope family medicine, inpatient medicine, and quality improvement. Matt believes that every physician teaches and every physician leads. He seeks to develop the next generation of residency program and physician teachers and leaders.