



Lorin M. Scher, M.D.

Philosophy of Care

Dr. Scher treats patients suffering from medical and surgical illnesses in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings, and he believes in an empathic and compassionate approach to patient care. Dr. Scher leads the emergency psychiatry team, and works with a large team of emergency physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, clinical social workers and case managers to stabilize patients who present to the emergency department.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Scher's clinical interests include: Psychosomatic Medicine (consultation-liaison psychiatry), Emergency Psychiatry, Behavioral Health Integration within Primary Care, Telepsychiatry Implementation in Primary Care, and Neuropsychiatry, specializing in Huntington's Disease. Dr. Scher completed his general psychiatry residency training at New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell). During that time, he completed a fellowship at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute. He also completed a psychosomatic medicine fellowship at UC Davis before joining its faculty. He is board-certified in general psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.

Research/Academic Interests

Since 2011, Dr. Scher has collaborated with the ambulatory care leadership team to integrate behavioral health programs across the Primary Care Network. This team has implemented validated screening measures and a stepped-treatment model to improve patient outcomes. The stepped program includes electronic consultations, care coordination services, collaborative care for depression, telepsychiatry services, and embedded psychiatric consultants. Dr. Scher is the principal investigator for an innovation award through the UCD Practice Management Board, and is a co-investigator on a number of research and implementation grants related to behavioral health integration and huntington's disease (funded by AHRQ, CDC, CIRM). He also supervises medical students, residents, fellows and allied-health professionals in a variety of settings within UC Davis Health, including its psychosomatic medicine service, emergency psychiatry service, Primary Care Network, and within the Department of Care Services and Innovation. Dr. Scher also directs medical student education efforts within the Department of Psychiatry. He also serves as chair of the fourth year oversight committee within the school of medicine, which oversees the fourth-year curriculum.

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Residency	New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York NY
Fellowships	New York Psychoanalytic Institute, New York, New York UC Davis, Psychosomatic Medicine, Sacramento CA 2010
Honors and Awards	Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), Northern California Chapter, Team Hope Award for Excellence in Clinical Service, 2017 6th Annual Behavioral Emergencies Conference, 1st Place Resident Poster (Team Award), 2015 UC Davis Department of Clinical Social Services, "Friend of Social Work," Emergency Psychiatry Service (Team Award), 2015 American Psychiatric Association, Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education, 2014 UC Davis Health System Quality Forum, 1st Place Poster (Team Award), 2014 UC Davis Department of Clinical Social Services, "Friend of Social Work," Emergency Psychiatry Service (Team Award), 2014 Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), Distinguished Leader Award, Annual Dinner of Hope, 2012 UC Davis Medical Center, Chief of Staff Award, 2012 Association for Academic Psychiatry, Junior Faculty Development Award, 2011 UC Davis School of Medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), 2010

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