



California Department of Public Health Preventive Medicine Residents 2016-18



Dr. Maggie Ford earned her MD from the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program in 2012, and recently completed residency in Internal Medicine at Kaiser Oakland Medical Center in June 2016. Prior to medical school she obtained a Master of Science in clinical nutrition at Columbia University, which included breast cancer research. During her Internal Medicine Residency she published a manuscript highlighting pediatric racial/ethnic differences in dietary and lifestyle behaviors with regard to moderate and severe obesity. Maggie is very excited to start the Preventive Medicine Public Health Residency Program-Integrative Health Care track through the California Department of Public Health. She will be doing her Master's of Public Health studies at UC Berkeley during the PGY-2 training year, clinical rotations at Lifelong East Oakland Clinic, and she has been placed at the City of Berkeley Department of Public Health for the PGY-3 practicum year.

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Dr. Sefanit Mekuria completed residency in Pediatrics at Kaiser Oakland in 2015. Through her residency she completed a MPH at the University of California, Berkeley in 2015. For her master's project she conducted a needs assessment of the juvenile justice system through key informant interviews. During medical school and her residency she worked in several underserved settings including a rotation with the Indian Health Service and global health rotations in Cambodia, Lesotho, and the Dominican Republic. Throughout her medical training her focus has been on community education to improve health outcomes by taking part of community classes, and community educational initiatives globally and locally. Her research interests include health disparities, obesity prevention in childhood, nutrition and food security, adolescent health, and health policy, particularly issues pertaining to children's and adolescents health. She now returns to training in Preventive Medicine Residency program to further explore her interests in public health with a goal for a career in public health. She is placed at Contra Costa County, Public Health.

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Dr. Christine Wu earned her MD from UCLA School of Medicine and has a background in Anesthesia. Before starting the Preventive Medicine Residency, she worked as a community leader helping establish Yu Ming Charter School, a Mandarin immersion public school. She now returns to health care to attain a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley's School of Public Health and to explore her interests in cancer prevention and patient advocacy. As part of the Integrative Health Care Track, Dr. Wu will be completing an additional 200 hours of Integrative Medicine curriculum. She would like to continue fostering partnerships with communities, using a variety of modalities for engagement, to improve health. She believes the strength and assets of a community can be harnessed to make positive changes to everyone's health. Her interests include the mind-body connection, the integration of non-traditional methods in treating the "whole" person, and how design and spirituality can promote healing. Dr. Wu is placed with the Solano County Department of Public Health.

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