



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 serves as the director of emergency psychiatric services at UC Davis Medical Center and he directs behavioral health integration services across the university's ambulatory care network. Dr. Scher also serves as the medical director for Government and Community Relations at UC Davis Health. He also supervises medical students, residents, fellows and allied-health professionals in a variety of settings within UC Davis Health, including its consultation-liaison psychiatry service, emergency psychiatry service, primary care network, and within the ambulatory case management team.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Scher collaborates with the UC Davis ambulatory care leadership team to integrate behavioral health programs in primary care services. This team has implemented validated screening measures and a stepped-treatment model to improve patient outcomes. The stepped program includes electronic consultations, ambulatory case management services, the collaborative care model (CoCM) for common psychiatric conditions, telepsychiatry services and embedded psychiatric consultants. Dr. Scher is the principal investigator for two studies related to mental health integration within primary care (funded by Archstone Foundation and UC Davis Practice Management Board), and he serves as a co-investigator on a number of research and implementation grants related to service integration and neuropsychiatry (funded by AHRQ, CDC, CIRM).

Title Roy T. Brophy Endowed Chair
Director, Emergency Psychiatry and Integrated Behavioral Health Services
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Education M.D., George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Washington DC 2005

B.A., Columbia University, New York NY 2001

Residency Psychiatry, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York NY 2005-2009

Fellowships Psychoanalytic Fellowship, New York Psychoanalytic Institute, New York NY 2007-2008
Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, UC Davis, Department of Psychiatry, Sacramento CA 2009-2010

Board Certifications American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, General Psychiatry

Professional Memberships Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
American Medical Association (AMA)
American Psychiatric Association
California Medical Association
Central California Psychiatric Society

Honors and Awards Top Doc, Sacramento Magazine, 2019, 2020
Award For Excellence in Mentorship and Professional Development, UC Davis Psychiatry Residency Program
Deans Team Award for Clinical Excellence to the Emergency Department and ED Psychiatry Team, UC Davis School of Medicine
Fellow, Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP)
Huntingtons 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
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
Huntingtons Disease Society of America (HDSA), Distinguished Leader Award, Annual Dinner of Hope, 2012
UC Davis Medical Center, Chief of Staff Award, 2012



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Association for Academic Psychiatry, Junior Faculty Development Award, 2011
UC Davis School of Medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), 2010
Cornell University, Department of Psychiatry, Excellence in Psychosomatic Medicine

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