

Dear Doctor:

On behalf of the San Diego County Medical Society Foundation (SDCMSF), **I invite you to join us as a physician volunteer for Project Access San Diego (PASD)**! As you may have heard among your peers, PASD is a unique volunteer opportunity for local physicians that links low-income, uninsured community clinics patients with specialists who donate their time and expertise to care for this most vulnerable population in their private office setting.

To date, SDCMSF has recruited nearly **600 specialists** in San Diego County to provide care for PASD patients. All patients are adults living under 350% of the Federal Poverty Level and do not qualify for public assistance programs, such as Medi-Cal or County Medical Services. PASD is fortunate to have the support of numerous hospitals, surgery centers, imaging centers, and associated service providers who have also agreed to donate services to support our physicians' volunteer efforts to care for uninsured patients. **Please see our Targeted Impact sheet for a list of our current partners.**

In PASD, all patients have a medical home at one of 80 adult primary care community clinics throughout the county and return there after your short-term consultation that addresses a specific problem. Specialists are asked to see a minimum of 1 patient per year and ideally see 1 new patient per month. Please note that you determine and may change the extent of your volunteerism at any time. Our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jim Schultz, reviews each and every case to ensure appropriateness for specialty care and completeness of work-up before we schedule an appointment with your office. Our case managers do all the groundwork of financial eligibility, scheduling the patient, and coordinating workup or surgeries as needed. PASD also provides free translation and transportation services to ensure a successful visit with you and your office.

As a physician volunteer for PASD, you are giving the medically underserved an opportunity to access critically needed healthcare and also enabling patients to get back to work and providing for their families. One patient who has benefitted immensely from PASD is Maria. Maria's husband works as a construction worker and, due to the economy, only works part-time. Before PASD, Maria said, *"I feel very frustrated, I wish I could work and contribute to the expenses of our household."* After a donated suprapubic sling operation, Maria was able to find employment. Maria now says, ***"My gratitude is not enough to express how I feel, but again thank you for all this great help, you are changing my life"***.

It would be my pleasure to meet with you at your convenience to explain PASD and answer your questions. Please let me know a contact person with whom I may schedule a brief amount of time within your busy timeframe. I can be reached directly at rjohnson@sdcmsf.org or you may **page me** at 619-290-5351. You may also contact Lauren Banfe, Resource Development Director, at 858-565-7930 or Lauren.Banfe@SDCMS.org. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Marshall Johnson, MD
Medical Community Liaison, Project Access San Diego
Past President, SDCMS



**Project Access San Diego (PASD)
Physician Volunteer Commitment Form**

Physician Last Name	Physician First Name	Suffix (MD, etc.)	Specialty
Practice/Group Name	Address	City, Zip Code	
Phone Number	Fax Number	Physician Email	
Office Manager Name	Office Manager Phone Number	Office Manager Email	
Scheduler Name	Scheduler Phone Number	To make an appointment, call: Office Manager Scheduler	
Hospital and Free-Standing Surgery Center Affiliation(s)			
Please provide your DEA # and Exp. Date (needed for Prescription Assistance Programs):			
DEA #:		Exp. Date:	
California Medical Board License #			
How many <u>new</u> patients are you willing to see per year? (ideal is 1 per month)			
Please tell us a little bit about your areas of interest within your specialty:			

Project Access San Diego (PASD) is a program that connects eligible, low-income, uninsured patients with specialists who volunteer to provide free care in their office. PASD will contact you soon to discuss your participation.

Please Return to:
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