



### What is it?

Decision Medicine is a 2 week program that introduces students to the field of medicine through personal mentoring opportunities and site visits with behind-the-scenes access to some of our regional hospitals, clinics and public health centers.

Participants are challenged with real world decisions as they explore the many facets of a career as a physician. The program is limited to a small group of 24 participants each year for maximum impact. Throughout the program they will work in various team configurations, including a one-on-one mentoring opportunity with a local physician in their personal practice.

Additionally, we visit several local hospitals and surgery centers, the famous UC Davis Medical School in Sacramento, the new Kaiser Permanents Hospital in Modesto, and several specialized hospitals in San Francisco to meet and interact with physicians conducting fascinating research in the areas of organ transplantation, brain surgery and other cutting-edge facets of medicine.

### Where is it?

Decision Medicine 2016 will take place in Stockton at various locations, including each of our three hospitals, various clinics and inside actual private offices of participating physicians. In addition, students will go on multiple site visits to local healthcare related organizations, learning first-hand from actual in-the-field experiences. The main drop-off and pick-up location will be the San Joaquin Medical Society, located at 3031 W. March Lane, Suite 222W Stockton, CA 95219. These locations may vary, but parents and students will be informed about the changes at the parent orientation on July 13, 2016.

### What does it cost?

Decision Medicine 2016 is entirely FREE due to generous financial support from Kaiser Permanente and the Health Plan of San Joaquin. Additional support and resources come from the University of the Pacific, St. Joseph's Medical Center, Dameron Hospital, San Joaquin General Hospital, UC Davis Medical School, San Joaquin County Office of Education and California Pacific Medical Center.

Decision Medicine was created by the San Joaquin Medical Society to provide a unique educational experience to students throughout San Joaquin County. With the current shortage of Primary Care Physicians here in the San Joaquin Valley, it is imperative that we equip young intellectuals with whatever it takes for them to go to medical school and to come back to serve our community.



### Teachers

Decision Medicine is designed to provide high-achieving students, preferably from under represented segments of society, the opportunity to explore a career in medicine. We welcome your support and involvement in this program and encourage you to visit us during the sessions and attend some of our site visits to our local hospitals.

We are happy to provide you additional Decision Medicine promotional material created from our live experiences for use in the classroom. We can also arrange for a DM Alum or physician to make a presentation to your group.

### On going support

- Internship opportunities
- Scholarship resources
- Physician shadowing
- MCAT study materials
- Mock college interviews
- Opportunity to have personal statements edited
- Alumni contact list



### Universities that our students have been accepted to:

- University of California-Davis
- University of California-UC San Diego
- University of California-Merced
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of California-Santa Barbara
- University of California-Riverside
- University of Southern California
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- Princeton University
- Brown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Georgetown University
- University of the Pacific
- University of New Mexico
- University of Montana
- Dow International Medical College, in Pakistan
- US Air Force Academy

### Where do I apply?

Applications are only accepted online. All applications are due by March 1, 2016. The initial selection/screening process will be based upon the students Grade Point Average (GPA), answers to several questions and a 200 personal statement essay. The top 36-40 applicants are then invited for a personal interview with a panel of physicians tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016. Decision Medicine 2016 will accommodate 24 students this year and the final selection will be made after reviewing the students completed application with GPA confirmed, the submitted essay and their cumulative personal interview score.

### Contact Us

Apply Online by March 1, 2016

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### ORIENTATION SESSION

Wednesday, July 13th 8:00am-7:30pm

Health Plan of San Joaquin, French Camp, CA

### DAY ONE

Monday, July 18th 8:00am-4:00pm

Full day of team building exercises and ropes course

### DAY TWO

Tuesday, July 19th 8:00am-4:30pm

St. Joseph's Medical Center visit and CPR training

### DAY THREE

Wednesday, July 20th 8:30am-4:30pm

Visits to various area clinics and surgical centers

### DAY FOUR

Thursday, July 21st 8:00am-4:30pm

Students shadow a local physician and have lunch together

### DAY FIVE

Friday, July 22nd 8:00am-5:30pm

Field trip to UC Davis Medical School and Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento

### WEEKEND BREAK

### DAY SIX

Monday, July 25th 8:30am-4:30pm

Dameron Hospital visit and lab projects

### DAY SEVEN

Tuesday, July 26th 8:30am-4:30pm

Community Medical Centers Tour

### DAY EIGHT

Wednesday, July 27th 8:30am-4:30pm

San Joaquin General Hospital - rounds with residents

### DAY NINE

Thursday, July 28th 8:30am-4:30pm

Visit to Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Modesto

### DAY TEN

Friday, July 29th 7:00am-10:00pm

California Pacific Medical Center San Francisco and a special dinner and event at Pier 39

### CELEBRATION BANQUET

Sunday, August 7th 5:00pm