

Nathan Paul Fairman, M.D., M.P.H.

Philosophy of Care
I am a psychiatrist and palliative medicine physician. I see patients in the cancer center and in the hospital. I work as part of a multidisciplinary team of experts, helping to take care of adults dealing with serious illnesses. Our goal is to provide care that is comprehensive and person-centered, aimed at supporting quality of life and easing the burden of suffering, for patients and their loved ones.

Clinical Interests
Dr. Fairman is a psychiatrist and palliative medicine physician. He helps take care of patients with serious illness, both in the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center and in the hospital. His particular clinical interests include serious illness communication, advance care planning, and bioethics.

Research/Academic Interests
Dr. Fairman's academic and professional interests include provider communication, advance care planning, and bioethics - focused on patients dealing with serious illness.

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Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor

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M.P.H., Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston MA 2006
B.A., Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA 1995

Internships
Psychiatry, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2006-2007

Residency
Psychiatry, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2007-2010

Fellowships
Palliative Care Psychiatry, Institute for palliative Medicine at San Diego Hospice, San Diego CA 2010-2011

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Board Certifications

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychosocial Oncology Society
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Select Recent Publications

Reed SC, Bell JF, Miglioretti DL, Nekhlyudov L, Fairman N, Joseph JG. Relationships Between Fear of Cancer Recurrence and Lifestyle Factors Among Cancer Survivors. J Cancer Educ. 2020 Aug;35 (4):669-677. doi:10.1007/s13187-019-01509-2. PMID:30879181.

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