Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable wins Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine at the Parnassus site, Eliseo Pérez-Stable, MD, received the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for his work to increase ethnic diversity within the UCSF community.

Since the start of his UCSF career as an intern in 1978, Pérez-Stable has worked to promote diversity in his research, patient care and teaching and mentoring. “Eliseo is widely recognized as one of UCSF’s most important career mentors for underrepresented trainees and faculty,” says Robert Baron, MD, associate dean and chair of the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Diversity.

Pérez-Stable believes it’s important that the medical profession reflect the demographics of the patients they serve. “We can’t have 33% of the population who are Latino, and less than 5% of physicians who are Latino,” says Pérez-Stable. “It’s beyond language issues… Just as 50 years ago, there were very few women in medicine. Now, women like the fact that they can go to women doctors.”

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