

Diabetes Clinical Endowment Honors Martha Nolte Kennedy, MD

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Many in the diabetes community know Dr. Martha Nolte Kennedy for her belief that all patients should have the support they need to live well with diabetes. A compassionate physician and diabetes educator at UCSF for more than 30 years, Dr. Nolte Kennedy retired from her full-time clinical duties in June 2017.

Starting at UCSF as a Dorothy Frank Diabetes Fellow, Dr. Kennedy dedicated her professional life to caring for individuals with diabetes, educating them and their families on how to manage the condition, and training the next generation of physicians and diabetes educators.

As director of the Diabetes Teaching Center ^[1], she led the development of pioneering education programs and workshops that focus on helping patients with diabetes control their blood sugar and manage their condition. The center offers 2- and 3½-day self-care classes and insulin pump workshops, as well as one-on-one sessions.

“Whenever I learn of a new diagnosis of diabetes within my circle of friends or acquaintances, my first piece of advice to them is to attend the educational workshops offered by the UCSF Diabetes Teaching Center,” said Pierluigi Zappacosta, a longtime friend of the center. “The Diabetes Teaching Center is a testament to Dr. Nolte Kennedy’s passion for empowering patients with diabetes to understand and manage the challenges of their disease over the long term and maintain a high quality of life,” he continued.

Reflecting on his own experiences, George Hume could not agree more. "Dr. Nolte Kennedy was instrumental in helping me and my family when I was diagnosed with diabetes, and also as my doctor as an adult. The expert care and educational tools she provided have enabled me to live a healthy life with my beautiful children and family, as well as enjoy a successful career. Needless to say, I would not be here without Martha. I will be forever grateful to her and wish her the best on this new adventure in her life," he said.

In honor of Dr. Nolte Kennedy's accomplished career, the UCSF Division of Endocrinology established the Diabetes Clinical Endowment, which will be renamed the Martha Nolte Kennedy, MD, Endowment for Clinical Diabetes on the second anniversary of Dr. Nolte Kennedy's retirement from UCSF.

The endowment's annual payout will support the care and education of diabetes patients as well as the next generation of clinical diabetologists.

For more information about the Martha Nolte Kennedy, MD Diabetes Clinical Endowment or to make a gift, please contact Darrell Young with the UCSF Foundation at (415) 502-8389 or Darrell.Young@ucsf.edu [2].

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