

Moses Grossman, MD

Moses "Mish" Grossman, MD, UCSF professor emeritus of pediatrics, is a national leader who changed the face of public health for children on the city, state and national level during his 40 years at UCSF. His encyclopedic knowledge and acumen are legendary. He has served as chief of pediatric services at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center, vice chair of the department of pediatrics and associate dean of the UCSF School of Medicine. A pioneer who addressed the issues of child abuse and neglect in the late 1960s, Grossman helped establish the Child Abuse Council, an independent watchdog agency to ensure that appropriate services are available for abused children and he continues to serve as an advocate in issues of child abuse and neglect, public education, legislation and funding.

Grossman coordinated pediatric and emergency services at SFGHMC as the designated receiving unit for all trauma, neglect, child abuse and sexual abuse cases in San Francisco. He also worked with underserved communities, establishing grandparent prototype programs for low-income older persons and the Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse Resource Center at SFGHMC for integrated medical and psychosocial services for children and teens who were abused. Grossman was instrumental in establishing the Asian Perinatal Advocates Programs for in-home emotional support and training. He also coordinated community resources with the SF Department of Public Health Department, Department of Social Services, Mental Health Services, the police and the courts which established the SF Child Protection Center in 1989. The Center is named in Grossman's honor and serves as the City shelter for children in urgent need of placement in foster homes.

Grossman has been honored locally, on the state and national level, and served on national societies of pediatrics, playing an important role on committees for education and research. Through all of these efforts, Grossman has inspired several generations of physicians, public officials and countless health and social services providers to follow his example of improving not only the health care, but the lives of children.

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