

MEET THE DOCTORS

OF SCVMC REHABILITATION CENTER



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ABOUT DR. DUONG

Thao Duong, MD, graduated from University of California, Davis School of Medicine. She completed her residency program at Stanford University and Clinics. Dr. Duong has been honored for her outstanding teaching services and has made important contributions to brain injury rehabilitation research, including her work with the Northern California TBI Model System of Care.

She remains a tireless advocate for her patients and for all individuals with disabilities. In 2012, she was named as the recipient of the James Thompson, MD, Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Duong helps direct a team of brain injury specialists in a multidisciplinary approach to rehabilitation that SCVMC helped develop and continues to refine. Because the team cares for a large number of patients with similar diagnoses, they bring an exceptional degree of experience and expertise to each patient. As a result, SCVMC exceeds the national average in helping patients return to their communities with a higher level of independence.



IN HER WORDS

THOUGHTS ON COMMITMENT: Rehabilitation is different from other areas of medicine. We get to see great improvements but there's nothing comparable to a surgical "fix" or anything like a cure. So there has to be even more commitment on the part of our rehab team and I see it every day. It's very gratifying to experience the dedication they bring to their work and I'm also inspired by the commitment that family and friends offer their loved ones with brain injury.

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: Teaching and research are important to me, but patient care is my first love in medicine. It's rewarding to me as a physician, but also on a personal level, to see people make strides in their recovery. Helping patients along that very challenging journey from catastrophic injury to a return back to the best possible quality of life is why, if I had it to do over, I would take the same career path.

FOCUS ON PATIENTS: Today's shorter stays in rehab mean we have less time to help people adjust physically and emotionally to a life changing event. So we have to be even more creative. As a result, patients have a rehabilitation plan tailored to their specific needs and a lot of individual attention from each member of the team. This personalized approach makes a big difference in helping people transition back to their homes and communities.

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