

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: January 4, 2019
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee
Recommendation
STAFF CONTACT: April Alameda, Chief of Licensing

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (SFPRC) recommendation to approve Fabrizio Luca, M.D., FASCRS, for appointment as Chief of Colorectal Surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC), section 2168.1(c)(1).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all of the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1. The Board is also authorized to approve division chief or head or as a nontenure track faculty appointments pursuant to BPC, section 2168.1(c)(1).

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine, only within the medical school and its affiliated institutions, which the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The SFPRC is comprised of two Board members, one who is a physician and one who is a public member, and one representative from each of the 11 allopathic medical schools in California. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

At the SFPRC's December 7, 2018 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from the LLUSM.

Daniel Giang, M.D., Associate Dean, School of Medicine, LLUSM, presented LLUSM's request for Dr. Luca to be appointed as chief and provided the SFPRC with his qualifications.

Dr. Luca's area of expertise is surgery, specifically, in the area of robotic rectal cancer surgery.

At the January 22, 2016 Board meeting, Board Members approved SFPRC's recommendation to issue Dr. Luca an SFP. Subsequently, on September 23, 2016, Dr. Luca was issued an SFP.

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Henry Roger Hadley, M.D., Dean, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs-LLUSM, and Carlos Garberoglio, M.D., FACS, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery-LLUSM, submitted a written request to the Board requesting that Dr. Luca be appointed as chief of Colorectal Surgery, for his significant impact to the Department of Colorectal Surgery and his qualifications for the position.

Dr. Garberoglio indicated that Dr. Luca has become a significant and strong member of LLUSM's Department of Surgery and has led the Division of Colorectal Surgery in the direction of continuous growth. As a result of Dr. Luca's significant impact to the department, LLUSM has received recognition for high performance designation for colon cancer surgery.

Dr. Luca has assisted in the advancement and development of robotic programs in the specialty of colorectal, esophagogastric and pediatric surgery. LLUSM recognizes Dr. Luca's participation in local colorectal programs and his request to speak at the European Federation for Colorectal Cancer Jubilee Congress at the Southern Eastern European Robotic Surgery Society, and at the European Summit in New York. Currently, Dr. Luca is working on implementing an enhanced recovery after surgery protocol in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Luca possesses excellent surgical skills and is a leader in improving the system of surgical care at LLUSM.

If approved for chief by the Board, Dr. Luca will serve as the Chief of Colorectal Surgery at LLUSM.

Dr. Luca has taught numerous lessons in the field of surgical oncology and minimally invasive surgery for the General Surgery Residency Program, and actively participates in the Objective Structural Clinical Evaluation for LLUSM's medical students.

Dr. Hadley indicated that Dr. Luca has been involved in numerous lectures and presentations that has driven the Division of Colorectal Surgery in a direction of further expansion. As a result of Dr. Luca's training and skills, Dr. Luca has assisted in launching different specialties in using robotics and different techniques. Dr. Luca also participates in LLUSM's Patient Progression meetings. LLUSM has demonstrated that Dr. Luca has the qualifications and expertise to serve as the Chief of Colorectal Surgery at LLUSM.

EDUCATION:

Medical School:

University of Milan Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	Italy	1983-1990
Graduated October 24, 1990		

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Postgraduate Training:

University of Milan First Aid and Emergency Surgery	Italy	1990-1995
Oncology & Surgery Paolo Baffi (fellowship)	Italy/Ireland	1995-1996

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Luca for Chief of Colorectal Surgery at LLUSM, pursuant to BPC, section 2168.1(c)(1).