



Ann Poncelet, M.D.

Department and Position: Professor of Clinical Neurology, Mr. and Mrs. David George Rowe and Stephen W. Rowe Endowed Chair for Teaching in Neurology at UCSF.

Career Profile: She is engaged in the challenge of clinical training in medical school. As the Neurology Clerkship Director, she collaborates with Dr. Lowell Tong, the psychiatry medical education director, in ongoing curricular innovations in UCSF's joint clerkship, including integrated case-based web modules, a combined case conference, and assessment of core clinical competencies. They led a task force in 2005 to develop new models in clinical education, with particular emphasis on the third year. This was part of a larger effort at UCSF to develop a new sustainable clinical training program for undergraduate and graduate medical education. As the Clinical Innovations Steward, Dr. Poncelet helped engage faculty at San Francisco General Hospital and the VA medical center to develop third year pilot programs incorporating core educational principles identified by the clinical innovations task force. She is now co-directing a one year integrated clerkship at the University's medical center which launched in April 2007. Dr. Poncelet is partnering with the International Consortium of Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships to evaluate the efficacy of this model across multiple medical schools.

Dr. Poncelet's medical education research focus is on the transition to the clinical clerkship year. A qualitative analysis of how US medical schools address this transition of their curricula has just been accepted for publication in *Academic Medicine*. A follow up quantitative analysis is underway. With Dr. Tong, she is conducting a retrospective study of objectives, curricular design, methods and outcomes of an experiential and reflective curricular innovation using modern educational principles to prepare medical students for their role as clinical clerks.

On the clinical side, Dr. Poncelet is a neuromuscular specialist and an electromyographer. Her area of clinical research interest is neuromuscular disease and clinical neurophysiology, more specifically neuromuscular complications of systemic illness, small fiber neuropathy and diabetic peripheral neuropathy.

Personal Profile: She was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. Her parents are both from Belgium and French was her first language. While a government major in college with an interest in international relations, she discovered the brain and changed direction towards medical school during her sophomore year. Dr. Poncelet's outside interests include singing, bass guitar, sailing, cooking, baseball, and ultimate frisbee. Dr. Poncelet's wonderful 12 year old daughter is interested in science, gymnastics and softball, while her husband is the director of engineering at Live365.com, an internet radio broadcasting company.

