

Dean of UCSD's Medical School to be Dr. Joseph Stokes III

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Davis, California-- Establishment of the University of California Medical School at San Diego moved another step forward today with the selection by The Regents of the University of a first Dean of Medicine for the San Diego Campus.

President Clark Kerr and Chancellor Herbert York announced that Dr. Joseph Stokes III, distinguished internist and former member of the staff of medical schools at Harvard and Johns Hopkins University, would head the new San Diego program.

The University of California presently has medical schools at San Francisco and Los Angeles. Preliminary planning is under way for a fourth medical school, on the Davis Campus.

Dr. Stokes is scheduled to take up his duties at San Diego on January 1, 1964. The new medical school is expected to admit its first students in 1966 or 1967.

Dr. Stokes, 39, has served the past two years as a special consultant for medical education planning at the Queens Hospital and University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Prior to that he spent approximately ten years in various assignments in the Harvard University School of Medicine as a research fellow in preventive medicine, as Chief of the Family Health Program, medical officer for the University, and as an associate in preventive medicine.

In addition to his work in medical education, he has engaged in significant research in the fields of preventive medicine, infectious diseases, and epidemiology of essential hypertension in coronary artery disease, particularly as related to genetics.

Dr. Stokes received his medical degree at Harvard University in 1949 and served an internship in Johns Hopkins Hospital. He served two years as a research fellow in preventive medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

He received his Bachelor's Degree at Haverford College in 1944. His wife and three children expect to take up residence in San Diego next summer.