Regenerative lecture focuses on spina bifida treatment

Next on tap for Sacramento State’s Topics in Regenerative Medicine fall lecture series is “New Directions in the Treatment of Spina Bifida.” Dr. Diana Lee Farmer, M.D., FACS, FRCS, chair of the Department of Surgery for the UC Davis Health System, will discuss her current research focusing on a novel stem cell therapy for repairing damaged neural tissue in spina bifida patients at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, in University Union Ballroom I. The event is free and open to the public.

Farmer is an internationally renowned fetal and neonatal surgeon known for her skilled surgical treatment of congenital anomalies and her investigations on the safety and effectiveness of providing spina bifida treatments before birth. She completed her medical degree and internship at the University of Washington in Seattle, her general surgery residency training at UC San Francisco and her pediatric surgical training at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Farmer came to UC Davis in 2011 from UC San Francisco, where she was chief of pediatric surgery, vice chair of surgery and surgeon-in-chief of the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital; and a professor of surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences.

Presented by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Center for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Excellence, this lecture series is funded through a California Institute for Regenerative Medicine grant in collaboration with the UC Davis Stem Cell Program.

Questions may be directed to the Center for STEM Excellence at (916) 278-2789 or stem@csus.edu. For more information on the series, contact Rosalee Carter at carterrc@csus.edu.

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