



Dr. Alexander Keliimoeanu O'Haleakala Smith

Alexander Keliimoeanu O'Haleakala Smith was born in Hilo Hawaii. Sadly, his family moved to East Lansing, Michigan when he was 6 months old. He is a proud graduate of the University of Michigan, though in sporting events he roots for both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Dr. Smith received his medical school training in the UC Berkeley/UCSF Joint Medical Program. He completed a primary care internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) followed by two fellowships, a one-year clinical fellowship in Palliative Medicine at BWH and Dana Farber Cancer Institute, followed by a two-year General Internal Medicine Fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, including an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Smith returned to UCSF in July 2008 as faculty in the Division of Geriatrics.

Dr. Smith's research is focused on improving quality of life and patient-physician communication for older adults, particularly those with a limited prognosis.