



# 2021 CTSI Summer Fellowship Program Mentors

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<b>Elizabeth Barnert, MD</b> <a href="mailto:Ebarnert@mednet.ucla.edu">Ebarnert@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Pediatrics	The intersection between health and youth incarceration
<b>Eden Brauer, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:ebrauer@ucla.edu">ebrauer@ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor	UCLA School of Nursing	Nursing	Research Expertise: Cancer, Cancer Survivorship, Symptom Assessment and Management, Quality of Care, Cancer Care Delivery, Health Services, Supportive Care
<b>Alejandra Casillas, MD</b> <a href="mailto:acasillas@mednet.ucla.edu">acasillas@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor of Medicine in Residence	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Latino Health, Health Communication, Access to medical care and health technologies among underserved populations, Immigrant Health, Health Disparities, Community Partnered Research
<b>Rebecca Dudovitz, MD, MSHS</b> <a href="mailto:RDudovitz@mednet.ucla.edu">RDudovitz@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Pediatrics	Improving academic performance in school age children and she is interested in better understanding the relationship between health and education and on finding ways to improve educational outcomes for students in high-risk populations.
<b>Theodore Friedman, MD, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:theodorefriedman@cdrewu.edu">theodorefriedman@cdrewu.edu</a>	Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Molecular Medicine Endowed Professor of Cardio-Metabolic Medicine Lead Physician	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	Endocrinology	Obesity, diabetes, effect of drugs of abuse on the endocrine system

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<b>Maria Han, MD, MS</b> <a href="mailto:Mhan@mednet.ucla.edu">Mhan@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Chief Quality Officer for the UCLA Health Department of Medicine	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Dr. Han is interested in population health and innovations in primary care delivery. Her work focuses on improving the delivery of preventive care and chronic disease management in practices across the Department of Medicine. Recent work has targeted cancer screening completion rates, vaccination rates, and outcomes in diabetes and chronic kidney disease. She serves on several UCLA Health committees to champion quality improvement and preventive care, including the Population Health Executive Management Committee, the Quality Measurement Improvement Committee, the UCLA Health Quality Council and the Primary Care Council.
<b>Ron Hays, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:drhays@ucla.edu">drhays@ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	patient-reported outcomes (health-related quality of life, patient experiences with health care) and health-related behavior
<b>Katherine Kahn, MD</b> <a href="mailto:kkahn@mednet.ucla.edu">kkahn@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor and Associate Chief of Research UCLA Department of Medicine	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	measurement and improvement of quality of care across the continuum of care from prevention, to risk reduction, to timely diagnosis, initial decision making and treatment, follow-up treatment and surveillance spanning the community, ambulatory care.

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<b>Joseph Ladapo</b> <a href="mailto:jladapo@mednet.ucla.edu">jladapo@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Associate Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	(1) patient-centered approaches to improving the health of individuals evaluated for coronary artery disease, and (2) behavioral economic interventions to promote sustainable cardiovascular health, including among adults with HIV. He also leads the health economic and quality of life evaluation of multiple NIH-funded randomized trials focused on cardiovascular disease and tobacco cessation.
<b>Fola May, MD, PhD, Mphil</b> <a href="mailto:FMay@mednet.ucla.edu">FMay@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Vatche & Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases; Staff Physician, Division of Gastroenterology, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; Director, Melvin and Bren Simon Gastroenterology Quality Improvement Program; Core Investigator, VA HSR&D Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy; Co-Director, Global Health Education Programs, UCLA Center for World Health; Assistant Director, UCLA STAR Program	UCLA David Geffen School Medicine & Veterans Administration	Division of Digestive Diseases	black-white disparities in colorectal cancer incidence, screening and outcomes

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<b>Tannaz Moin, MD, MBA</b> <a href="mailto:tmoin@mednet.ucla.edu">tmoin@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor of Medicine Assistant Director, Specialty Training and Advanced Research (STAR) Program	David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA HSR&D Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System	Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Dr. Moin's areas of expertise include comparative effectiveness research, pragmatic trials, and implementation science. She is an investigator on several federally funded research studies focusing on the implementation and evaluation of health system- and health insurance-partnered interventions for patients with diabetes, prediabetes and/or obesity across a variety of settings.
<b>Keith Norris, MD, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:kcnorris@mednet.ucla.edu">kcnorris@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor of Medicine	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Chronic kidney disease, Hypertension, Health disparities, Spirituality and health
<b>Flavia Pirih, DDS, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:fpirih@dentistry.ucla.edu">fpirih@dentistry.ucla.edu</a>	Associate Professor	UCLA School of Dentistry	Periodontics	Understanding of the basic and clinical aspects of periodontitis and peri-implantitis, with the ultimate goal of developing new strategies to prevent and treat both conditions.
<b>Nadereh Pourat, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:pourat@ucla.edu">pourat@ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA Fielding School of Public Health	Health Policy & Management	Access to Care of Underserved Populations, Disparities in Outcomes of care, Patient Outcomes within Safetynet System, oral health access and workforce, Medicaid, undocumented and immigrant populations, patient-centered medical home, primary care redesign.
<b>Francisco Ramos-Gomez, DDS, MS, MPH</b> <a href="mailto:frg@dentistry.ucla.edu">frg@dentistry.ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA School of Dentistry	Pediatric Dentistry	Pediatric dentistry with specific focus and research in the areas of early childhood caries (ECC) prevention, oral disease risk assessment, and community health with an emphasis on underserved populations.

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<b>Catherine A. Sarkisian, MD, MPH</b> <a href="mailto:csarkisian@mednet.ucla.edu">csarkisian@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Geriatrics	Reducing low-value care for older adults, using the electronic health record to improve health care value, pragmatic trials, community-partnered research
<b>Adam Schickedanz, MD, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:ASchickedanz@mednet.ucla.edu">ASchickedanz@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor in Residence	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Pediatrics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social determinants of health</li> <li>2. Adverse Childhood Experiences</li> <li>3. Clinical social needs screening and upstream interventions</li> <li>4. Medical-Financial Partnerships</li> <li>5. Health equity and disparities</li> <li>6. Clinical integration of social determinants interventions among low-income families</li> </ol>
<b>Magda Shaheen, MD, MPH, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:mashahee@cdrewu.edu">mashahee@cdrewu.edu</a>	Co-Leader, Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design, Program Director, AXIS Research Design and Biostatistics Core Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology Internal Medicine Member, CTSI Associate Professor In-Residence, Ophthalmology	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	Ophthalmology and Internal Medicine	Cardio-metabolic, cancer and health service research. Survey research methods and clinical research and applications, evidence based medicine
<b>Steve Shoptaw, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:SShoptaw@mednet.ucla.edu">SShoptaw@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Family Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences	Addictions, especially for those living with or at risk of HIV.

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<b>Chelsea Shover, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:CLShover@mednet.ucla.edu">CLShover@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor-in-Residence	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Dr. Shover is an epidemiologist who works at the intersection of psychiatry and infectious disease. She has ongoing projects related to overdose, implementation of medications to treat opioid use disorder, HIV, LGBTQ health, homelessness, and COVID-19 vaccination efforts in federally-qualified health centers.
<b>Arturo Vargas-Bustamante, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:avb@ucla.edu">avb@ucla.edu</a>	Associate Professor	UCLA Fielding School of Public Health	Health Policy & Management	Unexplored or underexplored topics on access to health care, predominantly among Latinos/Hispanics and immigrants in the United States and the comparative analysis of health care delivery systems in Latin American countries.
<b>Jennifer Wagman, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:jennwagman@ucla.edu">jennwagman@ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Professor Director of Violence Prevention Research, UCGHI Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment Center of Expertise	UCLA Fielding School of Public Health	Community Health Sciences	Social epidemiology; qualitative research; population-based research; research ethics; intimate partner violence; campus-based sexual assault and dating violence; HIV/AIDS; congenital syphilis; alcohol and substance use problems; global health; Uganda and sub-Saharan Africa; sexual and reproductive health and rights; addressing violence in the health sector; gender disparities in health.
<b>Sindy Wei-Mester, MD, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:Swei@mednet.ucla.edu">Swei@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Assistant Clinical Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	Radiological Sciences	Emergency radiology, Abdominal and Pelvic imaging (CT, MRI, ultrasound, X-ray, Women's and obstetric Imaging), Cross sectional interventional radiology. Ablation of metastatic gynecologic tumors, surveillance of chronic liver disease, imaging biomarkers, quality improvement and artificial intelligence.

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<b>Dorothy Wiley, PhD, RN, FAAN</b> <a href="mailto:dwiley@sonnet.ucla.edu">dwiley@sonnet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA School of Nursing	Nursing	Epidemiology. Topics: Men's and women's health as it relates to sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and HPV infection, and their intersection. Also, my work includes risk factors for infection and disease acquisition (incidence) and progression (persistence and clearance) and population surveillance for cervical, oropharyngeal and anal HPV cancers and precancers.
<b>Karen Woo, MD</b> <a href="mailto:kwoo@mednet.ucla.edu">kwoo@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Associate Professor of Surgery	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine & Veterans Administration	Division of Vascular Surgery	hemodialysis vascular access, health services research
<b>Fariba Younai, DDS</b> <a href="mailto:fyounai@dentistry.ucla.edu">fyounai@dentistry.ucla.edu</a>	Professor of Clinical Dentistry	UCLA School of Dentistry	Oral Biology & Medicine	Oral health issues in HIV infection
<b>David Zingmond, MD, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:dzingmond@mednet.ucla.edu">dzingmond@mednet.ucla.edu</a>	Professor	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research	Clinical care and outcomes in three topic areas: the elderly receiving long-term care, HIV/AIDS, and hospitalized persons receiving surgery and Medicare and Medicaid policy.

