Pediatric Residency Program
Better Care Through Diversity

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At Children’s Hospital Los Angeles we celebrate diversity in all its forms. We are excited to share more about our patients, faculty and programs.

IMPACT Project Track
The IMPACT (Improving Medicine: Pediatricians and Communities Together) Project track provides a focused, longitudinal experience, which includes either a community-based project or policy work. Residents make a positive impact on their community while learning to develop and implement a child advocacy intervention.

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Research at CHLA
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is well-known for research in a variety of fields, including health disparities and health advocacy. The Saban Research Institute of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is among the largest and most productive pediatric research centers in the Western United States.

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Children’s Hospital
Los Angeles Community

Our Patient Population

- Hispanic Latinx - 65%
- White - 17%
- Asian - 4%
- Black - 5%
- Other - 9%
Ashaunta Anderson, MD
Division of General Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Baylor College of Medicine
Fellowship: Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program
Academic/Research Interests: Early school readiness and racial socialization, health disparities, quality improvement in the management of sickle cell disease
Personal Interests: All things French, running, reading for fun, traveling
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people!”
Ask Me About: Early childhood racial socialization
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Paibel I. Aguayo-Hiraldo, MD
Division of Hematology-OncoLOGY, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics – University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine
Fellowship: Pediatric Hematology and Oncology – Baylor College of Medicine, Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant – Baylor College of Medicine
Academic/Research Interests: Bone marrow transplant for non-malignant disorders, including primary immune deficiencies and immune dysregulation disorders, as well as the use of alternate donors, specifically umbilical cord blood for stem cell transplant. Improvement of treatment and supportive care for post-BMT complications, including graft vs. host disease and transplant-associated microangiopathy and adoptive immunotherapy to treat viral infections. Disparities in access to immunotherapy between different ethnic and socioeconomic groups in our community and across the U.S.
Personal Interests: I have a newly found love for cooking. I also enjoy hiking, more so if there are waterfalls along with the trail, spending time with my family working on DIY projects. I love theater, classical music, and dancing.
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “I love my team; it is a very diverse group on training, mentality, and ethnicity as well as on clinical research/areas of interest, and what is most important, they are happy to share their knowledge with the entire team.”
Ask Me About: I am open to discuss pretty much anything. I can also share my experience in issues such as being the first doctor in the family and being a Hispanic female in medicine.
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Fatuma Barqadle, MD
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Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator), Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: INOVA Children’s Hospital
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Medical education, diversity and inclusion in academic medicine, complex care
Personal Interests: Reading, travel, hiking, interior design
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The wonderfully unique patients we get to serve and the amazing people I get to work and grow with.”
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Fernando Beltramo, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC

Residency: Miami Children’s Hospital
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Academic/Research Interests: Noninvasive monitoring, ECMO, mechanical ventilation, neurocritical care
Personal Interests: Soccer, rugby, philosophy, travel
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Working with an exceptional group of people.”

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Ashley Bennett, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC

Residency: University of Oklahoma
Fellowship: Community and Societal Pediatrics–University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville

Academic/Research Interests: Environmental and social determinants of health, child rights, social justice, integrative medicine, community-based participatory research, media and health, trauma-informed care, parental incarceration and child health
Personal Interests: Street art, time banking
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people! I feel so lucky to work with a group of friendly people who are all very passionate about child health.”

Ask Me About: Collaborating with people and organizations in the community to address the root causes of health disparities. Let me know if you would like to explore options for creating holistic programs to improve child well-being.

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Melissa Bent, MD
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Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery,
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Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Fellowship: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Academic/Research Interests: Medical education, children
with special health care needs, pediatric back pain,
derunderrepresented in medicine (UIM) pipeline programs

Personal Interests: Travel, kayaking, yoga

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The dedication to the mission to
genuinely treat kids better and the support to do so.”

Ask Me About: Musculoskeletal pediatrics
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Patty Rae Castillo, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine
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Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Academic/Research Interests: Obesity prevention education,
health disparities and underserved populations

Personal Interests: Exploring Los Angeles, traveling, dancing,
green living

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people! Here, you are
surrounded by great minds, true innovators and friends. It’s a
lovely atmosphere.”

Ask Me About: Health care in underserved communities,
pediatric obesity prevention, women in medicine
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Head, Division of Hospital Medicine, Children’s Hospital
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Clinical Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator),
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Residency and Chief Residency: Children’s Hospital
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Academic/Research Interests: Business development, hospital
operations, faculty development

Personal Interests: Sports (rugby, football, basketball), art

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The patients we serve.”
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Lily Chattopadhyay, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine
of USC

Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Academic/Research Interests: Global health, education,
refugee health

Personal Interests: Sleeping, ballet and other dance forms,
social justice, eating all the foods, my kittens

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The camaraderie
with coworkers.”
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Mallory Chavannes, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: University of Western Ontario
Fellowship: University of Montreal
Advanced Fellowship: University of British Columbia
Academic/Research Interests: Monitoring of inflammatory bowel disease, and transition of care adult setting
Personal Interests: Photography
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “We have a supportive and diverse group of physicians, nurses and allied health professionals truly dedicated to serve the children of Los Angeles. It is an inspiring environment to be in.”
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Jolene Collins, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland
Academic/Research Interests: Medical education, community outpatient pediatrics, health inequalities
Personal Interests: Bouldering, travel
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “My inspiring and amazing colleagues.”
Ask Me About: Women in medicine or health care delivery in underserved communities
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Sylvia Del Castillo, MD
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Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator), Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency and Chief Residency: Phoenix Children’s Hospital/ Maricopa Medical Center
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Abdominal perfusion in neonates with single-ventricle congenital heart disease
Personal Interests: Music, singing, movies, wine, family
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people I work with.”
Ask Me About: Critical care medicine or what it means to be a physician leader
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Jon Detterich, MD
Division of Cardiology, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Cardiovascular disease in patients with sickle cell anemia
Personal Interests: Being with my family, especially my kids; most water sports—surfing, swimming
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The dedication of the people who work here and the families of the children who are treated here.”
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Alicia L. Easley, MD
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Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator),
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Residency: UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

Academic/Research Interests: LGBT community, community hospital medicine, medical student education

Personal Interests: Singing, surfing

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Collaboration with community hospitals; there is enough going on so that most can find a niche.”

Ask Me About: LGBT and women of color in medicine
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Bianca Edison, MD, MS
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Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics, Keck School of Medicine of USC

Residency and Chief Residency: UCLA

Academic/Research Interests: Female athletes, injury prevention, nutrition, overuse injuries

Personal Interests: Spending time with my family, athletics (ballet, tennis, swimming, skiing, hiking, running, yoga), cooking, diversity issues and topics

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The hospital is a supportive environment!”

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Lourdes Escalona, MD
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Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Bedside clinical teaching, school-based health care delivery and community health advocacy
Personal Interests: Family time, travel, sports, art and photography
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The patient population and talented staff.”
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Juan Espinoza, MD
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Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Digital media, technology, and their role in medicine and medical education
Personal Interests: Music, cooking, cycling
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The community we have here. It’s absolutely wonderful.”
Ask Me About: Let me know if you would like to talk about … anything!
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Gladys Felix, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: UCLA
Fellowship: Community Medicine–Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center
Academic/Research Interests: Early child language, school readiness, care of children with medical complexity, care of underserved populations, health advocacy
Personal Interests: Exploring L.A. and traveling abroad, yoga and hiking, hanging with family and friends, eating ethnic cuisines
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “I am surrounded by colleagues who are not only well-trained and talented, but who are also incredibly mission driven. Our faculty truly cares for the most vulnerable and underserved patients in Los Angeles and we do it with pride.”
Ask Me About: Latinos in medicine, women in medicine, protecting health rights for immigrant populations and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) youth
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Jeanine E. Hall, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Process improvement, emergency department throughput, access to appropriate and timely health care
Personal Interests: Spending time with my husband and two daughters, traveling, tennis
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Great team members dedicated to providing amazing care to our patients, and the farmers market.”
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Yvonne (Bonnie) Gutierrez, MD
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Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Fellowship: Academic General Pediatrics – Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Children with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial differences, children with infantile hemangiomas, residency education in continuity clinic
Personal Interests: Running, music, soccer
Ask Me About: Working as a Latina physician in a diverse, large urban community
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Senta Georgia, PhD
Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Academic/Research Interests: Diabetes, regenerative medicine, stem cells
Personal Interests: Gastronomy
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The potential to affect patient care.”
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Joyce Javier, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Stanford University
Fellowship: Academic General Pediatrics – Stanford University
Academic/Research Interests: Addressing child health disparities among Asian-Americans, engaging Filipinos in evidence-based preventive parenting interventions and cross-cultural communication
Personal Interests: Family time with my husband and two daughters, reading, crocheting
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “My colleagues, diverse patient population, excellent child care for faculty/residents.”
Ask Me About: Health disparities research, behavioral health promotion among Filipino youth, or women in medicine
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency and Chief Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Medical education and educational scholarship
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people!”
Ask Me About: Working with a primarily Spanish-speaking and underserved population
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Academic/Research Interests: Addressing child health disparities among Asian-Americans, engaging Filipinos in evidence-based preventive parenting interventions and cross-cultural communication
Personal Interests: Family time with my husband and two daughters, reading, crocheting
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Ask Me About: Health disparities research, behavioral health promotion among Filipino youth, or women in medicine
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Fasha Liley, MD
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Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Fellowship: Nephrology – Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Transplant Nephrology – Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Academic/Research Interests: Hypertension, medical education, preventive care

Personal Interests: Triathlons, cooking

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The passion, intelligence and commitment my colleagues display taking care of patients and training residents.”

Ask Me About: Global health, work-life balance, collaboration at CHLA, utilization management

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Kira Molas-Torreblanca, DO
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC

Residency and Chief Residency: University of Nevada, Reno

Academic/Research Interests: Medical education, fellowship education, postpartum screening in inpatient setting, transitions of care from hospital to home

Personal Interests: Tennis, cooking (I am a total “foodie”), photography and traveling around the world

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “I love the people I work with, I feel privileged to work at one of the best children’s hospitals, and I love the farmers market at CHLA!”

Ask Me About: Women in medicine, diversity at CHLA or work-life balance

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Marwa Moustafa, MD
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Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Academic/Research Interests: Special education, medical professionalism, doctor-patient communication

Personal Interests: Reading, cooking, travel

Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Phenomenal colleagues, variability/individuality in career paths, ample opportunity for professional advancement and growth.”

Ask Me About: Global health, work-life balance, collaboration at CHLA, utilization management

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Mona Patel, MD  
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Residency and Chief Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
Academic/Research Interests: Community and legislative child health advocacy, medical home, caring for underserved populations, community health, health services utilization  
Personal Interests: Cooking, yoga, Rollerblading, reading, hanging out with family and friends  
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The people (patients, staff and my colleagues)!”  
Ask Me About: Mentorship for minority health care opportunities  
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Cynthia E. Muñoz, PHD, MPH  
Division of General Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC  

Fellowship: Pediatric Psychology–Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
Academic/Research Interests: Behavioral health issues associated with pediatric insulin-dependent diabetes; health disparities and underserved populations with a focus on the Latino diabetes community  
Personal Interests: Running, music, travel  
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The families we serve and the resources that are available to them at CHLA.”  
Ask Me About: Pediatric psychology expertise to answer complex problems, including the impact of depression, anxiety and learning disabilities on diabetes management and Latino behavioral health  
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Pia S. Pannaraj, MD, MPH  
Division of Infectious Diseases, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC  

Residency: University of California, San Diego  
Fellowship: Baylor College of Medicine  
Academic/Research Interests: Maternal-infant vaccinations, impact of microbiota on immune development and vaccine response, global health, global vaccine advocacy  
Personal Interests: Family, travel  
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Diversity of patients.”  
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José Carlos D. Polido, DDS, MS
Head, Division of Dentistry and Orthodontics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Associate Professor of Clinical Dentistry, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC
Residency: Advanced Program in Pediatric Dentistry–Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC (Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center)
Academic/Research interests: Oral health care for children with special health care needs, in particular autism and craniofacial anomalies
Personal Interests: Music, food, family, friends and sports—especially soccer, volleyball and tennis
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Health care as a team sport—everyone is so encouraging and supportive of each other.”
Ask Me About: Brazilian soccer and BBQ!
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Carlos Pelayo, MD
Division of Pediatric Surgery, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency and Chief Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Fellowship: University of Chicago Medicine, Comer Children’s Hospital
Academic/Research Interests: Enteric nervous system physiology and molecular mechanism of intestinal pain and inflammation, pediatric surgical outcomes, surgical innovation
Personal Interests: Music, art scene, L.A. culture and leisure traveling
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The culture that strives to provide the best-quality care for children in Los Angeles.”
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Niurka Rivero, MD
Division of Critical Care, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Fellowship: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Academic/Research Interests: Leadership training and personal development in medicine
Personal Interests: My family, church, reading, crafts
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Its heart for children.”
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Danieli B. Salinas, MD, MS
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Stanford University, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital
Fellowship: University of California, San Francisco
Academic/Research Interests: Cystic fibrosis, clinical translational research
Personal Interests: Surfing, biking and playing the drums
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Friendly environment.”
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Christopher Russell, MD
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Academic/Research Interests: Respiratory infections in children with medical complexity, particularly children with tracheostomies
Personal Interests: Ballroom dancing, musical theater, live music and dance performances, travel
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “Working with exceptional colleagues and thankful families and patients.”
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Alvaro Serrano, MD
Division of Medical Genetics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator), Keck School of Medicine of USC
Residency: Pediatrics – Saint Barnabas Hospital
Fellowship: Medical Genetics and Clinical Biochemical Genetics – UPMC Children’s Hospital
Academic/Research Interests: Inborn errors of metabolism and rare orphan disorders
Personal Interests: Walking my two cats with my wife
Favorite Thing About CHLA: “The wide array of specialties and services available to patients. The care and compassion of the staff for patients.”
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Michelle Thompson, MD, MACM  
Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Division of General Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator), Keck School of Medicine of USC  

**Residency and Chief Residency:** Anatomic Pathology–SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
**Fellowship:** Surgical/Gastrointestinal Pathology – Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital  
Pediatric Pathology – Harvard Medical School/Boston Children’s Hospital  

**Academic/Research Interests:** Congenital disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, inflammatory disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, pediatric solid tumors  
**Personal Interests:** Gardening, hiking, sightseeing  
**Favorite Thing About CHLA:** “A great working environment with a special sense of camaraderie at all levels.”  
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Jasmine Smith, MD, MBA  
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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine of USC  

**Residency:** University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix Medicine  
**Chief Residency:** Phoenix Children’s Hospital  
**Academic/Research Interests:** Adults with chronic diseases of childhood, business of medicine  
**Personal Interests:** Financial literacy, health care finance, plant-based diets  
**Favorite Thing About CHLA:** “The diverse patient population, collegiality, and the mission to serve the underserved.”  
**Ask Me About:** URM recruitment and retention  
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**Residency and Chief Residency:** Anatomic Pathology–SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
**Fellowship:** Surgical/Gastrointestinal Pathology – Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital  
Pediatric Pathology – Harvard Medical School/Boston Children’s Hospital  

**Academic/Research Interests:** Congenital disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, inflammatory disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, pediatric solid tumors  
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**Residency:** Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
**Academic/Research Interests:** Medical education  
**Personal Interests:** Reading, music, dogs  
**Favorite Thing About CHLA:** “The people (staff and patients)! Learning something new EVERY day.”  
**Ask Me About:** Providing care for the medically undeserved, careers in academic medicine  
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