



Upcoming Meetings

-American College of Physicians Regional Meeting, October 5, 2024 (submission deadline 8/26/24), Orange, California: <https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/chapters-regions/united-states/california-chapter/news-meetings#2024>

-American College of Physicians 2025 National Meeting: April 3-5, 2025, New Orleans, LA: <https://annualmeeting.acponline.org/registration/internal-medicine-meeting-2025-registration>

-Society for General Internal Medicine 2025 Annual Meeting, May 14–15, 2025, Hollywood, Florida: <https://www.sgim.org/event/2025-sgim-annual-meeting/>

Scholarly Activities Newsletter



Publications, Projects, and Updates

- Please join us for our **brown bag research and scholarly activities interest group meetings**. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Zoom. Join members of the Research Committee for an informal chat about ideas for projects and collaborations. Whether you are just getting your feet wet or are passionate about research, all are welcome! Please check the Zoom link sent by Nerissa Leonardo each month for the meeting invitation.
- Congratulations to the **2024 GIM Mini Grant Awardees: Dr. Ruth Abeles** (An Innovative Approach to Teach Preoperative Assessment for Primary Care Residents Using the Jigsaw Teaching Method: A Pilot Study), **Dr. Melissa Wong** (Introduction of a Medical Billing and Coding Curriculum to Internal Medicine Resident Clinic), and **Dr. Dhwanil Vyas** (Enhancing Treatment Adherence and Improving Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Coexistent Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Chronic Kidney Disease)!
- **Dr. Amy Sitapati** received a new grant award from NIH “All of Us” as the site PI overseeing UCSD, El Centro, and Calexico. She was also appointed to the following new roles: advisor for the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics Workgroup on Timely and Strategic Action to Inform ICD-11 Policy; national adviser for the AMIA BMHI ALC equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workgroup; UC Advisor for the Safety Net Institute, State of California advisement on programmatic redesign for Medi-Cal incentive payment redesign; and panelist advisor to HHS Secretary on National Health Information Policy, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics ICD-11 Workgroup. Dr. Sitapati and colleagues also published the following articles, “Generative artificial intelligence responses to patient messages in the electronic health record: early lessons learned,” in *JAMIA Open* in April 2024 and, “AI-Generated Draft Replies Integrated Into Health Records and Physicians’ Electronic Communication,” in *JAMA Netw Open* in April 2024.
- **Dr. Eduardo Grunvald** and coauthors published, “Control of Eating Attributes and Weight Loss Outcomes Over One Year After Sleeve Gastrectomy in People with Severe Obesity,” in *Obesity Surgery* in May

Resources for Scholarly Activity

-The Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST) program provides training in clinical research. [https:// actri.ucsd.edu/centers-services/ portfolio/ education/ crest/ index.html#Curriculum](https://actri.ucsd.edu/centers-services/portfolio/education/crest/index.html#Curriculum)

-The University of California has agreements with multiple publishers to cover some or all **costs of open access publishing**. [https:// osc.universityofcalifornia. edu/ for-authors/open-accesspublishing-at-uc/ publishing-discounts/](https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/for-authors/open-accesspublishing-at-uc/publishing-discounts/)

-The Annals of Internal Medicine has a new online open access journal for **publication of clinical cases**. [https:// www.acpjournals.org/ journal/aimcc/about-us](https://www.acpjournals.org/journal/aimcc/about-us)

-UCSD provides free and discounted **software** for scholarly activities. [https:// blink.ucsd.edu/ technology/ computers/ software-acms/ available-software/ index.html](https://blink.ucsd.edu/technology/computers/software-acms/available-software/index.html)

2024 and "[Stronger Control of Eating 3 Months After Sleeve Gastrectomy Predicts Successful Weight Loss Outcomes at One Year](#)," in *Obesity Pillars* in 2024. He and colleagues also presented the following posters at the annual meeting of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, "PDFD Diagnoses MASH in Patients With Severe Obesity but Without Known Liver Disease" and "Point-of-Care Magnetic Resonance Technology to Measure Biomarkers of Liver Disease." Dr. Grunvald and coauthors also presented the poster, "Endotypic Trait Differences in Obese Patients With and Without Obstructive Sleep Apnea (Annual American Thoracic Society International conference).

•**Dr. Eduardo Grunvald, Dr. Ottar Lunde, Dr. John Clark, Dr. Nikita Mittal, Donya Mazdeyasnan,** and colleagues presented the poster, "Development and Assessment of Obesity Medicine Education in Medical School Curricula: Introduction of the FORWARD Quality Improvement Project," at the UCSD 3rd Annual Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education.

•**Dr. Megha Shankar** and colleagues published the manuscript, "[Cultural challenges for adapting behavioral intervention frameworks: A critical examination from a cultural psychology perspective](#)," in *Clinical Psychology Review* in 2024. She and coauthors also made the following poster presentations at the UCSD Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education in May 2024: "Presence 5 for Trauma Informed Care: Teaching Learners Tangible Practices Towards Bidirectional Healing," "Let's tOSCE!: A Reproductive Justice Telehealth Module for Third-Year Medical Students," "CARE-ing for Patients with Trauma: Integrating Trauma Informed Care into the UCSD School of Medicine Core Curriculum," "UCSDSOM-SURVIVORS Human Rights Clinic: a Student-Led Academic-Community Initiative," and, "Developing, Implementing, and Sustaining Student-led Pre-Clinical Electives to Foster Empathy and Compassion." She and colleagues also presented, "Safety First: Electronic Health Record Integration of Intimate Partner Violence Screening and Response in Primary Care," and "Trying Out TRIADS: Trauma and Resilience-informed Inquiry for Adversity, Distress, and Strengths in Family Planning," at the May 2024 National Society of General Internal Medicine meeting. Dr. Shankar also made the following presentations: "Promoting Racial Justice and Health Equity through the Lens of Medical Ethics" (Ethics Grand Rounds, April 2024), "Trauma-Informed Reproductive Health Care for Underserved Populations" (GLBH 100 Learning to Care for Underserved Populations, April 2024), "Trauma Informed/Preventative Care for Newcomer Women" (CDC Center of Excellence on Newcomer Health ECHO Series, March 2024), and "Intimate Partner Violence Screening and Response" (San Diego Academy of Family Physicians 2024 Annual Meeting, Feb 2024).

•**Dr. Ruth Abeles, Dr. Bernice Ruo, Dr. Namita Sachdev,** and

Highlights from the UCSD Division of Geriatrics & Gerontology

The Division of General Internal Medicine is excited to partner with the UCSD Division of Geriatrics & Gerontology to share news about scholarly activities. Check out the Geriatrics Research Collaborative website if you are interested in learning more and making connections!

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Geriatrics/research/Pages/
Gerontology-Research-
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colleagues made the following poster presentations at the National American College of Physicians meeting and National Society for General Internal Medicine: "Isolated Neurosarcoidosis in a Previously Healthy Young Male" and "Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion in a Young Patient with No Hypercoagulability."

•**Dr. Ruth Abeles, Dr. Namita Sachdev, Dr. Stacey Charat, Dr. Unna Albers, Dr. Simmerjot Jassal, Dr. Melissa Wong, Dr. Deanna Hill, Dr. Nivedita Restraino**, and coauthors presented the poster, "A Two-Year Review: Improving Clinic Handoff for Patients in Academic Resident General Medicine Continuity Clinics at the University of California San Diego," at the National Society for General Internal Medicine conference in May 2024.

•**Dr. Ruth Abeles** and colleagues presented, "Anomalous Systemic Arterial Supply to Basal Segments of the Left Lower Lobe: A Comprehensive Case Report," at the National Society for General Internal Medicine meeting in May 2024.

•**Dr. Beatrice Golomb** was awarded a NIEHS R21 grant, "Uncovering the Short-Term Public Health Impact of Toxin Release in East Palestine, Ohio: Outcomes and Effect Modifiers." Dr. Golomb's is one of six NIEHS funded studies looking at health and/or environmental effects following the train derailment in 2023. The studies were announced by the White House in March 2024. Dr. Golomb and colleagues also have three new manuscripts: "Adverse Effect Propensity: A New Feature of Gulf War Illness Predicted by Environmental Exposures" (*iScience*, August 2023), "Susceptibility to Radiation Adverse Effects in Veterans With Gulf War Illness and Healthy Civilians" (*Scientific Reports*, January 2024), and "Bioenergetic Impairment in Gulf War Illness Assessed Via 31P-MRS" (*Scientific Reports*, March 2024).

•**Dr. Rahul Gupta** and colleagues presented the following posters at the Cardiovascular Research Technologies conference in March 2024: "Gender Disparities In Aortic Valve Replacement Outcomes: Insights From The National Inpatient Sample" and "Aortic Valve Replacement: Does Hospital Location and Size Matter?" He and colleagues also presented three posters at the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions conference in May 2024: "Outcomes of Mechanical Circulatory Support in STEMI Patients with Cardiogenic Shock: Insights from the National Inpatient Sample," "Intravascular Ultrasound in Percutaneous Coronary Interventions: A Nationwide Overview of its Use and Outcomes," and "Nationwide Outcomes in Intermediate to High-Risk Pulmonary Embolism Treated with Catheter-based Therapies." Additionally, Dr. Gupta and coauthors presented the following posters: "Representation of Women and Racial Minorities in Heart Failure Clinical Trials: A Systematic Review. (American College of Cardiology conference, April 2024) and "Racial Disparity in Hospitalized Atrial Fibrillation Patients Outcomes: Should We Care? (Heart Rhythm conference, May 2024), and "Chronic Kidney Disease

and In-hospital Outcomes in TAVR Patients. New York Valves” (The Structural Heart Summit, June 2024). He and colleagues published the following abstracts: “Representation of Women and Racial Minorities in Heart Failure Clinical Trials: A Systematic Review” (Journal of the American College of Cardiology, April 2024) and “Aortic Valve Replacement: Do Hospital Location and Size Matter?” (Cardiovascular Interventions, February 2024). Dr. Gupta and colleagues published the following manuscript, “Acetazolamide and Hydrochlorothiazide in Patients With Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: Insights From Recent Trials” in *Cardiology Research* in April 2024. He additionally has three articles either submitted for review or ready to submit for review.

- **Dr. Edward Chao** served as Chair of the planning committee for the recently-released interactive American Diabetes Association Institute of Learning CME course, Beyond the Basics: Unraveling Challenging Type 2 Diabetes Cases. The link below provides more details and registration for this complimentary case-based webinar and discussion: <https://professionaleducation.diabetes.org/ProductInfo/BTB24LIVE>

Making Connections



- **Dr. Ruth Abeles** has a Resident Transition Project (Year 3). If anyone is interested in collaborating, please contact Dr. Abeles at rabeles@health.ucsd.edu.
- Please contact any of the Research Committee members at the email address(es) below if you would like to chat about research or scholarly activities. We are here to help! If you have updates on your scholarly activities that you would like to share, please email **Dr. Melinda Chen**.

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