



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>

-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-access-publishing-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>

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

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.
- Dr. Crystal Cené** and colleagues published the manuscript, *“Community-Based Doula’s - Can Clinicians Share Power to Improve Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes?”* in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in December 2023. **Dr. Cené** also received notice of award for a R25 training Research in Implementation Science for Equity grant from the National Institute of Health. **Dr. Cené** and a team from UCSD also received a \$5 million grant to launch the Center for Learning Health Systems Science.
- Dr. Eduardo Grunvald** delivered the keynote presentation, “Advances in the Treatment of Obesity,” at the 34th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry in December 2023. He also presented, “Anti-Obesity Therapies and Cardiovascular Disease: No More Breaking My Heart,” at the 24th Annual San Diego Heart Failure Symposium in February 2024.
- Dr. Melinda Chen** and colleagues published the manuscript, *“High-Performing Teamlets in Primary Care: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis,”* in the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* in December 2023.
- Dr. David Bittleman** published the manuscript, *“The PACT Act of 2022 changed my patient’s life,”* in the *Journal of Military and Veterans’ Health* in February 2024.
- Dr. Megha Shankar** and colleagues had an oral presentation, “Trauma Inquiry and Response in Perinatal Settings: An Application of TRIADS,” accepted for the National Perinatal Association Conference in May 2024. She and colleagues presented the poster, “Introducing Empathy and Compassion Towards Refugees and Immigrants

Upcoming Meetings

The American College of Physicians Annual Meeting will be April 18-20, 2024 in Boston. <https://acponline.org>

The 2024 Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine Meeting will take place on April 14-17, 2024 in Columbus. <https://www.im.org/aimw24/home>

The 2024 Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting runs May 15-18, 2024 in Boston. <https://www.sgim.org/meetings/future-meetings>

Through a Medical Student Elective," at the UCSD Student Research Symposium in January 2024. She gave a virtual webinar, "Trauma Inquiry in Family Planning," for the California Department of Healthcare Services, Office of Family Planning, and the California Prevention Training Center in December 2023. Dr. Shankar also gave two presentations in January 2024: "Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care" (UCSD School of Medicine CARE course) and "Experiencing Homelessness" (UCSD Internal Medicine Residency Program Friday School).

•**Dr. Lawrence Ma, Dr. Jennifer Deconde, Dr. Joseph Diaz, Dr. Melissa Wong, and Dr. Bernice Ruo** had the manuscript, "Type 2 Diabetes-Related Health Measures During the Initial COVID-19 Surge at an Academic Internal Medicine Practice," accepted for publication in *Primary Care Diabetes*.

Highlights from the California/Hawaii Regional SGIM Meeting! (San Francisco, January 2024)

•**Dr. Bernice Ruo** co-chaired the California/Hawaii Regional SGIM meeting.

•**Dr. Megha Shankar** won the Advocacy and Community Service award. She and colleagues presented a workshop, "Trauma Inquiry and Response: Applying the TRIADS Framework into Family Planning Related Primary Care," and a poster, "Trauma Inquiry and Response in Family Planning Settings: An Application of TRIADS."

•**Dr. Bernice Ruo** and **Dr. Jessica Chen** presented two clinical vignettes with medical students: "Dyspnea in a Healthy Active 74 Year Old Male After a Recent Mild COVID-19 Infection" (with medical students **Carmel Malvar** and **Beemnet Amdemicael**) and "Incidental Pancreatic Mass in an Asymptomatic 65 Year Old Male" (with medical student **Maimuna Marenah**).

•**Dr. Bernice Ruo, Dr. Christina Schultz,** and medical students **Beemnet Amdemicael** and **Carmel Malvar** presented the clinical vignette, "Subjective Fevers and Chills After a Safari Trip in South Africa."

•**Dr. Joseph Diaz** and medical student **Jagdeep Toor** presented, "Unusual Presentation of Celiac Disease: Neurological Symptoms in a Female Patient."

•**Dr. Armenia Sani, Dr. Jessica Chen, Dr. Miriam Hakim,** and **Ashley Watt** presented the clinical vignette, "Dig Deeper: When Cellulitis Does Not Improve with Several Courses of Antibiotics."

•**Dr. Pearl Yu** and medical students **Grace Feng** and **Katherine Lee** had four posters: "Urine Trouble: A Rare Presentation of Extranodal Lymphoma" (2nd place), "Blood in the Semen: An Unusual Case of Latent Syphilis," "Mystery Parotid Mass: A Rare Presentation of

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!

<https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/Geriatrics/research/Pages/Gerontology-Research-Collaborative.aspx>

Extranodal Lymphoma" (1st place), and "Recurrent Rash : An Atypical Case of CLL Associated Sweet Syndrome."

Making Connections



- Dr. Edward Chao** is interested in applying human-centered design to improve diabetes care, including technology (such as continuous glucose monitors). If you'd like to discuss collaborating, or have questions, please e-mail: eccchao@health.ucsd.edu; thanks!
- 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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