



Upcoming Meetings

-American College of Physicians Southern California Regional Meeting, September 26, 2026, Orange, CA:
<https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/chapters-regions/united-states/california-chapter/news-meetings#2026>

-Society of General Internal Medicine Southwest Regional Meeting - call for submissions opens August 28, 2026: <https://www.sгим.org/sгим-community/regions/southwest/>

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. Anna Quan, Dr. Kalli Hose**, and colleagues from VA Rheumatology published the article, "Potential Role of Bile Acids as a Microbiome-Derived Mechanism in Synovitis of Knee Osteoarthritis Synovitis" in *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage* in 2026. They and colleagues also published the article, "Targeted Microbial Shifts and Metabolite Profiles Were Associated with Clinical Response to an Anti-Inflammatory Diet in Osteoarthritis," *Nutrients* in 2025.

•**Dr. David Bittleman** and colleague will present the poster, "Preparing to Care: A Curriculum for Teaching Pre-Visit Agenda Setting and Clinical Reasoning Using Open Evidence and AI-Assisted Tools," at the 5th Annual Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education at Rady Children’s Hospital in May 2026. He is also presenting, "When Care Is Available but Not Used: Bridging Engagement Gaps in Suicide Risk within VA Primary Care," at the National Mental Health & Suicide Prevention ECHO in June 2026.

•**Dr. Megha Shankar** and colleagues published the following two articles in *Research in Nursing & Health* in 2026: "Clinicians' Experiences and Recommendations for Implementing Trauma-Informed Care in Perinatal Settings," and, "Clinicians' Perspectives on Providing Trauma-Informed Perinatal Care." She also made the following two presentations: "Bridging Gaps in Women's Health: HPV Self-Collection as a Tool for Equitable and Trauma-Informed Cervical Cancer Screening" (UCLA-Harbor Department

Resources for Scholarly Activities

-Poster printing resources:
[UCSD campus printing](#)
[Scientific poster printing](#)
 *Some conference organizations (e.g., American Diabetes Association) may offer poster printing & delivery directly to the conference

-The CREST program provides training in clinical research.
<https://actri.ucsd.edu/centers-services/portfolio/education/crest/index.html>

-The Annals of Internal Medicine has an 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>

of Medicine Grand Rounds, 2026) and, "Lessons from UC San Diego Health: Primary HPV as a Steppingstone for Equitable and Trauma-Informed Cervical Cancer Screening" (American Cancer Society and California Health Care Safety Net Institute Webinar "Increasing Cervical Cancer Screening Rates Through HPV Self-Collection Confirmation," 2026).

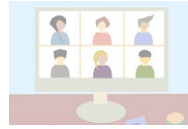
•**Dr. Jeanette Schnierle, Dr. Eric Mendez, and Dr. Megha Shankar** presented the poster, "Bridging the Social Gap: Empowering General Internists to Address Social Determinants of Health," at the UCSD Department of Medicine Research Day in 2026 and at the 2026 Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting.

•**Dr. Jeanette Schnierle, Dr. Ottar Lunde, Dr. Deanna Hill, and Dr. Tanner Slayden** delivered the poster abstract, "Promoting Primary Care: A Novel Third-Year Medical Student General Internal Medicine Mini-Clerkship Utilizing a One-Minute Preceptor Model," at the UCSD 5th Annual Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education in 2026.

•**Dr. Jeanette Schnierle** and colleagues presented the following oral abstract, "Use of Simulation to Teach Cross-Cultural Care in High-Acuity Medical Scenarios," at the 2026 International Refugee and Migration Health Conference in 2026. She and her colleague also delivered the poster abstract, "Simulation-Based Education to Promote Health Equity and Practice Inclusive Communication in High-Acuity Scenarios," at the UCSD 5th Annual Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education in 2026.

•**Dr. Eduardo Grunvald**, in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Alberta, co-authored the following two articles: "[Protective Effects of Plant-Based Diet Against Colorectal Carcinogenesis Via Modulation of Key Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms: A Comprehensive Review of Evidence](#)," in *Current Oncology* and, "[Effectiveness and Safety of Setmelanotide in a Patient with a Heterozygous PCSKI Deficiency](#)," in *Obesity Pillars*. With colleagues from the Department of Radiology, he also coauthored, "Comparative Precision of 3D-MRE and 2D-MRE for Measurement of Liver Stiffness in Adults with Severe Obesity," in *Radiology*. Dr. Grunvald and colleagues from the Departments of Reproductive Medicine and Family Medicine also delivered the poster presentations, "Contraceptive Counseling Practices Among Physicians Prescribing Anti-Obesity Medications," at the Annual Obesity Medicine Association meeting in 2026. He also delivered a lecture at the Annual Meeting of the Obesity Medicine Association, "Metabolic Bariatric Surgery in Patients with Liver Disease," in 2026.

Making Connections



- As discussed at recent GIM forums, if you have ongoing or new collaborative research projects, please add them to this shared [sheet](#).
- 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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