

Chapter Member Spotlight



Name: David Fezell, M.D.

Practice location: Santa Monica, CA

Number of years in practice: 14 years

I grew up in southwest Ohio and went to medical school at the University of Cincinnati. I came to California for residency at UCLA and have been a primary care pediatrician at UCLA Santa Monica Pediatrics since completing my training.

What do you do before work that sets the tone for your day?

I have a brutal commute down the PCH, and I find that the cruise along the coast helps me to come to work ready to see patients.

What are some challenges or struggles that you face at work?

I find that practicing medicine at this time lends itself to challenges maintaining autonomy while working in larger systems.

How do you work through or overcome your challenges or struggles?

I try to focus on patient care, which has always been my passion and the part of pediatrics I enjoy.

After work, what do you do for your own wellness?

I try to spend time with my family and stay active by playing tennis, swimming, and walking in the mountains.

From what/whom does your inspiration or motivation stem?

I had a wonderful pediatrician in Ohio, Dr. Jim Davis, who has mentored me and set a great example for me to follow.

Wellness Tip: What is the one thing you would recommend to our readership to do each day to take care of oneself?

My personal motto is: “The best day of my life, as usual”, and I try to live by that by consciously reflecting on the positive experiences I have each day.