

36th Annual AAP-CA2 Advances In Pediatrics Symposium
May 30, 2025 at The Garland Hotel

Speaker Bios



Caring for Children in Immigrant Families - 8:10AM - 8:50AM

Colleen Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP (Intro by Dr. Ruiz)

Speaker Bio: Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP is Professor of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine/University of Southern California and attending physician at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She co-directs IMPACT (Improving Medicine, Pediatricians and Communities Together), which is the pediatric residency advocacy track at CHLA. Dr. Kraft is the 2018 Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the 2024 AAP Media Visiting Professor. She received her undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech, her M.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University, and her MBA from the University of Cincinnati. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Kraft is known for her work in integrating care for children with developmental disabilities and behavioral health conditions into primary care pediatrics.



How to Diagnose and Treat ADHD in a Busy Practice - 8:50AM - 9:30AM

Edward S. Curry, MD, FAAP (Intro by Dr. Ruiz)

Speaker Bio: Dr. Edward Curry has been a pediatrician with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCMPG) at Kaiser Fontana Medical Center for the past 40 years. He specializes in general pediatrics, autism, learning, and behaviors. Dr. Curry currently serves as the Chairperson for the AAP Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Clinical Practice Guideline Subcommittee. He has also been involved in various leadership roles and committees within the AAP, including serving as the past president of California Chapter 2, Chairperson of the National Nominating Committee, and a Member of the Bright Futures Steering Committee.



Comprehensive Pediatric Obesity Care - 10:10AM - 10:50AM

Alaina Vidmar, MD, FAAP (Intro by Dr. Ruiz)

Speaker Bio: Dr. Alaina Vidmar is an Associate Professor in Pediatric Endocrinology, a Board-Certified Pediatric Obesity Medicine Specialist, and the Director of Obesity Medicine and Bariatric Surgery at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Vidmar received her medical degree and completed her residency in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. She completed her fellowship in Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's Hospital

Los Angeles.



Advances of AI in Healthcare & Pediatrics - 10:50AM - 11:30AM

Sharief Taraman, MD, FAAP (Intro by Dr. Ruiz)

Speaker Bio: Dr. Sharief Taraman is dual board-certified in Child Neurology and Clinical Informatics. He formerly served as Division Chief of Pediatric Neurology at CHOC and UC Irvine, where he remains an active staff member. Dr. Taraman holds academic positions at UC Irvine, UC Riverside, and Chapman University. Actively involved in the medical community, he has leadership roles in the American Academy of Pediatrics and serves on

various advisory boards. Dr. Taraman is globally recognized as an innovator in pediatrics, contributing to the development of FDA-designated breakthrough devices and receiving prestigious grants.

Currently, Dr. Taraman is the CEO of Cognoa, where he previously served as Chief Medical Officer, leading clinical trials that resulted in FDA authorization of Canvas Dx, an AI-based diagnostic device for autism in young children.



“But I Did My Own Research”: Combatting Medical Misinformation - 11:30AM - 12:10PM

Solomon Behar, MD, MPH (Intro TBD)

Speaker Bio: Solomon Behar, M.D., is a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Columbia Emergency Medical Group. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in general pediatrics and pediatric emergency medicine. Dr. Behar has been practicing pediatric emergency medicine in Southern California for 10 years. He/she graduated from University of Nevada School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship at

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. His practice focuses on care of the acutely ill and injured child. His special interests include medical education and pediatric disaster medicine. He is the senior medical editor of the international Continuing Medical Education (CME) podcast Pediatrics Reviews and Perspectives (Peds RAP) and a regular contributor to the CME podcast Emergency Medicine Reviews and Perspectives (EM RAP).



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Ilan Shapiro, MD, MBAA (Intro TBD)

Speaker Bio: Ilan Shapiro, MD is the Senior Vice-President and Chief Health Correspondent and Medical Affairs Officer for AltaMed Health Services. He supports strategies for external health communications, advocacy, and community relations. As the Chief Health Correspondent for

AltaMed, Dr. Shapiro works closely with the Public Affairs, Community Affairs, Government

Relations, and Civic Engagement departments to help expand community health and wellness initiatives.

Dr. Ilan Shapiro has been with AltaMed since 2016, and has made a significant impact on the organization and the greater communities it serves. He is a tireless advocate for health care equality, with a deep affinity for innovation and public health policy, especially relating to the Latino population.

Dr. Shapiro has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic as a leading health expert, providing care, education and information. He has become a trusted media resource for both regional and national news outlets, including CNN, NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo, and Univision. At AltaMed, he is the face of our Community Affairs digital segment Conversaciones Vitales. Born from the pandemic, the episodes seek to educate the community and prevent any disinformation around important health topics as well as provide reliable information around common health care concerns.



Tiny Patients, Big Responsibility: Cultivating Antimicrobial Stewardship in Pediatric Care - 1:30PM - 2:10PM

Felice Adler, MD, FAAP (Intro By Dr. Baker)

Speaker Bio: Felice C. Adler, M.D., FAAP, is a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and practices Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California where she is also the Director of Pediatric Antimicrobial Stewardship. She earned her medical degree from Vanderbilt University

School of Medicine and completed her internship and residency training at the Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at The University of California, Irvine and Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Adler currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society and an Assistant Editor for the Journal of Clinical Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacterial Diseases. She has a particular interest in antimicrobial stewardship, neonatal infections, tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections.



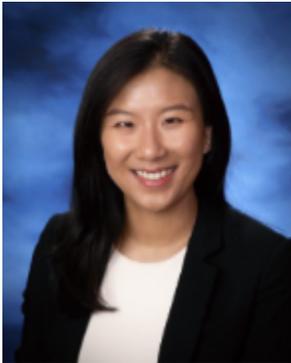
Post-Fire Threats to Children's Health - 2:10PM - 2:50PM

Gina Solomon, MD, MPH (Intro By Dr. Goldstein)

Speaker Bio: Gina Solomon, M.D., M.P.H. is the Chief of the Division of Occupational, Environmental and Climate Medicine at UCSF. In this role she oversees clinical occupational and environmental health at UCSF Health, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and the San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center. She is also the Program Director of the UCSF Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency program, teaches

medical and nursing students, and leads the research efforts in the Division.

Before coming to UCSF, Dr. Solomon founded and directed the Achieving Resilient Communities program at the Public Health Institute, where she worked from 2018-2023. From 2012-2018 she was appointed by Governor Brown as the Deputy Secretary for Science and Health at the California Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Solomon previously served as the director of the occupational and environmental medicine residency program at UCSF from 2008-2012, the associate director of the UCSF Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit from 2003-2009, and as a Senior Scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) from 1996-2012.



Increasing Firearm Screening in Resident Pediatric Well-Child Checks - 2:50PM - 3:30PM

Tiffany Chen, MD (Intro By Dr. Burdekin)

Speaker Bio: Tiffany Chen, MD is a second-year pediatric resident at the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. She has always been passionate about injury prevention. In medical school, she completed the National Student Injury Research Training Program. Her prior projects include characterizing methamphetamine trends using data from the National Poison Data System and investigating pediatric eye injuries.



Primary and Dental Care Utilization Among Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in FQHCs - 2:50PM - 3:30PM

Dina Ghanim, BA (Intro By Dr. Burdekin)

Speaker Bio: Dina Ghanim is a third-year medical student at Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine. Dina is interested in Pediatric Dermatology and increasing health care access and utilization for underserved patient populations.