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Healthcare Professionals Panel

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Meet the Panelists

Kian Keyashian, MD

Dr. Keyashian is a gastroenterologist specializing in chronic inflammatory diseases of the GI tract such as Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis. He attended college at UC Davis and medical school at UCSF. He subsequently attended the University of Michigan for internal medicine residency and USC for his gastroenterology fellowship. He currently practices in Stanford, Emeryville. His career goal since his graduation from his inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) fellowship in 2012 has been to improve the outcomes and quality of life of patients with IBD. His research focuses on investigating new noninvasive diagnostic tests and new promising medications with less side effects.

Manpreet Singh, MD, MS

Dr. Singh is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and passionately engages in the clinical, research, and teaching missions in the Department of Psychiatry. Her goal is to accelerate understanding and treatment in youth with or at high risk for developing lifelong mood disorders. Dr. Singh earned her MD at Michigan State University and her MS at University of Michigan. She completed her combined residency training in Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. After two years of postdoctoral training at Stanford, she joined our faculty in 2009. She is Director of the Pediatric Mood Disorders Program and Director of the Pediatric Emotion and Resilience Lab.

Venita Chandra, MD

Dr. Chandra is a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Vascular Surgery. She is also the medical director of the Stanford Advanced Wound Center, the associate program director of the Vascular Surgery Fellowship, and the Vascular Surgery Medical Student Clerkship Director. She is the founder of the Stanford Extremity Preservation Program (StEP). She earned her B.S. degree in Genetics and Cell Biology from the University of Minnesota in 1999. In 2004, she received her MD from the University of Chicago and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Dr. Chandra completed her General Surgery residency at Stanford in 2011 and is a graduate of the Stanford Biodesign program.

Carolyn Rodriguez, MD, PhD

Dr. Rodriguez is Director of the Translational Therapeutics Lab, Assistant Professor, and Associate Chair of Inclusion and Diversity in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University and a Consult-Liaison Psychiatrist at the Palo Alto VA Health Care System. Dr. Rodriguez received her B.S. in Computer Science from Harvard University in 1996, followed by her Ph.D. in Neuroscience and Genetics from Harvard Medical School and M.D. from Harvard Medical School-M.I.T. in 2004. Dr. Rodriguez engages the community to advocate for mental health care and research, writing for Huffington Post and Harvard Business Review and contributing to the Emmy-nominated PBS series, Healthy Minds.

Wilson Alobuia, MD

Dr. Alobuia is originally from Ghana, West Africa, and moved to the United States in September 2008. His family lived in Conway, Arkansas where he went to college at the University of Central Arkansas with a major in Biology and a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. He attended medical school at the University of Arkansas. Currently, he is a General Surgery resident physician at Stanford, with plans to pursue a fellowship in Surgical Oncology or Pediatric Surgery. Throughout his education, he has been involved in several summer healthcare professional programs. Most of his successes he attributes to participation in these programs as they provided him the opportunity to get involved in projects that made him competitive in subsequent applications.
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Melissa Tribble, Au.D.

Dr. Melissa Tribble received her Bachelors of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Miami University (Ohio) in 2002, her Doctorate in Audiology degree from Kent State University in 2006 and joined the pediatric audiology team at Stanford in 2007. She provides a full range of services to cochlear implant candidates and recipients and uses her skillset in pediatric audiology to fill many roles at Stanford Children’s Health, including being the lead pediatric audiologist for the Cleft and Craniofacial team, lead audiologist for the Microtia and Atresia clinic, audiologist on the Cochlear Implant team, and actively involved in clinical education for audiology students. She is also manager for the Pediatric Audiology Department.

Nicole Burwell MSHS, PhD, PA-C

Dr. Burwell is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Primary Care. She currently serves as the Director of Pre-Clerkship Education for the Stanford School of Medicine, Master of Science in PA Studies program. Dr. Burwell is a seasoned clinical PA with almost 20 years of experience in Internal Medicine and Occupational Health. She completed her PA training at George Washington University where she earned a MSHS. She also holds a Ph.D. from Howard University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health. Her research interests include Health Disparities and Nutritional Sciences with a focus on the pivotal role it plays in cardiovascular disease.

Kimberly Hwa, PA

Kimberly Hwa is a board-certified physician assistant (PA) with 8 years of experience in general surgery working at a Veterans Administration university affiliated medical center. She is a clinical instructor and preceptor for the PA program at Stanford and has experience working with and teaching new students in surgery. She has clinical experience in surgical oncology, hepatobiliary and colorectal disease. Ms. Hwa attended community college then transferred to UC Berkeley to earn a Bachelor in Arts in Integrative Biology. She was accepted to medical school but elected to attend Stanford’s PA program. She graduated in 2011 earning her Physician Assistant Certificate from Stanford University and a Masters degree from St. Francis University.

Lisa Muniz, MSN, MBA, RN

Lisa Muniz is a Nursing Professional Development Specialist. She obtained her Associate degree in Nursing from the College of San Mateo and her Bachelor of Science in nursing from San Francisco State University. She then pursued her Master of Science in Nursing and her Master of Business Administration (with an emphasis in healthcare management) from the University of Phoenix. She is also holds a public health nurse certification and is a member of the American Nurses Association. Lisa enjoys her position because she is able to work alongside a team of other nurses who truly demonstrate their passion and commitment to educating and supporting others.

James Goyena, MSN, RN, HCI

James Goyena is an experienced Registered Nurse with over 25 years’ experience with a demonstrated history of working in an Academic Medical Center in Critical Care and currently works as a Nursing Professional Development Specialist at the Center for Education and Professional Development. A strong education professional with Masters in Clinical Faculty and with a Certification focused in Health Care Informatics. He is an active member of American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Association for Nursing Professional Development and Sigma Theta Tau