



Nasim Afsar, MD, MBA is the Chief Ambulatory Officer for UCI Health, with the vision of delivering flawless care for the population of patients in Orange County while creating the best place to work in health care. Dr. Afsar oversees the Contracting Department, Network Development, as well as the population health efforts at UCI Health. She is an internist with extensive experience in ambulatory and inpatient strategy, operations and finance. She has spearheaded innovative programs, such as telehealth and strategic partnerships, to help provide value for our patients and communities. In the past, she has served as the Associate Chief Medical Officer at UCLA Health and President of Society of Hospital Medicine.



Molly Belinski, MPA is the Program Manager for the Participant Recruitment Program at the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Ms. Belinski is managing piloting and implementation of a program to use the UCSF EHR patient portal for recruitment, working with IRB, Privacy, and IT to design a workflow that optimizes privacy, security, and efficiency. She also developed a new front-door recruitment resources website (recruit.ucsf.edu) to give researchers access to high-demand recruitment content such as recruitment planning and budgeting, using social media for recruitment, and recruiting underrepresented populations.



Lars Berglund, MD, PhD is Associate Vice Chancellor for Biomedical Research and the Vice Dean for Research for the UC Davis School of Medicine, overseeing all aspects of the School of Medicine research portfolio, with responsibility for strategic planning, space assignments, matching and bridging funds, and representing the school at the institutional and national level. He works closely with center directors and department chairs in strategic recruitments and development of research initiatives. Dr. Berglund also is emeritus director of the Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC), and was responsible for all of the center's infrastructure activities, including services, education and translational science projects.



Atul Butte, MD, PhD is the Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg Distinguished Professor and inaugural Director of the Bakar Computational Health Sciences Institute (bchsi.ucsf.edu) at UCSF. Dr. Butte is also the Chief Data Scientist for the entire UC Health System. Dr. Butte has authored over 200 publications, with research repeatedly featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Wired Magazine. Dr. Butte was elected into the National Academy of Medicine in 2015, and in 2013, he was recognized by the Obama Administration as a Champion of Change in Open Science for promoting science through publicly available data.



Carrie Byington, MD will assume the position of executive vice president of UC Health, which includes 18 health professional schools, six academic health centers, and more than 14,000 students on seven campuses. She was most recently the vice chancellor of health services at the Texas A&M University System while simultaneously serving as senior vice president of the Texas A&M Health Science Center as well as the Jean and Thomas McMullin professor and dean of the university's College of Medicine, according to the Texas A&M Health Science Center website. Byington was a professor emeritus at the University of Utah School of Medicine, where she worked for more than 20 years.



Dan Cooper, MD is the Chair of UC BRAID, a Professor of Pediatrics at UC Irvine, Chief of the Pediatric Pulmonology Division, and the Founding Director of the Institute for Clinical Translational Science and the Program Director of the UC Irvine Clinical Research Center. His research seeks to identify how exercise can best be used to prevent asthma and obesity in children. Dr. Cooper is particularly interested in new therapies involving both pharmacologic and lifestyle interventions. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Pulmonology. He completed medical school at UC San Francisco, and Pediatric Residency at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center.



Elizabeth Engel, JD is the chief strategy officer for UC Health. She has over 20 years of strategic health policy and regulatory experience spanning government, corporate and nonprofit organizations. She recently served as head of health policy at Google, where she was the global lead policy advisor and strategist for all of Google's products and ventures in the health space. Ms. Engel has also spent significant time in the federal government, including with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Obama-Biden transition team, and the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee. Engel received her Bachelors of Arts from UCLA and completed her Juris Doctor at UCLA School of Law.



Charles P. Friedman, PhD is the Chair of the Department of Learning Health Sciences and the Josiah Macy Jr. Professor of Medical Education at the University of Michigan Medical School, as well as a professor of information and of public health. Dr. Friedman is focused on building a Learning Health System, a health system that can continuously study and improve itself, at the University of Michigan and in the state. Dr. Friedman first explored the concept of Learning Health Systems in 2010 through the Institute of Medicine while at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC).



Laurie Herraiz, RD, CCRP, CIP is the executive director of UC BRAID. She has 20 years of experience in clinical research and research administration at UCSF, where she most recently served as director of the UCSF Institutional Review Board (IRB). Among her many accomplishments was leading the effort to reduce approval times for clinical research. Previously, she served as a bionutritionist at the CTSA's Clinical Research Center, where she conducted metabolic studies. During her eight years at the IRB, Herraiz collaborated on several UC BRAID initiatives and other systemwide projects.



Erick Jenkins, JD
Erick Jenkins is the Manager of UC Davis Health Contracts. Jenkins has spent his career negotiating agreements for UC Davis, UCOP, and UC Davis Health including research grants and contracts, clinical trials, procurement and business agreements and numerous other agreement types with industry, government and nonprofit organizations. Jenkins has worked closely with UC BRAID since its inception and has led the BRAID contracts group several times.



Michael G. Kurilla, MD, PhD is the director of the Division of Clinical Innovation at NCATS. In this capacity, he oversees the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program, which supports innovative solutions to advance the efficiency, quality and impact of translational science, with the ultimate goal of getting more treatments to more patients more quickly. Prior to joining NCATS, Kurilla served as the director of the Office of Biodefense Research Resources and Translational Research within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Kurilla received his M.D. and his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from Duke University.



Anthony Magit, MD, MPH is a pediatric otolaryngologist at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego and a clinical professor of otolaryngology at UC San Diego School of Medicine. He is also the fellowship director for the Otolaryngology division and director of UC San Diego's Human Research Protections program. Dr. Magit's previous positions at Rady Children's include chief of the Otolaryngology division and Hospital chief of staff. Currently, he is the chair of the Physician Well Being Committee and a Telemedicine Physician Champion. His clinical interests include cystic-fibrosis related sinusitis and lymphatic malformations. These are also his research interests, along with research ethics and the development of clinical guidelines.



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Eric Mah, MPH joined the ACTRI Executive Committee in 2015. He is the Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at UC San Diego. Mah is responsible for clinical research administration across Health Sciences and has administrative oversight of the clinical research administrative core units. He is also responsible for ACTRI affiliations and strategic and operational management. Mah has extensive experience in research administration and compliance. Prior to joining UC San Diego, he served as senior director of research compliance at UC San Francisco and program director of regulatory, knowledge and support for UCSF's Clinical and Translational



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Margaret Schneider, PhD is a Research Professor in the Department of Planning, Policy and Design within the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). She is also Associate Director and Director of Evaluation and Pilot Studies within the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science at UCI. Over the past 20 years, Dr. Schneider has conducted independent and team-based research into obesity prevention among adolescents, particularly among youth who are at risk by virtue of economic circumstances and/or physical inactivity.



John D. Stobo, M.D is executive vice president for the University of California's health system, which is comprised of UC's seventeen health professional schools and ten hospitals, including five academic medical centers, known collectively as UC Health. He has oversight responsibilities for the operation of the system and its facilities as well as for the development of systemwide initiatives designed to enable UC Health to successfully meet the challenges of the rapidly changing health care environment. Dr. Stobo also oversees the University of California's self-funded health plans, which provide affordable health care to UC employees and students.



Tam Tran, MPH is the Assistant Director in the Sponsored Projects office with responsibility for the leadership and operations management of the clinical trial industry contracting unit at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). She has 15 years of experience in contracts and grants research administration with experience in both pre and post award (non-financial) functions. Ms. Tran received both her Bachelor's degree in Biology and Master's degree in Public Health with a focus in health services administration from the University of California, Los Angeles and has attained the designation of a Certified Research Administrator.



Joseph Wagner, PhD joined UC-DDC after over 15 years in senior leadership roles in the biotechnology industry. He was the Chief Executive Officer of two publicly traded companies: OncoCyte, a company focused on the development of blood-based cancer diagnostics, and BriaCell Therapeutics, which focused on the development of a cell-based cancer immunotherapy. He also served as President and Chief Technology Officer of Cell Targeting, a regenerative medicine company spun out of the Sanford-Burnham Institute and as Vice President of Cell Therapy at Neuronix, which focused on developing regenerative medicines. Before joining industry, Dr. Wagner was an Associate Professor at the Karolinska Institute.