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A message from our Leadership Team:

As we step into this spring season filled with new beginnings and a promising decline of the COVID-19 surge, we have several news items to share. First, we're thrilled to announce that Dr. Fola May will be joining our leadership team as an Associate Director. Dr. May's contributions to improve preventive health strategies and improve access to healthcare have been widely recognized beyond the campus community. You can read more about Dr. May below in our Center News.

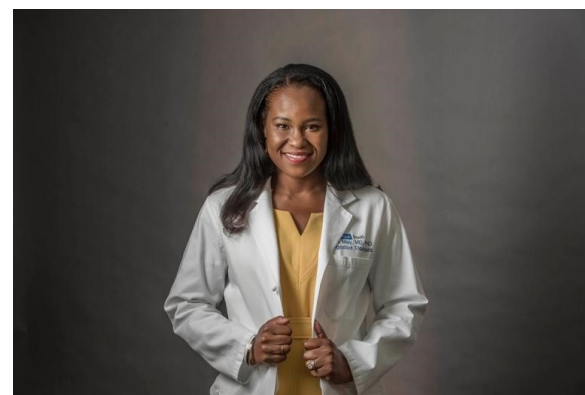
Also in this newsletter, we're proud to announce the eleven organizations that have been chosen as recipients of our 2021 Community Grants Program. This is the first time we limited applications to projects which address cancer disparities, and we were pleased at the number of high-quality proposals that we received.

In addition to our many ongoing research projects, over the last few months our Community Outreach and Engagement team has been working on new initiatives and projects to address the incidence of youth vaping in diverse communities, and providing information on COVID-19 prevention in collaboration with our community partners. You'll find more on all of these exciting efforts by reading on!

With gratitude,
Roshan Bastani, Alison Herrmann, Beth Glenn, and Sylvia Lopez

Center News

Dr. Folasade May Appointed Associate Director



Dr. Folasade (Fola) May, MD, PhD, MPH, joins the leadership of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity this month. Dr. May is an Assistant Professor of Medicine UCLA, Director of Quality Improvement in the Valche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases, and a health services researcher at the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity. Her research aims to improve population preventive health strategies, increase access to preventive services, and eliminate health disparities, domestically and internationally.

"I am thrilled to step into this new role at the UCLA KP Center for Health Equity and look forward to continuing to work with our incredible team to address cancer disparities in Los Angeles and beyond."

Upcoming Events

What is HPV? Why Should My Child Be Vaccinated?



Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4pm PT

Our Associate Director Dr. Alison Herrmann will be a guest speaker on Celebrate Life Today with Pastor Rhonda Holbert. They will discuss the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the long term health benefits of HPV vaccination among youth.

Viewing Options:
Facebook
YouTube
The Hope Broadcasting Network

Breaking Down Barriers Faced by Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients



Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 12pm PT

Our Associate Director, Beth Glenn, along with Al Scheller, Director of Stakeholder Relations at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, will present their findings from a study on barriers to metastatic breast cancer care.

[Register Here](#)

Community Grants Program

The UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity and the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center announce the recipients of our 2021 Community Grants Program to Address Cancer Disparities

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our 2021 Community Grants Program to Address Cancer Disparities. Due to generous contributions to our program from Doctora Monica Salinas and the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, we were able to fund a total of 11 organizations. We look forward to supporting and sharing the critically important health disparities work that each of these groups will conduct over the coming year.

Colorectal Cancer

UMMA Community Clinic – Colorectal Cancer Screening Project
This project aims to increase colorectal cancer screening among patients of this South Los Angeles clinic by sending text reminders, distributing fecal immunochemical test (FIT) kits, and providing incentives to patients who complete a FIT. Funding will also support a Colorectal Cancer Awareness campaign.

Watts Health Care Corporation – FIT Follow Up

The goal of this project is to increase colorectal cancer screening rates among patients by increasing the percentage of fecal immunochemical test (FIT) kits returned as well as to increase the percentage of patients that complete a colonoscopy after having an abnormal FIT through patient navigation and incentives.

HPV Vaccination

Antelope Valley Partners for Health – Antelope Valley HPV Awareness Project

This project will create a promotor-style program focused on human papillomavirus (HPV) education and navigation aimed to increase access to, and acceptance of, the HPV vaccine.

Liver Disease

San Gabriel Valley – Liver Disease Hubs for Education, Testing, and Treatment
Funding will support creation of a new liver disease "hub" in the San Gabriel Valley to provide liver disease education and support to healthcare providers. This project will also support additional inter-agency collaborations to offer education and testing for hepatitis B and C to limited-English and under or un-insured communities in Service Planning Areas 3 and 4 of LA County.

Lung Cancer

South Asian Network – South Asian Lung Cancer Awareness Initiative

This project will develop lung cancer prevention and screening materials, including a video and infographic in several languages, and provide training to prepare patient navigators to share the materials in South Asian communities located in Artesia, Cerritos, and Little Bangladesh.

Vanessa Family Clinic – Building Capacity for Lung Cancer Screening: A Model for Provider Net Providers

This project will seek to increase timely lung cancer screening among patients of this West LA safety net clinic by improving data infrastructure, addressing gaps in provider education, and establishing consistent processes for patient outreach.

Vaping and E-cigarettes

Helpline Youth Counseling – Let's Talk Vape

Funding will support a project to create social media content including videos, images, and educational materials aimed at preventing vaping and use of e-cigarette devices among youth and young adults in Service Planning Area 7 of LA County.

Cancer Survivorship

Cancer Kinship – Improving Cancer Disparities

Funding will enable this organization to provide navigation services and workshops aimed to improve the quality of life of cancer patients in Orange and Los Angeles Counties.

Celebrate Life Cancer Ministry – Ten Dollar Tasty Dishes for Cancer Survivors

Funding will support monthly cooking classes aimed to engage cancer survivors and support healthy eating with a focus on Service Planning Areas 6 and 8 of LA County.

WeSPARK Cancer Support Center – Provider Toolbox: Addressing Disparities in Post-Treatment Care

This project will host English and Spanish workshops aimed to address the physical, emotional and practical concerns of cancer survivors, with a goal of reaching survivors in underserved populations of Los Angeles.

Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation – Cancer Navigation and Survivorship Program

Funding will support education and navigation aimed at improving the outcomes of Vietnamese American cancer patients and survivors in Orange County by addressing socioeconomic and linguistic barriers.

Community Outreach Talks

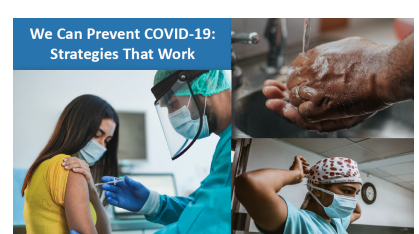
Vaping Prevention in Spanish-Speaking Communities



Our Associate Director Alison Herrmann and Vision y Compromiso discussed strategies for reaching Spanish-speaking communities with vaping prevention and cessation messaging in a national webinar organized by PAVs (Parents Against Vaping and E-Cigarettes).

[Watch Recording Here](#)

COVID-19 Information Sessions



Our Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Sylvia Lopez and UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center member Dr. Diana Marquez-Garbin have been collaborating with our community partners to provide workshops on COVID-19 prevention, vaccines, and effective vaccination messaging strategies.