

**UCI** School of Medicine  
Department of Family Medicine

# Grand Rounds



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## Message from the Chair

Greetings,

UCI Family Medicine and Geriatrics are returning to a new normal as we continue to recover from the pandemic. Faculty and staff recently gathered for our annual retreat to reflect on our progress and select priorities for the year ahead. We emphasized reconnecting **people**, renewing our **purpose**, promoting the health of our **patients** and the **planet**, and enjoyed **play** in the San Joaquin Bird Sanctuary. Nichole Quick, MD, MPH, delivered the keynote address on Health and Climate Change.



We reviewed and recommitted to our core values of Excellence, Professionalism, Sustainability, Salutogenesis, Diversity, and Advocacy to promote health equity.

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## Department and Clinic News



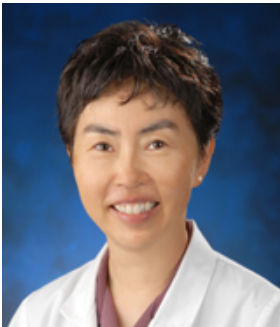
**Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology**



## Alzheimer & Dementia Care for Geriatric Patients

As the demographics in Orange County and the nation change, with ever growing numbers of people over 65 and a sharper increase in people over 80, we are more aware of the role that dementia plays in later years. Alzheimer's disease is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in Orange County; over 12% of those 65 years and older have some form of dementia, as reported in the OC Healthy Aging Initiative.

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## Residency News

With the announcement that Dr. Emily Dow, Residency Program Director (PD), will be retiring at the end of the academic year 2022-23, Dr. John Hann, current Academic Associate Program Director (APD) and FM Hospitalist, will be transitioning to the role as PD in July 2023.

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## FQHC News

### UCI Health Family Health Centers - Anaheim and Santa Ana

The UCI Health Family Health Center is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) with two locations to serve communities in Santa Ana and Anaheim. During 2021, Family Medicine, Pediatric and Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty, staff, residents, and students in the UCI Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy provided care for 24,741 unique patients at our FQHCs. Most patients we served live on incomes less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, many are immigrants, and many do not speak English. The clinics serve communities designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas by the federal government.

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## Discover

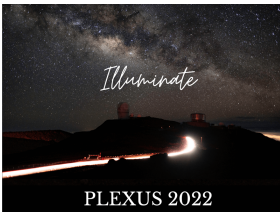


### Scholarship

#### Research Updates

Family Medicine has welcomed three new research faculty in 2022 including **Jaih Craddock PhD, MSW**; **Ursula Worsham EdD**; and **Juliet McMullin, PhD**. This group, along with **John Billimek, PhD**, and **Cynthia Haq, MD**, have established a Family Medicine Research Unit to advance scholarship and discovery in the department through fostering research education, collaboration, creativity, resource navigation and submission of grants.

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### Medical Humanities

#### Program in Medical Humanities and Arts (PMHA)

October 2022 was National Arts and Humanities Month. President Biden's [September 30th proclamation](#) begins by stating that, "(t)he arts, the humanities, and museum and library services are essential to the well-being, health, vitality, and democracy of our Nation." This statement encapsulates the work of PMHA which continues to thrive through its many connections across the School of Medicine. As a hub for PMHA, the Department of Family Medicine is a testament to how humanities and arts are woven into well-being, health, and vitality.

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## Heal



## Integrative Medicine

### Integrative Medicine for the Underserved

Ah fall. The weather (finally, maybe, sort of) gets cooler and new residents get a little more comfortable in their roles. The Integrative Medicine track welcomed our newest member, Krystal Melgarejo, MD, who, even as an intern, has already been able to join a few of our sessions!

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## Faculty

### New Faculty Profiles

### Welcome to our new Faculty



**Jaih  
Craddock**  
PhD, MSW



**Bhavana  
Gandotra**  
MD



**Ursula  
Worsham**  
EdD



**Laura  
Zavala**  
MD

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## Staff

### Staff News

### Welcome to our new Staff



**Mine Demir**  
Department Administrator

**Maureen Corrigan**  
Finance Analyst



**Briana Ellico**  
Academic Affairs  
Partner



**Bre Anna McNeill**  
Medical Education  
Coordinator



**Danielle Chavez**  
Research Associate

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### **Family Medicine IDEAS Committee**

The department's new Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Salutogenesis (IDEAS) health promotion committee has enjoyed a productive year. We launched an internal department grants program to support health equity related projects.

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## Support Family Medicine

UCI Family Medicine has trained more than 400 family physicians since it was established in 1969. We are proud of our graduates and grateful for your support. If you would like to support training future family physicians and/or outreach efforts, we invite you to [donate here](#).

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