

KECK MEDICINE OF USC
THE GEHR FAMILY CENTER FOR HEALTH
SYSTEMS SCIENCE

Vision:

To accelerate the adoption of high-value healthcare through science, advocacy, and education.

Mission:

We strive to improve healthcare delivery in Los Angeles and nationwide through three central activities:

- 1) ***Delivery Science:*** We aim to bridge the gap between scientific best practices and “real-world” healthcare delivery through research. To do this, we collaborate with health systems to implement best-practices in care delivery and evaluate these efforts using rigorous standards. Specifically, we are interested in working with health systems to determine how best to improve care quality, equity and efficiency.
- 2) ***Evidence Based Advocacy:*** We synthesize knowledge in healthcare delivery to translate research into action. To do this, we communicate about healthcare delivery to providers and other stakeholders. We also develop tools that will help healthcare systems improve their care models (e.g., developing evidence summaries, tool kits, scorecards and commentaries).
- 3) ***Education:*** We train healthcare providers and students interested in becoming clinical healthcare delivery leaders. We also aim to create a network of individuals who are interested in exchanging ideas about healthcare delivery within our community.

Guiding Principles:

The following principles guide the focus of our scientific, advocacy and educational efforts:

- Promote improvements in the quality, equity and efficiency of healthcare delivery and the health of populations.
- Promote initiatives that will be sustainable in “real-world” settings.
- Decrease health disparities through care delivery improvements that are effective in the health safety net.
- Produce scientifically important findings offering generalizable lessons.
- Engage members of the Los Angeles community in care delivery improvements.
- Train the next generation of healthcare delivery thought leaders.