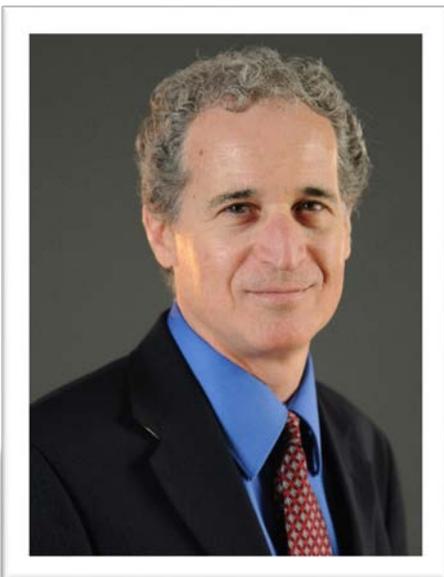


Gehr Center Affiliates



[Brian S. Mittman, PhD](#)

Brian S. Mittman, PhD is a Senior Research Scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research and Evaluation and a Senior Scientist at the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Healthcare Innovation, Implementation and Policy in Los Angeles. His research interests include healthcare implementation and improvement science and healthcare delivery science. He has additional affiliations at RAND (senior advisor, health program), USC (research faculty, School of Social Work) and UCLA, where he co-leads the UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Implementation and Improvement Science Initiative and where he previously served as a Visiting Professor in the School of Public Health and the Anderson School of Management. Dr. Mittman convened the planning committee that launched the journal *Implementation Science* and served as co-editor in chief from 2005-2012. He was a founding member of the US Institute of Medicine Forum on the Science

of Quality Improvement and Implementation and chaired the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Special Emphasis Panel on Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health in 2007 and 2010. He directed VA's Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) from 2002-2004. He currently serves on the Methodology Committee for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), where he leads the Methodology Committee initiative to develop methods standards for studying complex interventions. He is a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Advisory Panel on Research and advisory boards for several additional U.S. and international research programs in implementation science, including the King's College London Centre for Implementation Science. He is a past member of the AcademyHealth Methods Council and Education Council. He has led or supported numerous implementation and improvement science studies and policy/practice improvement projects and has taught implementation science throughout the US and abroad.



[Carin van Zyl, MD](#)

Carin van Zyl attended the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology and Genetics. She went on to medical training at the Chicago Medical School, followed by a residency in Emergency Medicine at UCLA. After a few years of community practice, she completed a Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship at the VA/Cedars-Sinai program in Los Angeles. Since then she has been practicing both Emergency Medicine and Palliative Medicine. She is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and the Section Head of Palliative Medicine in the Keck School of Medicine at USC, where she oversees the palliative care team at LA County +USC Medical Center. She is interested in access to palliative care in underserved populations, and teaches medical students residents, in between caring for patients.



Kurt Hong, MD, PhD

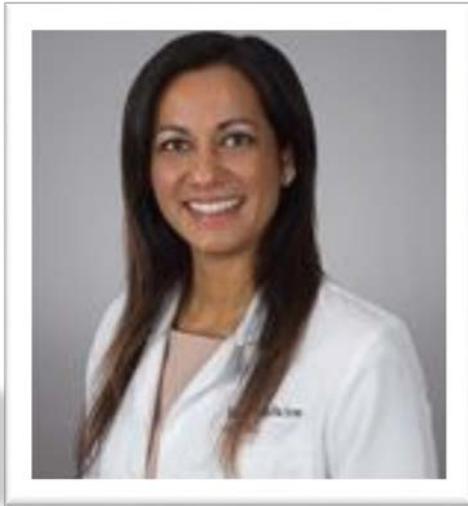
Kurt Hong, M.D., Ph.D., FACN, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, is the Executive Director of Center for Clinical Nutrition at USC. He is dual board-certified in internal medicine and clinical nutrition and serves on faculty at both USC Keck School of Medicine and USC Davis School of Gerontology. Dr. Hong has been involved in nutrition, obesity and metabolic research over the past 20 years. His research interests include clinical and translational studies on the role of macro and micronutrients in energy metabolism, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. He has particular interest in studying the influence of nutrition on health status and approaches to improve integration of evidence-based nutrition practice into patient care settings. Dr. Hong is an investigator on NIH-funded studies and has served on review, editorial boards, and national organization committees - including the Obesity Society, Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and the American Society for Nutrition. Dr. Kurt Hong

received his M.D. with research distinction from Harvard Medical School and Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from University of California, Los Angeles.



Kim Miller, PhD, MPH

Kimberly Miller, PhD, MPH is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Dermatology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC where her research focuses on cancer control, prevention and survivorship among children, adolescents and young adults. Her interests include models of care and the provision of supportive care for younger and medically underserved cancer patients and survivors, as well as disparities in care engagement in this population. Dr. Miller received her Ph.D. in Health Behavior Research and Master's in Public Health from USC.



Harveen Bergquist

Harveen Bergquist is an Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine at USC Keck School of Medicine. Prior to joining USC, she completed EM residency training at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ and an International Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Harvard University. She also holds an MSc in Global Health Sciences from Oxford University and an MSc in Development Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Throughout her training, she has been actively involved in numerous international projects including work in Kenya, Uganda, India, Nepal and Lebanon. She has also worked in Syrian refugee camps in Greece and helped with the disaster response following Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Harveen's main area of interest is in emergency care systems development and monitoring and evaluation. She has

previously worked with Systems Improvement at District Hospitals and Regional Training of Emergency Care (sidHARTe) through Columbia University to help improve emergency medicine care in rural hospitals in Ghana. Currently, she is a volunteer consultant with the Emergency, Trauma and Acute Care Programme at the World Health Organization working to develop effective emergency care training and assessment initiatives for low resource settings. She also has an interest in refugee health and human rights and is a member of the Asylum Network of Physicians for Human Rights.



Danica Liberman, MD, MPH

Danica Liberman, MD, MPH, an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, is a Gehr Affiliate. Dr. Liberman is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine and an attending physician in the Division of Emergency and Transport Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Her areas of interest include public health including how the social determinants of health interact with general health, quality improvement, and cost-effectiveness. She is the Director of Patient Advocacy in her division and is committed to equitable, quality care. In addition to her clinical and research work, she teaches an undergraduate pre-health minor course designed to expose USC undergraduates to clinical research and pediatric emergency medicine, and health policy and health services delivery in the Keck School of Medicine and the -School of Preventive Medicine at USC.



[Ashwini Lakshmanan, MD, MPH](#)

Lakshmanan's research interests and goals have been to address disparities in health care delivery in the field of perinatal-neonatal medicine. After she received her MD from the Keck School of Medicine at USC, she completed a pediatric and a chief residency at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and then entered the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research fellowship, which provided a highly structured mentorship program and a Masters in Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. This complemented her clinical training in the Harvard Neonatal Perinatal Medicine Fellowship program. Dr. Lakshmanan was recruited to the University of Southern California (USC) Keck School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Fetal and Neonatal Institute, where she is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. In 2014, she was appointed the Section Head of Epidemiology and Outcomes.

She was awarded four intramural grants in fellowship and since becoming faculty, has also received the Saban Research Institute Research Career Development Award, the Confidence Foundation grant and received the Young Investigator Award from the Lucile Packard Foundation. Most recently, she was awarded the Mentored Career Development award from the USC CTSI (KL2) to complete work on "Addressing Disparities after NICU Discharge using Patient Navigation." She hopes to lead research efforts that identify interventions to empower families to care for high-risk infants that both influence health policy and clinical practice.



[Monica Perez Jolles, PhD](#)

Mónica Pérez Jolles is a health services researcher with expertise in econometrics and mixed methodology as well as community-based participatory research. Her research focuses on: a) evaluating complex interventions and developing tools to increase the capacity of health and human service settings to implement these interventions, particularly patient/family-centered coordinated care, and b) testing culturally designed patient activation and shared decision-making interventions in primary care settings. Dr. Pérez Jolles has experience collaborating in two pragmatic trials recruiting hard-to-reach minority populations as well as leading secondary data analyses using national surveys such as the Medical Expenditures Panel Data (MEPS) and the National Survey of Private Child and Family Serving Agencies (NSPCFSA). Research projects include a PCORI-funded Eugene Engagement Award developing a toolkit to increase the capacity of behavioral health care providers to engage in patient-centered outcomes (PCOR) research. She was also a Co-Investigator in a recently completed PCORI-funded randomized CER study aimed

at increasing parent activation skills for Latino parents with children in need of mental health services. Last, Dr. Pérez Jolles has investigated the organizational and managerial context of health and human service agencies as they relate to how they innovate and deliver evidence-based services to underserved families, including mental health. She has disseminated her research through 17 peer reviewed scientific publications addressing the individual, provider and organizational aspects of health care services and through national and international conference presentations.