

## 2021 AAP-CA2 Advances in Pediatrics Symposium

### Speaker Biographies

#### **Nirmala Murthy, MD, FAAP**

##### **Self care - Well Being of Healthcare Professionals**

- Diplomate American Board of Pediatrics
- Medical studies in Madras Medical College, a premier medical college in India
- Did Pediatric Residency at Lincoln Medical Center, New York
- Started Private practice in 1986 in Apple Valley 34 years ago
- Has chaired & vice chaired Department of Pediatrics in local hospitals for several years
- Is a faculty in Art of Living Foundation teaching Breathing & Meditation techniques for 20 years
- Been teaching Living Well - Healing Breath Program for health care Professionals for 5 years.
- Married to Dr. Krishna Murthy, psychiatrist for 45 years and have 2 children. Very much interested in Indian classical music and teaching breathing & Meditation techniques to relieve stress and improve Well Being.

#### **Paul A. Offit, MD (S. Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture)**

##### **Developing a SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine at Warp Speed**

Paul Offit, MD is a pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases and an expert on vaccines, immunology, and virology. He is the co-inventor of a rotavirus vaccine that has been credited with saving hundreds of lives every day. Dr. Offit is the Maurice R. Hilleman professor of vaccinology, professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and director of [The Vaccine Education Center](#) at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Dr. Offit is currently a member of National Institutes of Health (NIH) working group on vaccines, a subgroup of the ["Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines" \(ACTIV\) comprised of experts to combat COVID-19](#). He is also a member of the [FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee \(VRBPAC\)](#). "Overkill" is his 11th book.

#### **Nava Yeganeh, MD, MPH, FAAP**

##### **COVID in Schools**

Dr. Yeganeh, MD, MPH, FAAP is a visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Her current research focuses on preventing transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia to infants through the implementation of TRIPAI, an initiative focused on involving male partners of pregnant women in prenatal care.

- Dr. Yeganeh is an attending physician at Mattel Children's Hospital, teaching infectious disease fellows, pediatric residents and medical students.
- Through her research, she has created close collaborations with both members of the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health, and School of Engineering, and will continue to perform research with new fellows both at UCLA and in Brazil.
- Dr. Yeganeh is Co-chair of the AAP-CA2 School Health Committee.

**Edward Tagge, MD, FAAP**

**Common General Surgical Considerations**

Professor of Surgery, Loma Linda University School of Medicine

Research passion: studying the Mind-Body relationship and Integrative Medicine as it applies to Pediatric Surgery.

Appointed to the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Complementary and Integrative Medicine.

**Wendy De La Pena, MD**

**Common Causes of Arthralgias**

Division Chief of Pediatric Rheumatology, medical director of LLUCH specialty teams centers, medical director of the LLUCH infusion center, and associate program director of the LLUCH pediatric residency program. Attended Medical school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Completed her pediatric residency at Loma Linda Children's hospital and a Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

**Christopher J. Russell, MD, MS**

**Addressing Bias and Microaggressions in the Clinical Environment**

Christopher J. Russell, M.D., M.S. is an academic pediatric hospitalist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and an associate professor at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California (USC).

- Assistant Director, CHLA Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, where Dr. Russell's role includes leading trainings on implicit bias and microaggressions for all CHLA employees and spearheading key health equity initiatives.
- Co-director of the Academic Pediatric Association's New Century Scholars Resident Mentoring Program
- Recipient of the USC Clinical and Translational Science Institute's KL2 Mentored Research Career Development Award (2014-16), the Academic Pediatric Association's Young Investigator Award (2015-16) and the NIH Loan Repayment Program through the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (2017-present)
- Clinical and Research Focus: Inpatient care for hospitalized children with medical complexity

**Jonathan Warus, MD, FAAP**

**Teenage Suicidality**

Jonathan Warus, MD, FAAP is an Adolescent medicine physician who specializes in care for transgender and gender nonconforming youth, HIV prevention for adolescents and young adults, and LGBTQ health for youth. He is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and a USC Faculty Member.