

2021 AAP-CA2 Advances in Pediatrics Symposium

Speaker Biographies – **Tomas will be in text communication for timing**

Time:

7:00 - 7:45 AM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Rajasekhar

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.

8:10 - 8:50 AM **No intro Needed**

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.

8:55 - 9:35 AM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Alice Kuo

David Rubin, MD, MSCE, FAAP

COVID in Schools

David Rubin, MD, MSCE, is director of PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Rubin is one of the lead investigators on PolicyLab's COVID-19 forecasting model, known as "[COVID-Lab: Mapping COVID-19 In Your Community](#)," which tracks coronavirus transmission and test positivity rates across all U.S. counties, and projects cases counts for more than 800 counties with active outbreaks.

Dr. Rubin and his collaborators have received national attention for this unique project, which they have used to advise the White House Coronavirus Task Force, governors, state public health officials and Philadelphia leaders on emerging hotspots and local strategies for reducing the spread of the virus. The modeling project has also informed PolicyLab's [school reopening guidance](#), for which Dr. Rubin is a lead author and that leaders from school districts throughout the country have cited as informing their COVID-19 safety plans.

9:40 - 10:20 AM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Mitchell Goldstein

Edward Tagge, MD, FAAP

Common General Surgical Considerations

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital

Professor of Surgery, Pediatrics and Behavioral Medicine

ABS certified Pediatric Surgery, General Surgery & Surgical Critical Care

Program Director – Pediatric Surgery Fellowship

Surgeon Champion – NSQIP

Research interests: Mind-Body relationship in Pediatric Surgery, Integrative Medicine

11:00 - 11:40 AM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Marti Baum

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.

11:45 AM - 12:20 PM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Grant Christman

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

1:30 - 2:15 PM

Introduction and Q&A by Emma Burdekin

Sonul Gupta

Understanding the Motives of Donors for a Student-Run Breast Milk Bank

Third-year MD candidate at the University of California Riverside School of Medicine, currently investigating what breastfeeding mothers desire as incentives for breast milk donation in the Inland Empire.

Leads a group of students to create the first breast milk depot and milk bank for the region. Among these interests, Sonul is an avid board member of the student-run Healthcare Leadership Designated Emphasis at UCR, and is currently the lead for a PDSA QI project within the Women's Health Section of Unicare Community Health. Prior to medical school, she obtained her B.S. in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology from UCLA.

2:20 – 3:00 PM

Introduction and Q&A by Dr. Grant Christman

Jonathan Warus, MD, FAAP

Teenage Suicidality

Dr. Jonathan Warus 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 and a USC faculty member.

His clinical interests include Gender Dysphoria, HIV Prevention, and LGBTQ Health. Given his work with vulnerable populations, Dr. Warus frequently encounters patients with significant depression and anxiety, including those experiencing suicidality.

He completed his medical training and residency at Indiana University School of Medicine, with a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.