

Delegate

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Specialty: Internal Medicine, Anticipated Incoming Hematology/Oncology Fellow

I first gravitated towards health policy to advocate for marginalized and minoritized populations. To combat social determinants of health, I felt compelled to obtain my Master of Public Health degree, where I equipped myself with a framework embedded in equity and justice. As a medical student, I co-directed Clínica Tepatí, a non-profit clinic, and was one of the founding members of Sacramento Street Medicine. Furthermore, I successfully advocated for a new 5,000-member UC Davis Health Medi-Cal contract.

I discovered my true home in organized medicine as an MS1. I was elected as a California Medical Association (CMA) delegate, an American Medical Association (AMA) delegate, and a medical student member of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health, co-authoring over 20 resolutions and reports. I currently serve as a CMA delegate, CMA-RFS Executive Board member, AMA-RFS Executive Council member, and CMA Council on Science and Public Health member.

At UCLA during internal medicine residency, I felt energized to advocate for positive changes within the workplace to ultimately improve patient outcomes. I currently serve as the Regional Vice President of the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) to represent the interests of over 24,000 housestaff. I also volunteered as one of UCLA CIR's bargaining team members, where we authored, negotiated, and passed a monumental new contract for 1500 housestaff.

I am inspired to continue championing and advancing the priorities of residents/fellows. It would be an absolute honor to learn and grow as an advocate alongside housestaff leaders.