

Women in Health Sciences Award Winners 2023

**Department of Anesthesiology**

*Laura Case, PhD*

R01 from NCCIH, NIH - Dynamic Evaluation of Neural Mechanisms for Affective Touch: Pathways for Touch-Induced Pleasantness and Pain Modulation

*Una Sreiiic, MD*

Received the Women in Neuroanesthesiology and Neuroscience Education and Research (WINNER) and Academy of Mentors Award from the Society of Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (SNACC)

**Department of Dermatology**

*Arisa Ortiz, MD, FAAD*

President of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery for 2023-2023  
President Elect for 2023-2024 and Vice President for 2022-2023  
2023 Castle Connolly Exceptional Women in Medicine, Dermatology  
2023 Castle Connolly Top Doctors, Dermatology, San Diego, CA  
2023 Newsweek America's Best Dermatologists  
2022 American Society for Dermatologic President's Outstanding Service Award

**Department of Emergency Medicine**

*Unna Albers, MD*

UC San Diego Health IM Resident Teaching Award

*Zea Borok, MD*

2023 American Thoracic Society J. Burns Amberson lecture award

*Colleen Campbell, MD*

UC San Diego Health: Risk Management Grant

*Christanne Coffey, MD, FACEP*

California American College of Emergency Physicians: Special Recognition Award

*Allyson Kreshak, MD, FACEP, FACMT*

UC San Diego Health: Improvement of the Year Award, Improving Access Category

*Namita Sachdev, MD, FACP, FAAP*

UC San Diego Health IM Resident Teaching Award

*Lainey Yu, DO, MS, FAWM*

Wilderness Medical Society: Wilderness Magazine Award (first ever awarded)

**Department of Internal Medicine and Medicine/Pediatrics Graduating Residents**

Recognized the following faculty as recipients of the Graduating House Staff Teaching Awards

*Constance Chace, MD, MPH*  
*Meghan Sebasky, MD*  
*Amy Sitapati, MD*  
*Supraja Thota, MD*

**Department of Medicine**

*Rabia Atayee, PharmD, BCPS, APh, FAAHPM*  
Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

*Antoinette Birs, MD*  
Received a T32 award to study the “Utility of Annual Intravascular Coronary Ultrasound and Fractional Flow Reserve to Assess Coronary Allograft Vasculopathy in Orthotopic Heart Transplant Recipients”

*Brigid Boland, MD*  
Received funding from Kyowa Kirin Pharmaceutical Development, INC. for her project titled “Ex Vivo Characterization of IBD Patient Intestinal Tissue”

*Heather Bruner, MD*  
Certified as VitalTalk Advanced Communication Faculty

*Laura Crotty-Alexander, MD*  
Department of Medicine Mentorship in Research Award  
T32 entitled, “Developing a Diverse Next Generation of Leaders in Respiratory Science”

*Kathleen Curtius, PhD*  
Received an American Gastroenterological Association Research Scholar Award

*Chantal Darquenne, PhD*  
Secured a Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) research grant to study the presence of early structural lung abnormalities in asymptomatic subjects vaping nicotine and/or THC  
Received the 2023 Thomas T. Mercer award recognizing excellence in the areas of pharmaceutical aerosols and inhalable materials. The award is jointly presented by the International Society for Aerosol in Medicine (ISAM) and the American Association for Aerosol Research (AAAR)

*Sara Gianella Weibel, MD*  
Received the 2023 Health Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award

*Monica Guma, MD, PhD*  
Received a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Mentoring Award from NIH  
Selected as one of the inaugural award recipients of the Team Science Leadership Scholars program (LSP) in Women’s health, Autoimmune and Immune-Mediated Diseases

*Melissa Gymrek, PhD*

Along with Alexis Komor from Chemistry, received a grant from CIRM, “Development of a stem-cell based approach to interpret global effects of genetic variants contributing to neurodevelopmental disease risk”

*Elena Heide, MD*

Received the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award from The Gold Humanism Foundation

*Cynthia Hsu, MD, PhD*

2023 Clinical, Translational, and Outcomes Research Award from the Liver Diseases American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Foundation for the research project, “The role of gut microbial ethanol production in alcohol use disorder and alcohol-associated liver disease”

*Simerjot Jassal, MD*

2023 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

*Bethany Karl, DO*

Appointed Ambulatory Lactation Medical Director

Received a 4.9 Physician Star Rating for “likelihood to recommend” over 12 month rolling average

*Emily Margolin, MD*

Received the 2023 Medicine 401 Excellence in Teaching Award as a senior resident

*Jill Messirov, PhD*

“Extending support for mouse data in the Molecular Signature Database (MSigDB)” was published in Nature

Breaking Barriers award at the World Tennis Association’s WTA500 Cymbiotika San Diego Open on Friday night, September 15 (wtasdopen.com). Nominated for her work with the Human Genome Project, contributions to cancer genomics over the past three decades, as well as her dedication to supporting women in science

*Marlene Millen, MD*

UC San Diego Health Sciences Women in Leadership award

*Alison Moore, MD, MPH, FACP*

With Benjamin Han and Dr Ellen Lee are MPI’s on a T35 entitled “UC San Diego Medical Student Summer Aging Research Training”

Elected by the American Geriatrics Society Board and Nominating Committee to be the incoming Treasurer of AGS

*Anjoulie Pujji, DO*

Participant in the UC San Diego Health Leadership Academy

*Dena Rifkin, MD*

Selected by the second-year medical school class as the recipient of the Kaiser Teaching Award  
Recipient of the CMR reaching award, awarded by chief medical residents to honor and recognize for their teaching contributions to housestaff

*Amy Sitapati, MD*

UCSD Health 5-Star Doctor

UCSDH Executive Lead, American Heart Association, ASCVD Advisor, [National] Outpatient Quality Improvement Advisory Committee of the American Heart Association, Appointment July 1 2022 – June 30, 2024

Member, [National] BMHI AMIA, National Chairs

Board Member, [National] American Medical Directors in Information Services (AMDIS)

Advisor, [National] American Medical Group Association (AMGA) COVID Health Equity Project Advisor, NCVHS ICD-11 Expert Roundtable

Providing contextual awareness for strategic planning related to biomedical informatics and national impact of adoption of ICD-11

FDA, Special Government Employee; Patient Engagement – Advisory Committee Member to the Center for Devices and Radiological Health

*Kira Skavinski, DO*

Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

*Emily Sladek, MD*

Received the Chief Resident in Medicine Award for teaching

*Chelsey Smith, MD*

Wolfe Family Associate Director of the new Lupus UC San Diego Lupus Center

*Katheryn Winters, MD*

Chosen to attend the 2023 AAMC Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar in December 2023

Selected as an inaugural participant in The Stanford Compassionate Communication Academy Fellowship

*Darcy Wooten, MD*

2023 UCSD School of Medicine Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

*Sherry Zhang, MD*

Received the 2023 Medicine 401 Excellence in Teaching Award

**Department of Medicine – Nephrology**

*Dinna Cruz, MD, MHP*  
County Jail Dialysis Service Medical Director

*Margaret Ivanov, MD*  
Dialysis Outreach Program Medical Director

*Amber Sanchez, MD*  
Received a 4.9 Physician Star Rating for “likelihood to recommend”  
Chosen as one of 4 “Choosing Wisely” champions

*Sheena Singh, MD, MPH*  
Selected inaugural course director of a new core curriculum course “CARE” two-year course  
spanning 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical school, launching fall of 2023

*Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN*  
Received a 4.9 Physician Star Rating for “likelihood to recommend” over 12 month rolling  
average  
Considered among the top 10% in the country

#### **Department of Medicine – Geriatrics**

*Tessa Antalan, MD*  
Elected as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians

*Roopali Gupta, MD*  
Awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2022-2023 from the graduating geriatric  
medicine fellows  
Elected to the Board of the Association of Directors of geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)

*Alison Moore, MD, MPH, FACP*  
Received the 2023 David H. Solomon Memorial Lecture Award from UCLA  
Presentation lecture on cannabis use at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric  
Medicine and Board Review

Received 4.9 physician STAR rating (top 10% in the country)

*Veronica Gonzalez, MD*  
*Maile Karris, MD*  
*Tamara Rubenzik, MD*

#### **Department of Medicine – Hematology/Oncology**

*Luda Bazhenova, MD*  
2023 Health Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award

*Annette von Drygalski, MD, PharmD*

First author article in The New England Journal of Medicine, Efanesoctocog Alfa Prophylaxis for Patients with Severe Hemophilia A

*Srila Gopal, MBBS*

UCSD NCLAM program

Resident of the 2022 CAPH/SNI Quality Leaders Award (QLA) for her entry Establishing Same Day Infusion Treatment Protocols for Uncomplicated Sickle Cell Vaso-Occlusive Crises Utilizing a Telemedicine Platform in the Health Equity

*Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD*

Received the 2023 Academic Senate Distinguished Research Award selected by the UC San Diego Committee on Senate Awards

*Rana McKay, MD*

Accepted into the ASCO Leadership Development Program (only 16 individuals are accepted each year)

*Angelique Richardon, MD, PhD*

Received the BMSF Winn Career Development Award

*Assuntine Saaco, MD*

2022 NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2022 HNCC – pembro+cetuximab

*Rebecca Shatsky, MD*

Accepted to the Women in Immunotherapy Leadership Development Program – WIN Leadership Institute 2022

*Ida Wong, MD*

Winner of UCSD M Residency Graduating House Staff Teaching Award

### **Department of Neurosciences**

*Xu Chen, PhD*

Katz award: Role of Testosterone in Modulating Tau Pathogenesis in Females R01

*Emilie Reas, PhD*

NIH-NIA R01 is R01AG077202 “COVID-19 related blood-brain barrier and microstructural brain injury; Sex differences and synergy with Alzheimer’s disease risk”

### **Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences**

*Marianna Alperin, MD, MS*

Elected to serve as Director-at-Large for American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) (September 2023)

Elected Co-Chair for the 2023-2024 term of the Women First Research Coalition (WFRC) for 2023-2024. The appointment is a testament to leadership and expertise in the field of women’s

health research. WFRC is governed by AGOS, it's governed by AGOS, it's specifically focused on advocacy for better funding of women's health research and research on pregnant and lactating people (August 2023)

Appointed Program Director for the Society of Reproductive Investigation's 2026 annual scientific meeting (June 2023)

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors for San Diego 2023 Modern Luxery Magazine San Diego for Urogynecology and Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (May 2023)

Awarded 2022 grant by The Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction for "The Role of Mechanotransduction in the Pathogenesis of Overactive Bladder in Women" (March 2023)

Selected as an AGOS Fellow (September 2022)

Awarded R01 grant for "Mechanisms and Impact of Pregnancy Induced Adaptations in Pelvic Floor Muscles" (August 2022)

*Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS*

Awarded the Prebys Foundation "4<sup>th</sup> Trimester Project" SHARE (Strengthening Health Access, Resources, and Excellence Initiative) Grant (June 2023)

Awarded NIH/NICHD grant for "Increasing access to postpartum contraception by linking family planning and infant vaccination services" (May 2023)

Lead RCT author: JAMA | A Randomized Clinical Trial: Early vs Intercal Postpartum Intrauterine Device Placement (April 2023)

Awarded NICHD R21 "Increasing access to postpartum contraception by linking family planning and infant vaccination services" Site: India (JULY 2022)

Pilot award from the Center for Perinatal Discovery to augment her recent Senate grant focused on "Postpartum progestin-only pill use and breastfeeding study.: POPS" (JANUARY 2022)

*Pratibha Binder, MD*

Received 2023 Patient Experience Highest Achievement Award which recognizes clinics and units with the highest Likelihood to Recommend Percentile Ranks in 2022 (MAY 2023)

*Kellie Breen Church, PhD*

Elected Treasurer of the International Neuroendocrine Federation (INF) for a 4-year term (2024-2028) uniting 13 Neuroendocrine Societies across the world. (MARCH 2023)

Appointed Standing Member of the Reproductive, Andrology, and Gynecology Study Section (NIH) 2023-2025 (MARCH 2023)

Symposium Speaker, International Congress of Neuroendocrinology, Glasgow, Scotland (August 2022)

Symposium Chair, Neuroendocrine Interface of Reproduction and Metabolism, Endocrine Society Annual Meeting (June 2022)

Awarded a second year of pilot funding from the Diabetes Research Center Pilot and Feasibility program. for "Neural Mechanisms for Stress-Induced Diabetes Development" (MAY 2022)

Received funding from NIH for "Stressed or Stressed Out: The Conference on Mechanisms of Allostasis," a Summer Research Conference (SRC) held at the Astor Crown Plaza, New Orleans Louisiana. The goal of this conference is to bring together expert researchers at all career stages

to advance our knowledge of how allostatic load affects communication networks and signaling pathways linking organ systems to affect various physiologic functions and disease states. (SEPTEMBER 2022)

Awarded R21 grant “Transcriptomic and Epigenomic basis for reproductive dysfunction during stress” (JANUARY 2022)

Received a UCLA/UCSD Diabetes Research Center Pilot Award: Neural mechanisms for stress-induced diabetes development, and UCSD Senate Bridge Funds for the Regulation of gonadotropin secretion during undernutrition by a brainstem-hypothalamic neural pathway” (JANUARY 2022)

*Lindsey Burnett, MD, PhD*

Received an award from Boston Scientific for the Southern CA Regional Urogynecology Fellows Hands-On Lab (AUGUST 2023)

Awarded Center for Perinatal Discovery Pilot Grant by UCSD Center for Perinatal Discovery (JUNE 2023)

Awarded NIH, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Grant Reproductive Scientist Development Program Senate Grant for “Pregnancy-Induced Adaptations to Protect Against Parturition-Associated Strains in Pelvic Floor Muscles in the Mouse Model” (JANUARY 2023)

Awarded a Trainee Presentation Award at the 7th Annual Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Symposium (APRIL 2022)

Awarded and accepted the Reproductive Scientist Training Program (RSDP) K12 National Scholarship which provides 100% protected time for research as a faculty member. (FEBRUARY 2022)

Awarded a Senate grant for “Pregnancy-Induced Adaptations to Protect

*Heidi Cook-Andersen, MD, PhD*

Awarded “Towards a trophectoderm stem-cell model representing human blastocysts of the highest implantation potential” grant by CIRM (MAY 2023)

Awarded California Institute for Regenerative Medicine CIRM Discovery Grant “Towards a trophectoderm stem-cell model representing human blastocysts of the highest implantation potential” (JANUARY 2023)

Awarded a CIRM Discovery grant “Towards a trophectoderm stem-cell model representing human blastocysts of the highest implantation potential” (NOVEMBER 2022)

*Julia Cormano, MD*

Received the Silver Telly Award for Motherhood Channel Video: What Does it Mean to be Advanced Maternal Age? (JUNE 2023)

Received the 2022 Kaiser Excellence in Teach Award (selected from >800 UCSD House staff to receive this award) (JULY 2022)

*Pamela Deak, MD*

Recognized in Castle Connolly’s Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Obstetrics & Gynecology (MAY 2023)



*Laura Delcore, MD*

Received the Excellence in Teaching Award (APGO – medical student evaluation scores) (JUNE 2023)

*Amy Driebe, MD*

Received the Whitehill Prize for Excellence Award (UCSD Academy of Clinician Scholars – AoCS) (JUNE 2023)

*Ukachi Emeruwa, MD, MPH*

Received “The Robert A. Winn Foundation Award (Winn CDA)” (AUGUST 2023)

Awarded the Prebys Foundation “4th Trimester Project” SHARE (Strengthening Health Access, Resources, and Excellence Initiative) Grant (JUNE 2023)

Awarded Women’s Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) Grant (MARCH 2022)

*Kathleen Fisch, PhD*

Received a Center for Perinatal Discovery Pilot Grant for her project titled “Impact of aspirin resistance on adverse perinatal outcomes in high-risk pregnancies.” (MAY 2022)

Received an ACTRI Pilot Grant, “Unraveling the Role of Placental Mutations in Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorders” (MARCH 2022)

*Pratima Gupta, MD, MPH*

Elected to the 2023 ACOG Board as a Fellow-At-Large (MAY 2023)

*Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS*

Awarded NIH/NIHLB grant: Early Intervention to Promote Cardiovascular Health of Mothers and Children (ENRICH) Multisite Resource and Coordinating Center (RCC) (APRIL 2023)

Inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) medical honor society (APRIL 2023)

Named President-Elect of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MARCH 2023)

Steering Committee Chair, NHLBI ENRICH (Early Intervention to Promote Cardiovascular Health of Mothers and Children) Study (September 2022)

Awarded grant by HealthCore, Inc./SERA Prognostics, Inc “Prematurity Risk Assessment combined with clinical Interventions for improving neonatal OutcOMEs (PRIME).” To conduct a trial to evaluate the impact of a preterm birth prevention protocol utilizing the PreTRM® test and a multimodal intervention protocol of well-established high-risk pregnancy interventions.” (SEPTEMBER 2022)

Awarded grant by John Hopkins University/NHLBI “Early Intervention to Promote Cardiovascular Health of Mothers and Children (ENRICH) Multisite Resource and Coordinating Center.” This study will generate rigorous, innovative, timely and actionable new knowledge to promote cardiovascular health and reduce cardiovascular health disparities in mothers and young children. (SEPTEMBER 2022)

Awarded grant by UNITED WOMEN OF EAST AFRICAN SUPPORT TEAM for “Local Community-Based Workforce to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Access” project (AUGUST 2022)

Secretary/Treasurer, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (JANUARY 2022)

Executive Committee, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (JANUARY 2022)

*Marni Jacobs, PhD*

Awarded ACTRI Pilot grant for “Feasibility and utility of an oral fat tolerance test for prediction of preeclampsia” (MARCH 2022)

*Jessica Kingston, MD*

Elected to the UC San Diego Health Board of Governors representing Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences for demonstrating exceptional leadership and dedication to the UC San Diego community. (JULY 2023)

Recognized in Castle Connolly’s Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Obstetrics & Gynecology (MAY 2023)

Awarded a subcontract to R43 Clinical Trial "A Novel low-cost handheld 3D imaging system for improved screening of cervical neoplasia in resource limited settings" (MAY 2022)

*Yvette LaCoursiere, MD, MPH*

Health Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award (September 2023)

Received the UCSD Resident Appreciation Award (JUNE 2023)

*Louise Laurent, MD, PhD*

Awarded research consortium and disease study grant to make a long-term impact on clinical research with multi-omics approach leveraging omics data types to reveal “distinct information about different aspects of a biological system” with “advances in high-throughput technologies and data science” (September 2023)

Appointed Co-Director for the new Center for Research Innovation (September 2023)

Awarded grant from Bio-Rad Labs (AUGUST 2023)

Awarded NIH RADx-UP Phase 3 Grant to develop long-term sustainability strategies for project: CO-CREATE Ex: Community-engaged Optimization of COVID-19 Rapid Evaluation and Testing Experiences (JANUARY 2023)

Awarded RADx-UP Phase 3 grant, which enables the group to develop long-term sustainability strategies for our existing RADx-Up project: CO-CREATE-Ex: Community-engaged Optimization of COVID-19 Rapid Evaluation And Testing Experiences (NOVEMBER 2022)

Awarded grant by NIH/NIHCD for “Pregnant Female Reproductive Tissue Mapping Center” project (AUGUST 2022)

Received the 2022 Health Sciences Award from UC San Diego Health (APRIL 2022)

Awarded a subcontract to R01 " Uncovering the etiologies of non-immune hydrops fetalis through comprehensive genomic analyses and phenotyping" (MAY 2022) and Cepheid (APRIL 2022)

Awarded NCI UH3 grant: “Development and application of a scalable workflow for immunomagnetic separation of exRNA carrier subclasses and molecular analysis of their cargo” (JANUARY 2022)

*Amanda Lewis, PhD*

Awarded a planning grant as part of the Multi Campus Research Initiatives (MRPI for UCSD, UCSD, & UC Davis) at UCOP to establish UC Glycosciences Consortium for Women's Health (JANUARY 2023)

Awarded R01 grant for "Long-Acting 3D Printed Scaffolds for Treatment of Bacterial Vaginosis" (MARCH 2022)

*Emily 'Mimi' Lukacz, MD, MSCE*

Elected to serve as American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) Vice President (September 2023)

Received the first annual Pamela Mellon Excellence in Mentorship Award, demonstrating outstanding mentoring prowess for junior faculty and SOM fellows, and inspiring the next generation of physician leaders. (JUNE 2023)

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Urogynecology and Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (MAY 2023)

Awarded subcontract from Brown University for "Beta-Agonist versus Botox Trial for Urgency Urinary Incontinence (BEST Trial)" (APRIL 2022)

*Kathryn Macaulay, MD*

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Obstetrics & Gynecology (MAY 2023)

*Audra Meadows, MD, MPH*

Received the 2022 Faculty Award (SASGOG) (JUNE 2023)

Awarded OB Refugee Program: Share Grant to clinics to serve communities with low socio-economic status (JUNE 2023)

Led Department of OBGYN & RS Culture & Justice Quorum to receive the UCSD Inclusive Excellence Award (APRIL 2023)

Awarded project "Implementing Equity Focused Health Systems Science Learning into Medical Education Using a Novel Learning Framework" from the American Medical Association (JULY 2022)

Awarded Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Promoting Maternal Health Equity through Collaborative Community Partnerships: Teaming doulas, providers and families to create birth equity and empowerment" (MAY 2022)

Awarded subcontract to R01 "Reducing Racial Disparities in SMM post COVID19: Assessing the integration of maternal safety bundles and community-based doulas to improve outcomes for Black women" (MAY 2022)

Received an American Medical Association grant: Implementing Equity Focused Health Systems Science Learning into Medical Education Using a Novel Learning Framework (JULY 2022)

*Pamela Mellon, PhD*

Awarded renewal grant for T32 "Training Reproductive Sciences" (NOVEMBER 2022)

Received new R01 NIA Katz Award for "Role of Testosterone in Modulating Tau Pathogenesis in Females" (OCTOBER 2022)

*Kristine Miller, MD*

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Obstetrics & Gynecology (MAY 2023)

*Sheila Mody, MD, MPH*

Invited and accepted to become a member of the Complex Family Planning Certifying Examination Subcommittee for ABOG senior candidates (AUGUST 2023)

Awarded "EnVision CF III: Emerging Leaders in CF Endocrinology" grant by Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (JUNE 2023)

Awarded Patient Experience Regarding Seeking Permanent Female Contraception and Technology Influences (PERSPeCTive) grant from Center for Empathy and Technology – UCSD (APRIL 2023)

*Priya Pantham, PhD*

Received a Center for Perinatal Discovery Pilot Grant for "Single-cell RNA Sequencing of Proximal Tubule Cells in Response to Placental Extracellular Vesicles in Preeclampsia" (MAY 2022)

*Rebecca Rakow-Penner, MD, PhD*

Received the Curebound Cure Prize, Curebound's highest award for bold innovation in cancer research, for developing advanced diffusion-weighted MRI ovarian cancer screening to detect healthy vs. malignant ovarian tissue for women at high risk for the disease. (JUNE 2023)

*Charlotte Pickett, MD*

Recognized by UCSDH Medical Staff Quality Improvement Representative (SQIR)/Quality Review Committee (WRC) Chair for OBGYN & RS on exemplary practice and excellent patient care as attending/consulting Practitioner for Practitioner Documentation (September 2023)

*Gladys 'Sandy' Ramos, MD*

Received the 2022 National Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education (ACOG/CREOG) (JUNE 2023)

Recognized as a Leader for FMTP Mentor Program (FEBRUARY 2023)

Received the Homer G. Chin APGO Excellence teaching award established to honor outstanding teaching in OB/GYN (JULY 2022)

*Maureen Ries, MD*

Recognized at the 2023 Council for Resident Education in Obstetrics & Gynecology (CREOG) Education Retreat for being part of the new generation of Program Directors innovating residency. (AUGUST 2023)

*Cheryl Saenz, MD*

Recognized by UCSDH Medical Staff Quality Improvement Representative (SQIR)/Quality Review Committee (WRC) Chair for OBGYN & RS on exemplary practice and excellent patient care as attending/consulting Practitioner for Practitioner Documentation (September 2023)

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Gynecologic Oncology (MAY 2023)

*Irene Su, MD, MSCE*

Appointed Co-Director for the new Center for Research Innovation (September 2023)

Awarded project "Policy implementation research on health benefit mandates for fertility preservation services to improve access to care in young cancer survivors" by NIH/NCI (JULY 2022)

Awarded a new NCI R01 for multi-site telehealth oncofertility randomized controlled trial, scored at 8%. Evaluation of a telehealth oncofertility care intervention in adolescent and young adult cancer patients: a stepped wedge cluster randomized controlled trial (JUNE 2022)

Awarded NIH R21 Score of 10 = 1% for "Policy implementation research on health benefit mandates for fertility preservation services to improve access to care in young cancer survivors" (FEBRUARY 2022) Received Academic Senate Award for Stress and fertility Outcomes: The SAFE Study. (MAY 2023)

Awarded Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant: Studying the impact of state-mandated health benefits for fertility-preservation services on cost and access for Hispanic/Latino cancer patients (APRIL 2023)

Received an R21 award from NCI: Policy implementation research on health benefit mandates for fertility preservation services to improve access to care in young cancer survivors (JULY 2022)

*Alice Sutton, MD*

Awarded Promoting Empathy and Justice: Reproductive Telehealth in Medical Education grant from Center for Empathy and Technology – UCSD (APRIL 2023)

*Maryam Tarsa, MD*

Elected as incoming Vice President of the Medical Staff (MAY 2023)

Awarded grant by Essential Hospitals Institute for "Improving Obstetric Care for Black Maternity Patients in Essential Hospitals" project (AUGUST 2022)

*Varykina Thackray, PhD*

Appointed Associate Director for the new Center for Research Innovation (September 2023)

Received 2022 President's Award from the Association for Women in Science, San Diego Chapter for "continued service, enthusiasm and immeasurable contributions to the chapter" (FEBRUARY 2023)

Appointed Department Mentor Co-Director, UCSD Health Sciences Faculty Mentor Training Program (FMTP) (JANUARY 2023)

Awarded Senate Grant for "Role of beta-glucuronidases in sex differences in the gut microbiome" (DECEMBER 2022)

*Karen J. Tonsfeldt, PhD*

Awarded: Pathway to Independence K99/R00 Award from National Institutes of Health 2022-2024 for "Functional Mapping of the Suprachiasmatic Nucleus" (MARCH 2022)

*Shira Varon, MD*

Recognized by UCSDH Medical Staff Quality Improvement Representative (SQIR)/Quality Review Committee (WRC) Chair for OBGYN & RS on exemplary practice and excellent patient care as attending/consulting Practitioner for Practitioner Documentation (September 2023)

Recognized in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in San Diego 2023 Modern Luxury Magazine San Diego for Obstetrics & Gynecology (MAY 2023)

### **Department of Ophthalmology**

*Natalie Afshari, MD, FACS*

Awarded the Medal and delivered the Medal Lecture at The International Society of Cornea, Stem Cells and Ocular Surface

Award of Excellence by the Governor of Oaxaca Mexico

Excellence in Mentoring Award UCSD Health Sciences

Keynote Invited Speaker Japan Congress of Ophthalmology

Keynote Invited Speaker Tri University joint meeting (University of British Columbia, University of Washington, University of Oregon Health Sciences)

Invited DSMC NIH clinical trial

*Sally Baxter, MD, MSc*

Finalist for the UCSD School of Medicine Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Finalist for the UCSD School of Medicine Educational Scholarship Award

Departmental nominee for the UC San Diego Inclusive Excellence Awards

Selection to Ophthalmology Management's "40 under 40" List (Top 40 Ophthalmologists under age 40)

NIH Early Independence Award (2020-2025)

*Lanna Cheng, PhD*

Innovation Award for Oculoplastics Research

*Catherine Y. Liu, MD, PhD*

2023 Castle Connolly Top Doctors

2023 Expertscape World Expert (top 1% of research articles) in Blepharoptosis

*Shira Robbins, MD, FAAO, FAAP*

BEST IN SHOW Scientific Poster, American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

Castle Connolly Top Doctors

San Diego Magazine's Exceptional Women in Medicine

President Medical Staff UC San Diego Health

*Jolene Rudell, MD, PhD*

New grants: K08 grant

*Linda Zangwill, PhD*

Expertscape #1 women in Glaucoma (11th overall)

**Department of Pathology**

*Omonigho Aisagbonhi, MD, PhD*

Received an NIH grant

*Mojgan Hosseini, MD*

Elected to NCI Pancreatic Cancer Stromal Reprogramming Consortium (PSRC) and the Appendix Cancer Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (ACPPM) Research Foundation

Named Chair of the Board of Governors

*Mana Parast, MD, PhD*

Received the UCSD Health Sciences mentoring award

*Christina Sigurdson, DVM, PhD*

NIH Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award

*Ina Stelzer, PhD*

Recipient of the prestigious “Perinatal Research Society” Young Investigator award

*Laura Stephens, MD*

Whitehill teaching award

*Somayeh Zare, PhD*

Departmental teaching award

*Dong-Er Zhang, PhD*

Named Chair of the Molecular Biology Department in the UCSD School of Biological Sciences

**Department of Pediatrics**

*Paula Aristizabal, MD, MAS*

2023 LEAD San Diego Charles Nathanson Memorial Award for Cross-Border Region Building, from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, honoring the International Outreach Program between Rady Children’s Hospital and Hospital General de Tijuana

*Kerri Boutelle, PhD*

American Psychological Association Executive Committee to revise obesity treatment guidelines

*Pia Pannaraj, MD, MPH*

American Pediatric Society

*Helen Wang, MD*

UCSD Pediatric Residency Teaching Award

UCSD Kaiser Teaching Award

**Department of Psychiatry**

*Sonia Ancoli-Israel, PhD*

“1,000 Best Female Scientists in the World” by Research.com

*Cinnamon Bloss, PhD*

2022 American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Mentorship Award

*Erika Crable, PhD, MPH*

Addiction Health Services Research 2023 Early Career Investigator Award

*Lisa Eyler, PhD*

2023 TWIN Award

*Terry Jernigan, MD*

“1,000 Best Female Scientists in the World” by Research.com

*Ariel Lang, PhD, MPH*

2022 UC San Diego Faculty Department of Psychiatry Champion of Diversity Award

*Victoria Merritt, PhD*

2023 Sports Neuropsychology Society's Early Career Award and FABBS Early Career Impact Award

*Ana Ramirez, PhD*

2022 UC San Diego Faculty Department of Psychiatry Champion of Diversity Award

*Sandra Sanchez-Roige, PhD*

International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS) Early Career Achievement Award

*Susan Tapert, PhD*

“1,000 Best Female Scientists in the World” by Research.com

Recipient of the 2022 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award

*Francesca Telese, PhD*

NIH/NIDA R01 Grant, “Multiomic profiling of cell types mediating opioid use disorder in rats”

*Michelle Wu, MD*

UC San Diego Department of Psychiatry Whitehill Prize for Excellence in Teaching for an early career faculty member

**Department of Radiation Medicine**



*Fanny Chapelin, PhD*

Biomedical Engineering Department Outstanding Teacher Award  
Sialog Fellow for Advancing Bioimaging 2021-2024 (Research Corporation for Science Advancement, RCSA)

*Nikky Farid, MD*

2023 Women in Neuroradiology Leadership Award

*Souda Fazeli, MD, MPH*

Resident teaching award

*Susan Hopkins, MD PhD*

Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function Joseph R. Rodarte Award for Scientific Distinction

*Titania Juang, PhD, DABR*

NCLAM Class of 2023

*Jyoti Mayadev, MD*

Induction of American Brachytherapy Society as a Fellow, June 2022

NIH Grants Awarded:

9/4/2023-8/31/2028

NCI Clinical Trial Research Strategy, Harnessing of Equity, and Implementation

1 R50 CA282102-01

7/1/2023-7/1/2026

Immunogenomic predictors of outcomes in patients with locally advanced cervical cancer treated with immunotherapy and chemoradiation

Role: Co-Investigator, PI for UCSD

1 R01 CA276087-01A1

*Sandra Meyers, PhD*

K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award from the NCI of the NIH

*Haydee Ojeda-Fournier, MD*

Fellow American College of Radiology

Recognized as an outstanding reviewer Journal of Breast and Distinction award for Radiographics

Lean Healthcare Black Belt Project "Best in Class"

ARRS Bronze Medal for educational exhibit

*Delores Petrorius, MD*

American Institute of Ultrasound In Medicine: 2023 Joseph H. Holmes Clinical Pioneer Award

Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound: Larry A. Mack Lifetime Achievement Award

*Rebecca Rakow-Penner, MD, PhD*

Cure Grant 1 mil

R37 2 mil

ARRS Bronze Medal for educational exhibit

*Xenia Ray, PhD*

Medical Physics Clinical Teaching Award

*Tara Retson, MD*

Elliott C. Lasser Award of Excellence in Research

RSNA Roentgen - Resident Research Award

Recognized as an outstanding reviewer Journal of Breast

Certificate of Merit RSNA Presentation. Mastering Basic Machine Learning Principles

*Anne Roberts, MD*

2023 RSNA gold medalist

### **Department of Surgery**

*Allison Berndtson, MD, FACS*

Dr. David Easter Award for Excellence in Clinical Education by our UC San Diego Surgery Residents

*Theresa Guo, MD*

V Foundation \$200,000 award

*Kristin Mekeel, MD*

Lean six sigma black belt

*Tania Morimoto, PhD*

R01 funding VINE Catheter: Soft, Tip-extending, Robotic Catheters with Shape Control for Endovascular Surgery

*Patricia Thistlewaite, MD, PhD*

Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence from the Pulmonary Vascular Research Institute

*Jessica Weaver, MD, PhD*

Association of Women Surgeons 40 Under 40 Honoree

Women in Surgeon Mentorship Award

*Rebekah White, MD, FACS*

Receives R01 for Pancreatic Cancer Treatment: Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) Combined with CD40 Agonism as In Situ Vaccine Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer

## **Department of Pharmacology**

*Linda Awdishu, PharmD, MAS*

UCSD Executive Vice Chancellor Inclusive Excellence Award Recipient for Academic Affairs 2022  
Preceptor Excellence Award 2023, UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Grant: Advancing Faculty Diversity, Improved Climate and Retention, UC Office of the President

Grant: Genetics of Drug-Induced Kidney Disease 2023 University of Colorado Skaggs Scholar Institutional Grant

*Alexandra Newton, PhD*

President of the International Union of Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Christina Mnatzaganian, PharmD., BCACP, APh*

Class of 2023 Faculty of the Year Award (departmental) and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year Recognition (national)

*Ila Saunders, PharmD, BCOP*

Fellow, Hematology Oncology Pharmacists Association (FHOPA)

Teacher of the Year 2022

*Joanne Trejo, PhD MBA*

FIRST grant from NIH that is allowing her to hire 12 new faculty this year and next year across the campus

the only UC school to have one of these grants and there are only a few in the country

*Jin Zhang, PhD*

2023 Carolyn Cohen Innovation Award from the Biophysical Society