

Erik Orlando Fernandez y Garcia, M.D., M.P.H.

Philosophy of Care

It is Dr. Fernandez y Garcia's goal to address pediatric healthcare and health maintenance through the lens of family dynamics and Cultural Humility. He strives to form cooperative relationships with the parents of patients and their communities to ensure that his patient (the child) reaches his or her fullest potential.

He hopes to propagate this philosophy by teaching UC Davis pediatric residents at the General Pediatric Clinic and with our partners the Sacramento Native American Health Center and the Sacramento County Health Center. He also teaches UC Davis medical students in the "Transforming Education and Community Health for Medical Students" (TEACH-MS) program as an Academic Coach. He assists UC Davis Health in meeting its mission to maintain health equity as a Clinical Champion to Reduce Disparities in Population Health.

He also brings this philosophy of care to his research in pediatric-based intergenerational behavioral and mental healthcare.

Dr. Fernandez y Garcia is a Sacramento native who has come back to work in his community.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Fernandez y Garcia's clinical interests include pediatric health equity, pediatric asthma, pediatric nutrition, school performance, pediatric sports medicine, and intergenerational behavioral and mental health.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Fernandez y Garcia's research interests focus on developing pediatric setting-based interventions to improve parenting and pediatric behavioral and mental health; healthcare inequities rooted in social constructs such as socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity; and Cultural Humility-based education for medical students and resident physicians.

Dr. Fernandez y Garcia is also an Academic Coach for the School of Medicine. You can read more here: https://health.ucdavis.edu/mdprogram/Academic-Coaching/overview.html

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M.P.A., Health Services and Public Policy, UCLA, Los Angeles CA 2000 B.S., Biology/Spanish, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga CA 1995

Internships Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Oakland, Oakland CA 2000-2001

Residency Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Oakland, Oakland CA 2001-2003

Fellowships Multicultural Pediatric Health, Children's Hospital Oakland, Oakland CA 2003-2004

Board Certifications American Board of Pediatrics

Professional Memberships Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical Honor Society

American Academy of Pediatrics - Fellow

Board Member, Sacramento Latino Medical Association (SaLMA)

Commissioner, Sacramento County First 5 Commission

Society for Pediatric Research

Honors and Awards Recognition for Leadership on the Council of Medial Societies, 2013

Ambassador of Diversity-UC Davis Health System/School of Medicine, 2007 Faculty Teaching Award – UC Davis Pediatric Residency Program, 2006

Dr. Charles R. Drew Award – Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science's highest award for exemplary combination of compassion and academic excellence over all years of training, 1999

Primary Care Research Award, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, 1999

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