

# UCLA Family Medicine

## Grand Rounds

### Adolescents and SUD: How to Screen, Treat, and Save Lives in the Era of Fentanyl

#### Gloria Sanchez, MD

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Dr. Gloria Sanchez is a Latina, descendant of migrant farmworkers in a community where food insecurity and poverty brought her family together. After she completed her undergraduate degree at Stanford, she went to the University of Washington for medical school. Her desire to work with marginalized communities led her to the Harbor UCLA Family Medicine residency program and her entry into residency education as an associate residency program director for 13 years.

Serving on the HUCLA pharmacy and therapeutics committee since 2002 has been a source of inspiration to bring evidenced based medications for substance use disorders to populations that traditionally do not have access to treatments. Her passion for addiction medicine grew after completing the Boston University SOM Chief Resident and Faculty Immersion Training in Addiction Medication in 2009, which led her to become a faculty scholar for the California Society of Addiction Medicine and Medical Education Research Foundation since 2012. She has been able to blend her passion for education and addiction by creating a clinic in the residency that focuses on a multi-disciplinary approach to help patients who suffer from chronic nonmalignant pain and SUD.

In 2017, she helped establish the first dedicated MAT clinic in DHS and helped create the protocol for pharmacists furnishing naloxone at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Sanchez has been the recipient of multiple grants that have helped create, sustain and expand addiction services for DHS patients and Los Angeles County. In 2021, she became the inaugural medical director and sole provider for the FM Medications Addiction Treatment (MAT) inpatient consult service at Harbor UCLA. Currently, she is the Physician Co-Chair of the LA County DHS Substance Use Advisory Committee, which helps advise DHS, DPH, DMH, and DCFS on the care of those who have substance use disorders.

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