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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor of Medicine in Residence, UCLA

CONTACT INFORMATION

Employer: Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research, Department of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

EDUCATION

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| 1993-1997 | Redondo Union High School, Redondo Beach, CA.
Valedictorian out of 400 students |
| 1997-2001 | Harvard College, Cambridge, MA.
Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Neurobiology, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> |
| 2001-2005 | Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
Doctor of Medicine |
| 2005-2008 | University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.
UC Primary Care General Internal Medicine Residency Program |
| 2008-2009 | University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.
Chief Resident, Internal Medicine Residency Program |
| 2009- 2011 | University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.
Fielding School of Public Health, UCLA
MS degree in Health Services |
| 2009- 2012 | University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.
Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program
Health Services & Community-Partnered Participatory Research Fellow |

FELLOWSHIP

Health Services and Community-Partnered Participatory Research training

- Two years of intensive health services and statistics coursework at the UCLA school of public health, leading to masters degree
- Formal seminars and training in public health, public policy, and qualitative and quantitative research methods through the RWJ Clinical Scholars program
- Training culminating into independent research projects as Principal Investigator

RESIDENCY

Outpatient Experience

- Managed primary care panel of 200 patients at the UCSF Parnassus General Internal Medicine Practice. Mostly Spanish-speaking panel.
- Subspecialty rotations: cardiology, women's health/gynecology, dermatology, rheumatology, nephrology, pulmonary, gastroenterology, HIV care, diabetes care, home care
- Night and weekend telephone coverage of UCSF General Medicine practices 1 week per year. Cross-coverage of resident patient panels six months per year.
- Primary care didactic curriculum: Behavioral medicine focusing on socio-emotional health issues and patient-doctor communication, ECG interpretation, Resident Scholarship project with curriculum focusing on research tools and discussion of research studies, Evidence Based Medicine course, Interdisciplinary Chronic Care Curriculum.
- Ambulatory Chief Resident for 2-month block: Organized teaching conferences and resident report, teaching of medical students on ambulatory rotation, organized annual resident/faculty professional retreat.
- Clinical Vignette Conference Talks: *Chronic Diarrhea*, *Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura*, *The Red Eye*, *Incidental Renal Masses*.
- Pre-clinic conference didactic talks: *The Abnormal Pap*, *Amenorrhea*.

Inpatient Experience

- Medicine and subspecialty inpatient wards (14 months: General Medicine, Cardiology, Medicine Consult, Oncology, Liver Transplant)
- Intensive care unit rotations (3 months: Medicine, Cardiology)
- Emergency medicine (3 months)

MEDICAL LICENSURE

2007-present	California Medical License #A98719
2008-present	American Board of Internal Medicine, Certified

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016-present	Assistant Professor of Medicine in Residence, UCLA Department of Medicine, General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research
Sep 2013-2016	<i>Cheffe de Clinique</i> (Senior physician), Hopitaux Universitaires de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland
Aug 2012-2016	<i>Collaboratrice de Recherche</i> (Researcher), Hopitaux Universitaires de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland
Aug 2012-2015	<i>Collaboratrice de Recherche</i> (Researcher), Centre Hospitalier de Vaud (CHUV), Lausanne, Switzerland
Aug 2012-2014	<i>Collaboratrice de Recherche</i> (Researcher), Institut Universitaire de Medecine Social et Prevention, Lausanne, Switzerland

Prior Clinical Positions

2008-2009	Chief Resident, Clinical Instructor and Hospitalist Attending, UCSF Dept. of Medicine, SF CA.
2008-2009	Clinic Preceptor, Primary Care Clerkship for medical students, UCSF School of Medicine, SF CA.
2009-2012	Internal Medicine Clinic Preceptor and Instructor, Dept. of Medicine, UCLA, Westwood CA.
2009-2012	Volunteer Physician and Clinic Preceptor, Venice Family Free Clinic, Santa Monica CA.
2013-2016	Senior physician, Hopitaux Universitaires de Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland

Prior Research Positions

Summer 1997	<i>Research and Education Institute, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center</i> (Student) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project focused on comparing the psychological symptoms between Alzheimer's disease and Frontotemporal Dementia using ratings for Schizophrenia. Project resulted in poster presentation at Harbor-UCLA student conference at end of summer (selected to present project as a talk).• Mentors: Dr. Bruce Miller (P.I.), Harbor-UCLA Med. Ctr. Department of Neurology, UCLA School of Medicine
Summer 1998	<i>Walter P. Martin Research Center, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center</i> (Student) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted bench research looking at how gonadotropin deprivation and addition of heat affected germ cell apoptosis and proliferation in the adult rat. Project resulted in poster presentation at Harbor-UCLA student conference at end of summer.• Mentors: Dr. Ronald Swerdloff (P.I.) and Dr. Yen Lue (post-doc), Harbor-UCLA Med. Ctr. Division of Endocrinology, UCLA School of Medicine
1999-2001	<i>Children's Hospital, Boston</i> (Student) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted bench research studying the development of oligodendrocytes in the rat brain and its clinical relevance to periventricular leukomalacia, a condition that affects premature infants and progresses to cerebral palsy. Project resulted in senior thesis for neurobiology.• Mentor: Dr. Paul Rosenberg- Principal Investigator of Dr. Joseph Volpe's laboratory, Enders Pediatric Research Unit at Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School
2006-2008	<i>UCSF Primary Care Resident Scholarship Project</i> (Resident) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed project studying whether depression and anxiety measures are associated with duration of time in US within various immigrant groups, using data from national database. Project resulted in oral presentation at SGIM 2008 conference. The manuscript was published in the <i>Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved</i>.

- Mentor: Dr. Alka Kanaya, Director, UCSF Resident Scholarship Project

2009-June 2012

Robert Wood Johnson UCLA Clinical Scholars Program (Fellow)

- Primary research project for the clinical scholars program was titled “Messaging to the Messengers: An Ethnographic Study Understanding Latino Ethnic Media and Health Reporting in the Los Angeles market.” Using a community-based participatory research approach, we partnered with the California Medical Association Foundation (CMAF) and New America Media (NAM). The CMAF was part of a national Cervical Cancer-Free Campaign; addressing disparities among Latinas is the focus of California’s campaign, and Los Angeles was the demonstration site. NAM is the country’s first and largest national collaboration and advocate of 2000 ethnic news organizations. Using qualitative methods and analysis, this information was utilized for the strategic development of a Latino ethnic media toolkit within this health communication campaign. Our objective was to develop strategic tools and partnerships with the media, to facilitate dissemination of quality health education and key stories relevant to Latinos. This abstract was presented as an oral presentation at the national meeting of the American Public Health Association, and as a plenary presentation at the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical scholars meeting in November 2011. Manuscript is submitted.
- At the Los Angeles Office of Women’s Health, I developed analyses that studied the relationship between perceived HPV vaccine effectiveness and sources of information about the vaccine. The manuscript for these analyses has been published in the journal *Ethnicity & Disease*.
- Mentors: Dr. Carol Mangione, Program Director UCLA CSP; Dr. Rita Singhal, Medical Director of LA Office of Women’s Health; Gery Ryan PhD, RAND Corporation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer

Sep 2011-present Peer Article Reviewer for:
Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved,
Ethnicity & Disease,
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Editor

May 2011-2012 SGIM Forum Associate editor

- Write and edit monthly articles for the monthly newsletter for the Society of General Internal Medicine (newsletter distributed with monthly issue of JGIM)
- Focus on pieces related to primary care and vulnerable populations

Committees

2003-2005	Admissions Committee, <i>Harvard Medical School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected by classmates to serve as student member of Harvard’s admissions committee • In 2003, worked on subcommittee focusing on candidates of minority descent-read applications, interviewed students and presented candidates to the committee • In 2005, I was one of two students asked to serve on the main committee alongside the chairs of the subcommittees and the dean of admissions
2005-2009	Residency Diversity Committee, <i>UCSF Graduate Medical Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped coordinate residency recruitment for under-represented minorities, particularly within primary care • Advised incoming minority residents • Served as a mentor to under-represented minority UCSF medical students and participated in discussion panels for UCSF students, 4-6 evenings per year • UC Berkeley/ UCSF <i>Dia de los Muertos</i> health professions conference; served as a “Women in Health Professions” panelist and spoke to college and high school Latina students • Mentored high school students from UCSF summer program in 2006 and allowed them to shadow me in my primary care practice
2010-2012	Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Panelist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection committee and panelist interviewer
Feb.-Nov. 2011	RWJ Clinical Scholars National Meeting, Committee on Arrangements

Community Service

Aug. 2010-2012	California Medical Association Foundation (CMAF), Cervical Cancer and HPV project (PD- Sara Cook, MPH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed educational and action campaign on cervical cancer prevention, focused on Latina populations in Los Angeles County • In partnership with CMAF, Los Angeles Office of Women’s Health, and ethnic media organizations, conducted roundtable discussions on the matter of HPV vaccinations and cervical CA screenings in Latina communities • Developed a research project in partnership with the CMAF project and New America Media, focusing on how Latino media message health stories to Latino communities in Los Angeles
July 2010- 2012	Physician-advisor to Lawndale Elementary School District (LESd), Student Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member for Community Capacity Building and Data Collection leadership groups for the district’s Carol M. White Physical Education Program nutrition/exercise grant, “LESd Energy Booster Project” (PD- Siri Perlman, RD)

- Advisor for LESD community health fairs (Little Company of Mary, mobile clinic van)
- Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) medical advisor
- Educational presentations on the link between education and health to the LESD school board in November 2010 (for purposes of garnering support for health initiatives in the school district)
- Jane Addams Career Day, March 2011
- July 2010 Global Health Force Physician Volunteer
- Medical Mission trip to Haitian border and Dominican Republic
- 2002-2004 Martha Eliot Health Center Teen Project, *Jamaica Plain Housing projects*
- Project coordinator for program servicing promising, yet troubled, teen students in an underserved urban Boston area
- Organized mentorship, tutoring, mentor/mentee activities, didactic curriculum
- Held monthly evening meetings for parents in the community in order to educate families about children's education, school opportunities, discuss issues concerning to parents
- 1998-2001 Prefect Program, *Harvard College*
- Served as mentor and advisor to freshman dorm group
- Organized activities, study-breaks
- 1999-2001 The Crimson, *Harvard University Student Newspaper*
- Arts editor, focused on cultural events on campus and musical reviews
- 1999-2000 Lowell House Opera, *Harvard University*
- Served as house manager for residential house production of original opera
- 1997-2001 RAZA, *Harvard College*
- Organized cultural events such as Dia de los Muertos festival, Cinco de Mayo celebration, ECCSF (East Coast Chicano Student Federation)
- Coordinated Student barbeques and socials, poetry readings
- Hosted incoming students of color, helped to recruit

Academic Memberships

- 1998-2001 Biology Undergraduate Advisory Committee, *Student member*
 - Worked on an educational committee with Harvard University biology faculty members and advised on innovations for core curriculum
- 2002 NIH and National Hispanic Medical Association, *Student delegate*
 - Served as Harvard student representative for national conference
- 2003 Harvard Medical School Aesculapian Club
 - One of six individuals chosen for leadership and spirit, I represented my class within Harvard med alumni community service club
- 2003 National Academy of Achievement, *Student Delegate*
 - Was one of 100 graduate students selected (from international pool of

Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright and Soros fellows) for international leadership conference

2007-pres. Society of General Internal Medicine, *Member*

2011-pres. American Public Health Association, *Member*

Leadership

2001-2002 *Harvard Medical School Multicultural Committee*

- Elected by classmates to serve as student member on student/faculty committee which dealt with issues of diversity on campus; monthly meetings with advisor Dr. Alvin Poussaint (Harvard psychiatrist and civil rights era leader) to discuss solutions
- Included First-Year Urban Neighborhood Campaign (FUNC), where students conducted home interviews with low-income Spanish-speaking diabetic patients about the quality of their health care in local Cambridge clinics
- Formed part of Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center for Latin American studies Advisory Committee

2001-2002 Graduate Council, *Harvard University*

- Elected by classmates to serve as representative of Harvard Medical School to the university graduate student council
- Organized social events, charity events, interdisciplinary speaker events

2001-2002 Gospel Choir, *Harvard Medical School*

2001-2002 FABRIC Production, *Harvard Medical School*

- Choreographer and dancer in cultural show celebrating African Diaspora

2001-2002 "Cell Zappers," *Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*

- Production for pediatric patients about cancer and chemotherapy in order to teach children about their illness
- Play actor, Writer

2002-2003 Harvard AMSA Vice-President, *American Medical Students Association*

- Primarily served as an AMSA Health Services fellow and helped to establish a community health worker program for new mothers at Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan

2002-2003 Producer of Second Year Show, *Harvard Medical School c/o 2005*

- Produced a musical theatrical play including second year class as performers, writers, musicians, and crew. Profits from show (over \$5,000) benefited charity Project STAR, an organization dedicated to treating children with HIV in underserved community of Roxbury
- Performer, writer within show

2002-2004 Chapter Co-chair, *Medical Students of Las Americas*

- Organized yearly health fairs for urban community of Roxbury with help of local SNMA chapter
- Coordinated Minority Recruitment "Alliance Weekend," second look weekend for accepted students of color in 2002

- Coordinated speaker events, multicultural dinners
- Helped coordinate Hispanic Heritage Month cultural festival in 2001 and 2002
- National Hispanic Medical Association (Harvard Representative) at Washington D.C. conference in March 2002
- Pre-Matriculation 2002 Summer Program Advisor to incoming medical students
- Tour Guide for prospective students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2005 | <p>Instructor, <i>Patient-Doctor II course at Harvard Medical School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught the foundations of a history and physical exam, and patient-doctor communication to group of second-year medical students • Course chair: Dr. Erik Alexander, Division of Endocrinology, Brigham and Women's Hospital |
| 2006-2007 | <p>Lecturer, <i>UCSF Ambulatory Medicine Seminars</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at primary care didactic morning conferences on following topics: Chronic Diarrhea, Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura, The Red Eye, Incidental Renal Masses |
| 2007-2009 | <p>Volunteer Physician Preceptor, <i>Clinica Martin Baro</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preceptor, mentor, and advisor to medical and college students working a student-run free clinic in the Mission district of San Francisco. We served an immigrant, Spanish-speaking, uninsured population. Ran a post-clinic conference after Saturday AM clinic session and emphasized teaching points to medical students (range from 1st year to 4th year). • Clinic Advisor: Dr. Rene Salazar, Division of General Internal Medicine, UCSF |
| 2008-2009 | <p>Preceptor, <i>Family and Community Medicine, UCSF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd year medical students in General Medicine Clinic at UCSF • Course chair: Dr. Maria Wamsley, Division of General Internal Medicine, UCSF |
| 2009-2012 | <p>Preceptor, <i>Dept. of Medicine, UCLA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Medicine resident in General Medicine Clinic at UCLA and Venice Family Free Clinic • Attending at medical student run health fairs: Lennox Health Fair in fall and spring |

HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

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| 1996 | <p>Wellesley College Book award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded by the Wellesley college southern California alumni association to top junior female high school student |
| 1996 | <p>Bausch & Lomb Honor for Excellence in Science</p> |

- Awarded by above company to the highest-ranked junior high school student within science
- 1997 Clay Family Scholar
 - Four-year scholarship awarded to the two highest-ranked graduating students of high school class
- 1997 National Institutes of Health Student Fellow Award, *Harbor-UCLA Med Ctr.*
 - Selected to conduct research from competitive pool of senior high school students in southern California. At the end of three-month program, I was selected to present my project on dementia as a formal talk to colleagues and faculty at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- 1997 Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Cal Tech Science Bowl, Silver Medalist
 - Second-place quiz bowl team, competing against highest-ranked science schools in southern California
- 1997 California Science Bowl, Chemistry Lab, Bronze Medalist
 - Solo third-place award for “Chemistry lab” category in state championship
- 1997 US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
 - Awarded to one high school senior every year in the South Bay Los Angeles area
- 1997 President’s Award for Educational Excellence
 - Awarded to top high school seniors by President Bill Clinton
- 1997 Bank of America Scholar in Math and Science
- 1997 National Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction and Honors
 - Received highest scores on nine advanced placement exams
- 1997 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Scholar
 - Won national essay contest
- 1997 Herff-Jones “Best of the Best” Publisher’s Award
 - Editor-in-chief for high school yearbook, nationally awarded in writing and design
- 1997-2001 Elizabeth C. Agassiz Certificate of Merit, Radcliffe College
 - GPA above 3.5 for four years
- 1997-2001 Dean’s List, Harvard College
 - GPA above 3.5 for four years
- 1997-2001 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholar
 - Federal scholarship for academic achievement
- 2001 *Magna Cum Laude*, Harvard College
 - Thesis in Neurobiology awarded “high honors” in addition to GPA above 3.6; Received specialized certification for interdisciplinary academic track “Mind, Brain, Behavior” program
- 2003 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellow
 - Named as one of the most successful female graduate students by the AAUW and awarded grant to recognize achievement despite life hardships
- 2003 CV Starr Scholar
 - Awarded through Harvard Medical School for academic achievement

- while in college
- 2003 Dean's Community Service Award
- Harvard Medical School awards this prize to two medical students per year for leadership in dedicated community service project
- 2003 National Medical Fellowships Scholar
- Awarded for achievement in research
- 2003 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans
- Honored as one of twenty-six fellows chosen from a competitive national pool of thousands of graduate students as one of America's outstanding first-generation Americans. Awarded scholarship to recognize academic achievement and promise in the field of health care among immigrants.
- 2005 Massachusetts Medical Society Scholar
- Awarded a \$10,000 scholarship during 4th year of medical school. Selected as one of six total awardees from all of the Massachusetts medical schools for academic excellence, leadership and community service.
- 2008-2009 UCSF Chief Resident in Internal Medicine
- 2010 Academy-Health Minority Scholar
- 2010 Best Research Abstract Poster Award, California Region SGIM Meeting

MEDIA APPEARANCES

1. "*Cervical Cancer and Latinas*" Radio KIQI 1010 San Francisco and KATD 990 AM Sacramento, Spanish language, June 8, 2011.
2. "*Young Latinas and Cervical Cancer Prevention*" Radio KDNA Washington, Spanish language, June 15, 2011.
3. "*Cervical Cancer and Latinas*" Radio Campesino Arizona, Spanish language, June 24, 2011.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED

- 2009-2011 Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program Fellowship
- 2010-2012 National Institutes of Health, Loan Repayment Program Award
- 2011-2012 RWJ Clinical Scholars Program, funded for a 3rd year
- 2016 HRSA, Faculty Loan Repayment Award

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Casillas A**, and CJ Lai. *A Bug's Life, For Whom the Toilet Tolls: Discovering the Unexpected Cause of Chronic Diarrhea in a Young, Healthy Man*. Oral Clinical Vignette Presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine. 30th Annual Meeting, April 2007 in Toronto, Canada.
2. **Casillas A**, and A Kanaya. *A Long Way from Home: Comparing mental health measures between Foreign and US-born Latinos*. Oral Research Presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine. 31st Annual Meeting, April 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA.
3. **Casillas A**, *Cardiovascular Health for Latinas*. Community Health Presentation for Latina survivors of Breast Cancer: Latinas Salud y Vida Event. Latina Task Force, Partnered for Progress Community Organization. September 2009 in Los Angeles, CA.
4. **Casillas A**, Singhal R, Tsui J, Glenn B, Bastani R, and CM Mangione. *The Impact of Social Communication on Perceived HPV Vaccine Effectiveness in a Low-income, Minority Population*. Poster presentation. Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars National Meeting. November 2010 in Atlanta, GA.
5. **Casillas A**, Singhal R, Tsui J, Glenn B, Bastani R, and CM Mangione. *The Impact of Social Communication on Perceived HPV Vaccine Effectiveness in a Low-income, Minority Population*. Oral Research Presentation and Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, CA regional meeting. November 2010 in San Francisco, CA.
6. **Casillas A**, Ryan G, Cook S, Do J, and CM Mangione. *Messaging to the Messengers: An Ethnographic Study of Latino Media in the Los Angeles market*. Oral Plenary presentation. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program meeting. November 2011 in Washington DC.
7. **Cook S**, **Casillas A**, Ramos D, and E Maas. *Partnering with Ethnic Media to address Cervical Cancer Disparities: California's Cervical Cancer-Free Campaign*. Oral Research presentation. American Public Health Association National meeting. November 2011 in Washington DC.
8. **Casillas A**, Clack L, Touveneau S, da Liberdade Jantarada F, Zingg W, and H Sax. *Infection control through InDepth eyes: a thematic study of infection control practices across six European hospitals*. Poster presentation. European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. April 2013 in Berlin, Germany.
9. **Casillas A**, Bodenmann P, Epiney M, Getaz L, Irion O and H Wolff. *The border or reproductive control: undocumented immigration as a risk factor for unintended pregnancy in Geneva*. Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2013 in Denver, CO.
10. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green A, Wolff H, and P Bodenmann. *Comparing perceived cross-cultural skillfulness between physicians and nurses at Lausanne University Hospital: does provider role make a difference?* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2013 in Denver, CO.
11. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green A, Wolff H, and P Bodenmann. *Predictors of cross-cultural*

preparedness among physicians and nurses in Lausanne, Switzerland. Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2013 in Denver, CO.

12. Getaz L , **Casillas A**, and M Pfefferle. *Hepatitis B and prison officer perceptions: health beliefs about HBV transmission.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2013 in Denver, CO.
13. Wolff H, Barro J, **Casillas A**, Favrod-Coune T, Francois A, Rieder JP, Baroudi M, Getaz L and B Broers. *Needle and syringe exchange programs: acceptability and safety of retractable syringes for IV drug users in the largest pre-trial prison in Switzerland.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2013 in Denver, CO.
14. **Casillas A**, Clack L, Touveneau S, da Liberdade Jantarada F, Zingg W, and H Sax. *Infection control through InDepth eyes: a thematic study of infection control practices across six European hospitals.* Poster presentation. Swiss Society for Hospital Hygiene. May 2013 in Lugano, Switzerland.
15. Clack L, **Casillas A**, Touveneau S, da Liberdade Jantarada F, Zingg W, and H Sax. *Factors influencing leadership dynamics in the context of infection control: a cross-case analysis of 6 European hospitals.* Poster presentation. Swiss Society for Hospital Hygiene. May 2013 in Lugano, Switzerland.
16. **Casillas A**, Bodenmann P, Epiney M, Getaz L, Irion O and H Wolff. *The border or reproductive control: undocumented immigration as a risk factor for unintended pregnancy in Geneva.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.
17. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green A, Wolff H, and P Bodenmann. *Comparing perceived cross-cultural skillfulness between physicians and nurses at Lausanne University Hospital: does provider role make a difference?* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.
18. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green A, Wolff H, and P Bodenmann. *Predictors of cross-cultural preparedness among physicians and nurses in Lausanne, Switzerland.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.
19. **Casillas A**, Pfefferle M, and L Getaz. *Hepatitis B and prison officer perceptions: health beliefs about HBV transmission.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.
20. **Casillas A**, Iglesias K, Burnard B, and I Peytremann-Bridevaux. *Diabetic patients who report receiving processes of diabetic care do not express a better quality of life.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.
21. Wolff H, Barro J, **Casillas A**, Favrod-Coune T, Francois A, Rieder JP, Baroudi M, Getaz L and B Broers. *Needle and syringe exchange programs: acceptability and safety of retractable syringes for IV drug users in the largest pre-trial prison in Switzerland.* Poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, Swiss meeting. May 2013 in Basel, Switzerland.

22. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Dory E, Vu F, and P Bodenmann. *Building the diversity bridge abroad: The strategy to implement pre-graduate cultural competency medical education in Lausanne, Switzerland*. Innovations poster presentation. Society of General Internal Medicine, national meeting. April 2014 in San Diego, CA.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY/PUBLICATIONS

RESEARCH PAPERS

*Last 12 months

-RESEARCH PAPERS (PEER REVIEWED)

A. RESEARCH PAPERS - PEER REVIEWED

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2. **Casillas A**, Singhal R, Tsui J, Glenn BA, Bastani R, and CM Mangione. The Impact of Social Communication on Perceived HPV Vaccine Effectiveness in a Low-Income Minority Population. *Ethnicity and Disease*. Fall 2011.
3. **Casillas A**, Leng MS, Liu K, Hernandez A, Shrager S, and AM Kanaya. A Long Way from Home: Comparing mental health measures between foreign and U.S.-born Latinos in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA). *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. November 2012.
4. Wolff, H, **Casillas A**, Rieder JP, Getaz L. Health Care in custody: ethical fundamentals. *Bioethica Forum*. December 2012.
5. Rieder JP, **Casillas A**, Gerard M, Secretan AD, Gaspoz JM, and H Wolff. Health Care in Small Prisons: Incorporating High Quality Standards. *International Journal of Prison Health*. March 2013.
6. **Casillas A**, Bodenmann P, Epiney M, Getaz L, Irion O, Gaspoz JM, and H Wolff. The border of reproductive control: undocumented immigration as a risk factor for unintended pregnancy in Geneva. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. November 2013.
7. Favroud-Coune T, Baroudi M, **Casillas A**, Rieder JP, Getaz L, Barro J, Gaspoz JM, Broers B, and H Wolff. Opioid substitution treatment in pretrial prison detention: a case study from Geneva, Switzerland. *Swiss Medical Weekly*. November 2013.
8. **Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green AR, Wolff H, Weber O, Faucher F, Ninane F, and P Bodenmann. Cultural competency of health-care providers in a Swiss University Hospital: Self-assessed cross-cultural skillfulness in a cross-sectional study. *BMC Medical Education*. February 2014.
9. Barro J, **Casillas A**, Getaz L, Rieder JP, Baroudi M, Francois A, Broers B and H Wolff. Retractable syringes in a Swiss prison needle and syringe exchange program (NSP): experiences of drug-using inmates and prison staff perceptions. *European Journal of Addiction Research*. April 2014.
10. Bodenmann P, Favrat B, Wolff H, Guessous I, Panese F, Herzig L, Bischoff T, **Casillas A**, Golano T and P Vaucher. Screening Primary-Care Patients Forgoing Health Care for

Economic Reasons. *PLOS ONE*. April 2014.

11. Zurcher E, **Casillas A**, Hagon I, Bordet J, Burnand B, and I Peytremann-Bridevaux. Baseline data of a population-based cohort of patients with diabetes in Switzerland (CoDiab-VD). *Swiss Medical Weekly*. May 2014.
12. **Casillas A**, Iglesias K, Flatz A, Burnand B, Peytremann-Bridevaux I. No consistent association between processes-of-care and health-related quality of life among patients with diabetes: A missing link? *BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care*. January 2015.
13. Flatz A, **Casillas A**, Stringhini S, Zuercher E, Burnand B, and I Peytremann-Bridevaux. Association between education and quality of diabetes care in Switzerland. *International Journal of General Medicine*. February 2015.
14. Pont J, Stover H, Getaz L, **Casillas A**, and H Wolff. Prevention of violence in prison- The role of health care professionals. *J Forensic Leg Med*. August 2015.
15. ***Casillas A**, Paroz S, Green AR, Wolff H, Weber O, Faucherre F, Ninane F, and P Bodenmann. Is the "front-line" prepared for the changing faces of patients in Switzerland? Predictors of cross-cultural preparedness among clinical nurses and resident physicians in Lausanne, Switzerland. *Teaching and Learning in Medicine*. October 2015.
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17. ***Casillas A** and H Wolff, Perneger T, Heller P, Golay D, Mouton E, Bodenmann P, and Laurent Gétaz. Self-harm and overcrowding among prisoners in Geneva, Switzerland. *International Journal of Prisoner Health*. February 2016.
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