



Monika Aldarondo

Monika Aldarondo was diagnosed with PSC and UC in 2009. Her biggest questions when attending her first PSC Partners conference in 2014 were around pregnancy and parenthood. She has since had her son and a liver transplant (Feb 2017). Along her journey she was frustrated by the lack of information available to patients surrounding women's health and PSC/transplant. Aldarondo began the podcast *PSC Mami* to create a resource for women who face the same questions she did. She is active as a mentor and in the autoimmune liver disease support community in the SF Bay Area. She is a former high school art teacher and teacher training facilitator.



Stuart Barnett

Stuart Barnett was diagnosed with PSC in 2013. After his wife Debra quickly and easily found PSC Partners on Facebook, he was amazed at the abundance of information and support that helped him cope with this mysterious disease. He attended his first conference in New Haven in 2016 and found the welcome amazing and comforting. That welcome never died down the entire conference and he and Debra left knowing that there was more to be done to help this cause and wanted to be involved immediately.

Stu graduated the University of Albany in NY in 1998 with a degree in Economics and is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® and VP-Sr. Financial Consultant for Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. He has 20 years of experience in the financial industry. When he is not helping people with their finances he is spending time with his 3 kids Jadon, Kaila and Emma (aka Little Red), and his wife Debra on Long Island where they live.



Dr. Christopher Bowlus

Dr. Christopher Bowlus, Co-Chair of the PSC Partners Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee (SMAC) and scientific head of PSC Partners' Patient Registry, is Professor and Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Bowlus is an international expert in autoimmune liver diseases, specifically PSC and PBC (primary biliary cholangitis). Dr. Bowlus has an active research program that focuses on 3 main areas: 1) elucidating the underlying genetic and immunologic causes of PBC and PSC; 2) developing new treatments for PBC and PSC; and 3) improving testing and care of Asian Americans with chronic hepatitis B through the use of community outreach and personalized medicine.

Dr. Bowlus received his medical training from St. Louis University, his residency in internal medicine at UC Davis, and completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Yale University. At Yale, he worked on the Human Genome Project with particular emphasis on cloning genes in the region of the hemochromatosis gene.



Dr. Misha Cohen

Misha Ruth Cohen has practiced traditional Asian medicine for the past 42 years. She has authored seven books, for both professionals and consumers, along with numerous professional journal and consumer magazine articles. Misha is internationally renowned as a senior teacher, mentor and leading expert in Chinese traditional medicine. She regularly trains Chinese medicine practitioners as well as medical doctors and practitioners in liver disease, cancer support, and gynecology. She has collaborated with western university and community-based research teams as a leading researcher in Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture and acupressure as well as designed Chinese traditional medicine treatment protocols for many complex and common problems including liver support.



Dr. Steven Colquhoun

Dr. Colquhoun trained in both surgical oncology and multi-organ transplantation at UCLA. He founded the UC Davis Liver Transplant Program in 1994 before leaving to direct the Liver Transplant program and surgical training fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, which he has directed for the last 20 years. He recently returned to UC Davis to re-establish expertise in both hepatobiliary surgery and to re-start the Liver Transplant Program for the benefit of patients in Sacramento and the surrounding areas of Northern California.



Dr. Yinka Davies

Dr. Davies currently practices pediatric gastroenterology in the Sacramento Region. She enjoys working with her patients and families and strives on guiding them on implementing a healthy lifestyle. She did her undergraduate studies at University of Maryland, College Park, and then attended The Chicago Medical School where she earned her Medical Degree. She returned to the East Coast and completed her Pediatric training at The Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she was presented with the Maynard I. Cohen Memorial Award for her intense interest, diligence and her excellence of judgment in the care of the pediatric patient. During her fourth year of medical school, she did a rotation in Pediatric Gastroenterology at Stanford University in Palo Alto and developed a true passion for this specialty. She returned to Stanford University where she completed her fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology Liver and Nutrition. In addition to her clinical practice, she is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University. Her research interests include Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, nutrition and probiotics.



Cindy Dunn

Cindy Dunn began her practice of T'ai Chi Chih in February, 2003 and attained her teacher's accreditation in March, 2005. Her teachers include Sandy McAlister and Justin Stone, the originator of T'ai Chi Chih. Cindy teaches college faculty and staff, young adults, children, senior citizens, the visually impaired and seated classes at rehabilitation centers. She is an instructor of T'ai Chi Chih at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas and has co-owned and managed The Vision and Wellness Center in Lubbock, Texas since 1984.



Dr. Michael Dunn

Dr. Dunn graduated from the University of Houston, College of Optometry in 1976 specializing in special needs patients. He took his first mindfulness training in 1971 in Nuremberg, Germany. Michael has taught mindfulness and stress management techniques to optometrists, physicians, physical therapists, teachers, guidance counselors, Christian congregations, and the general public.



Vincent Fong

Vincent Fong has been employed as a Social Worker for the past 15 years. His experience includes Child Welfare, Mental Health and Medical. For the past 12 years he has been employed at the UC Davis Medical Center Outpatient clinics, specializing in Chronic Disease Management. In this role, Vincent assists patients and families from the initial diagnosis to ongoing care. This includes providing support, assessment of coping and breaking down barriers that interfere with treatment and access to medical care.



Dr. Aparna Goel

Dr. Goel has been committed to caring for patients with liver disease since she was a medical student. As a general and transplant hepatologist, Dr. Goel specializes in caring for patients with chronic liver disease, viral hepatitis, fatty liver, autoimmune disorders, hepatocellular cancer and cirrhosis. She has a particular clinical interest in the management of patients with autoimmune liver disease including autoimmune hepatitis, primary biliary cholangitis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, and other related liver diseases. She is currently involved and leading several clinical trials and long term studies of these conditions at Stanford University.

Dr. Goel completed her residency and chief residency at UCSF and then her specialty training in gastroenterology and liver transplantation at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. After surviving the cold weather in New York for a few years, she moved back to California in 2016 and joined the faculty at Stanford in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.



Dr. Jennifer Guy

Dr. Jennifer Guy is a hepatologist who cares for patients at CPMC in San Francisco and Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Mountain View. She became a transplant hepatologist because she likes being part of a dedicated, multidisciplinary team that advocates for patients and works tirelessly on their behalf. Dr. Guy trained at UCSF, where she served as faculty prior to joining the CPMC team in 2010 as the Director of the Liver Cancer Program. She has published articles on topics including liver cancer, primary biliary cirrhosis, gender issues in liver disease, health disparities and patient and provider understanding of medical topics. Dr. Guy serves on the UNOS Regional Review Board presently and works closely with the American Liver Foundation. She believes strongly in educating patients about the hows and whys of their liver condition and working with patients to make each day the best possible day by optimizing physical and mental health. She is grateful for all that her patients have taught her and is humbled by the strength and commitment of patients and their caregivers.



Dr. Bilal Hameed

Dr. Hameed completed his internal medicine and GI fellowship at University of Minnesota followed by transplant hepatology training at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He is currently the program director for transplant hepatology fellowship and associate clinic chief, hepatology. Dr. Hameed is actively engaged in clinical research in PSC, NASH and acute liver failure.



Dr. Sunpreet Kaur

Dr. Sunpreet Kaur is a pediatric gastroenterologist at UC Davis Children's Hospital who provides care to pediatric patients with varying GI/liver diseases from Inflammatory Bowel Disease to Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. She completed her fellowship from Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago (Northwestern University), which is a leading institution in pediatric liver disease and liver transplantation.



Dilshad Kassam-Lallani

Dilshad Kassam-Lallani is a Nurse Practitioner at Holland Worldview Kids Rehab Hospital who provides leadership in the development and implementation of a transition model of care for adolescents with Spina Bifida moving from the pediatric to adult health care setting. She also provides leadership in the development of a comprehensive healthcare model for adolescents and adults with Spina Bifida in collaboration with inter-professional team members, clients and family members. She is a co-investigator in partnership with Holland-Bloorview Research Institute developing a "Database for Outcome Evaluation of Pediatric to Adult Health Care Transition Model for Youth with Spina Bifida." Dilshad is also a parent of a young adult with PSC.



Dr. Nancy E. Lane

Dr. Nancy E. Lane is a Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Rheumatology, and Aging Research, Director for the Center for Musculoskeletal Health, Director of the K12 NIH Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH), and Principal Investigator of the NIH-funded Program on Sex Differences in Musculoskeletal Diseases Across the Lifespan at the UC Davis School of Medicine where she has served for the past 8 years.

Dr. Lane is an internationally recognized scientist in the fields of both osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Her translational research team has been instrumental in defining the role of glucocorticoids in bone fragility including their effects on cell stress and vulnerable cell populations including osteocytes.

Dr. Lane has received extensive recognition as an outstanding mentor and for her research in osteoporosis. She has served in many leadership roles - chairing professional conferences, leading or serving on boards of foundations and associations. She has been involved in the editorial boards and as co-editor of scientific journals, and Dr. Lane continues to have an active rheumatology practice.



Dr. Valentina Medici

Dr. Valentina Medici is an Associate Professor at UC Davis, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. She has been practicing at UC Davis since 2006 after training in Italy and Germany. Her clinical and research interests are hepatology and management of nutritional problems in gastrointestinal and liver conditions.



Dr. Veronica Miller

Dr. Veronica Miller is the Executive Director of the Forum for Collaborative Research, and Professor (Adjunct) at UC Berkeley School of Public Health. She is a leading expert in regulatory science, engaging stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic to resolve and advance regulatory science and policy to advance the development of therapeutics and diagnostics in areas of unmet medical need. She led the expansion of the Forum's collaborative model in HIV to 5 new disease areas: HCV, HBV, CMV, NASH and PSC.

As a Professor (Adjunct), Miller teaches a graduate-level course she developed on FDA and drug development. She mentors interns and fellows pursuing regulatory, biotech, and translational medicine careers.

She joined the Forum for Collaborative Research in 2001 after having directed the interdisciplinary HIV Research Group at the HIV Outpatient Clinic of the JW Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. Together with Joep Lange, she co-founded and chaired the Euro-Guidelines Group on HIV Drug Resistance, the first pan-European group established for the purpose of assuring a common standard-of-care for patients in all European states.

Miller served on numerous industry and government advisory boards throughout her career, publishing over 100 peer-reviewed publications on HIV treatment strategies, and regulatory strategies for HIV.



Randall G. Oates

Randal G. Oates (Randy) - Randy graduated with a B.A. in Accounting from Grove City College in 1984. His 29-year working career was spent in the insurance industry, with the first 12 years working for Aetna Health Plans in various sales and management positions. It was during this time that he achieved the Certified Employee Benefits Specialist professional designation. He then was a co-founder of two medical malpractice insurance companies which provided professional liability insurance to hospitals, nursing homes, physician groups and managed care organizations. Randy and his wife Cathy now reside in Daniel Island, SC.



Dr. Natesh Parashurama

Dr. Parashurama is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at University at Buffalo, State University of New York, with an Adjunct Appointment in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, and Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He is a chemical and biological engineer-physician with multi-disciplinary training in stem cell biology and imaging. The vision of his laboratory is to merge regenerative medicine (pluripotent, adult stem cells, cancer stem cells, tissue engineering) and molecular imaging (reporter genes, biomolecular probes, nanotechnology) to develop the next generation of diagnostics and therapeutics for hepatobiliary and pancreatic diseases, including developing 3D organs from stem cells and imaging stem cells in patients.

He has the unique distinction of being trained on 3 NIH training grants (Biotechnology, Surgery, and Radiology) and in 3 major departments and centers (Department of Surgery-Center for Engineering in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, the Department of Radiology-Molecular Imaging Program at Stanford University, and the Department of OB/GYN-Center for Reproductive Sciences at University of California and California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, San Francisco (UCSF). He holds a PhD in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering from Rutgers University, an MD from University at Buffalo, and a BS in Chemical Engineering from MIT.





Dr. Lisa Pedicone

Lisa received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Smith College, MA and her doctorate degree in neuropharmacology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Lisa spent 16 years at Schering-Plough Corporation and Merck & Co. During her 16 years, she worked in Global Regulatory Affairs, Clinical Research (Phase II/III), Global Medical Affairs and Global Scientific Affairs. While in Clinical Research, she oversaw the clinical development of late-stage products including the approval of two new chemical entities. In Global Medical Affairs, she was Vice President and managed a team of 15 regional medical directors overseeing global medical strategy for all specialty products. Her primary focus since 2006 has been liver disease and she was responsible for the global strategy for all Phase IV, continuing medical education (CME), scientific publications and global advisory boards for liver disease. In 2012 she became an independent consultant and focuses her time on medical education and life cycle management in liver disease for specialty medical practices and the pharmaceutical industry.

Lisa is a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and has co-authored more than 35 publications in journals including *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Gastroenterology*, *Hepatology*, *Journal of Hepatology*, and *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.



Dr. Marion Peters

Dr. Marion Peters is a Professor of Medicine and holds the John V. Carbone, M.D., Endowed Chair in Medicine. She is also Chief of Hepatology Research. Dr. Peters is especially interested in the immunology of chronic liver diseases, particularly viral and autoimmune hepatitis. Her research activities include studies of transgenic mouse models of liver specific T cell responses, HIV and HCV co-infection, and alcohol and HCV infection.

Dr. Peters graduated from Melbourne University Medical School, Australia in 1972. She trained in gastroenterology, hepatology and immunology at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, USC and NIH. She was Chief of Hepatology and medical director of Liver Transplantation at Washington University School of Medicine from 1985 to 1998.



Dr. Monika Sarkar

Dr. Monika Sarkar is a transplant hepatologist, a specialist who cares for patients before and after a liver transplant. Dr. Sarkar completed her medical degree at UCSF, followed by a residency in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She then completed fellowships in gastroenterology and transplant hepatology at UCSF, as well as a master's degree in clinical research.

Sarker's clinical and research interests are at the intersection of women's health and liver disease, including liver disease in pregnancy, reproductive health in transplant recipients and the effects of reproductive aging on disease progression. She has funding from the National Institutes of Health to study the role of sex hormones on the progression of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in women.



Dr. Jerome Schofferman

Dr. Jerome Schofferman is an internist who has practiced pain medicine and the management of chronic pain illnesses for more than 30 years. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pain Medicine. Perhaps equally important, he has had PSC for many years and in 2014 had a liver transplant. As a result, Dr. Schofferman has the perspective of having been on "both sides of the bedside." He brings this perspective to his speaking about the effect of PSC on the patient, family, other caregivers, and the physicians who treat PSC patients.



Christina Jo Sheppard

Christina Jo Sheppard is a Transplant Financial Coordinator at UC Davis. She is a member of the Transplant Financial Coordinator Association, an Ambassador of Diversity and has 20 years of experience as a Transplant Financial Coordinator for UDHS Kidney, Pancreas, Liver, Lung and Heart Transplant Programs.



Dr. Samantha Siegel

Dr. Samantha Siegel is currently an internal medicine hospitalist at UC Davis Medical Center. Prior to that she held a similar position at UCSF-San Francisco General Hospital.

Samantha's husband has PSC and ulcerative colitis, and because of the loving generosity of his little brother, underwent a successful live donor liver transplant in August, 2016. So far, he has been doing very well.

Samantha brings her husband to work every day, as her experiences as a wife at the bedside of a critically ill loved one, inform how she cares for her patients and their families.

She hopes that her experiences as a doctor/wife navigating the complicated care for a loved one with a rare illness, can provide some assistance and useful information to those in a similar position.

Samantha is also a mother of 3 children ages 6, 5, and 4 months.



Dr. Samuel Siegel

Dr. Samuel Siegel is currently a pediatrician in Woodland, CA, practicing general pediatric outpatient medicine and inpatient neonatal care. It is his diagnosis with ulcerative colitis in December of 2000 and PSC 6 months later that ultimately led him to a career in medicine. His experiences as a patient, father, and husband are at the core of how he practices medicine.

Samuel underwent a successful live donor liver transplant in August of 2016 and has been doing well since. He is eager to share his dual perspective as both a doctor and patient, and how this perspective both hindered and helped him to confront his illness, and how it affected his approach to medical care. There is no question or issue too personal that he would hesitate to answer.

Samuel currently lives in Davis with his wife of 10 years and their 3 children, ages 6, 5, and 4 months.



Dr. Jesse Stondell

Dr. Stondell received his medical degree at UC Irvine and then completed both a residency and a gastroenterology fellowship at UC Davis. He has been working as faculty specializing in IBD for the last four years.



Dr. James Tabibian

Dr. Tabibian is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine in Los Angeles, CA. His clinical and research interests focus on clinico-translational aspects of gastrointestinal and pancreatobiliary endoscopy and, in particular, how they relate to hepatobiliary disorders, especially primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC). Dr. Tabibian grew up in Central California, where he attended UC Davis as an undergraduate. He received his M.D. degree from UCLA. He then completed Internal Medicine training at Johns Hopkins. Thereafter, James became a fellow in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Mayo Clinic Rochester, and while completing his Gastroenterology training, he successfully defended his PhD thesis at Mayo Graduate School.

Dr. Tabibian was a Co-Principle Investigator of a 2013 PSC Partners Seeking a Cure Research Grant and the 2014 AASLD Clinical and Translational Research Award for his proposals related to translational PSC research. Following his training at Mayo Clinic, Dr. Tabibian spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania teaching endoscopy and training in specialized endoscopy techniques. He returned to UC Davis as a faculty member until 2017 when he became the Director of Endoscopy and Resident Research Director at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, where he continues his clinical, research, and teaching activities.



Dr. Kidist Yimam

Dr. Yimam is the Medical Director of the California Pacific Medical Center's Autoimmune Liver Disease (AILD) program, which provides access to PSC care via its 14 outreach clinics in Northern California and the California Central Valley. Dr. Yimam also leads CPMC's multidisciplinary Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA) Program, aiming at diagnosing CCA early and providing timely multidisciplinary care, to include liver transplant in collaboration with other centers.

Dr. Yimam is the founder of CPMC's AILD Patient Support Group, which focuses on: symptom management in autoimmune liver diseases in collaboration with CPMC's Integrative Medicine Department, providing a supportive platform for patients and caregivers via a monthly meeting at CPMC (with call-in and skype meeting options), and organizing educational activities to empower patients to take a lead in their disease management.

The founding member of the North America Consortium for Autoimmune Liver Diseases (NA-CALiD), a member of NA-CALiD's steering committee, Dr. Yimam collaborates in PSC projects with NA-CALiD's and International PSC Study Group (IPSCSG)'s members.