# UCLA I·M·G

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

*Celebrating 10 years! 2006-2016*

- **Trains** and **provides** Spanish-speaking International Medical Graduates with an intensive course of **professional instruction** and **clinical training** to pass the *US Medical Licensing Examinations* (USMLE)
- IMGs compete successfully for Family Medicine residency program positions in California *(National Resident Matching Program – NRMP)*
- In return, IMGs commit to practicing medicine for two to three years in **medically underserved communities** in urban and rural California, where bicultural and bilingual skills are critically needed

# *In the State of California:*

200+ languages spoken

1 in 5 residents is Limited-English Proficient

13 million Hispanics – 38% of total population

35% live in medically underserved areas (MUSA)

~ 6% of doctors are Hispanic

*At UCLA, the IMG Program is pursuing an **innovative strategy** to increase the number of bilingual, bicultural family physicians committed to practicing in California's largely minority, medically underserved communities.*

"The paramount objective of the UCLA IMG Program is to increase the number of well-trained Family Medicine physicians practicing in California's underserved rural and inner urban communities, with the ability to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of the patients they serve."

**Michelle Bholat, MD, MPH**
*Co-founder and Executive Director,*
*UCLA International Medical Graduate Program*

# *Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas*

The federal HPSA designation is given to areas that demonstrate a shortage of healthcare providers, on the basis of availability of primary care physicians. This designation is based on the MSSA boundary, its population to (selected type of) practitioner ratio, and available access to healthcare.

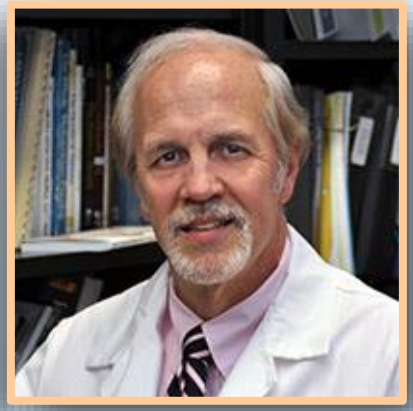
Primary Care – HPSA, Population Designation (76)

Primary Care – HPSA, Geographic Designation (114)

*Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's (OSHPD) Healthcare Workforce Development Division (HWDD).*

# *Co-founded in 2006 at UCLA*

**Michelle Anne Bholat, MD, MPH**
*Executive Director*
*Professor & Executive Vice Chair*
UCLA Dept. of Family Medicine



**Patrick T. Dowling, MD, MPH**
*Associate Director*
*Professor & Chair*
UCLA Dept. of Family Medicine

Keeping IMGs as observers was like "…being a student driver but only allowed to sit in the passenger seat."
**Patrick Dowling, MD, MPH** *Co-founder and Associate Director, UCLA IMG Program*

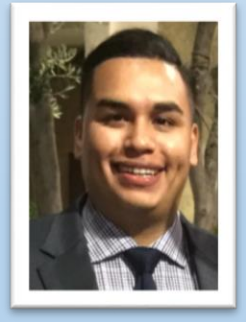
# *AB 1533 – A collaborative partnership*

- The Honorable Holly Mitchell
- David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
- UC Office of the President
- Medical Board of California

# TEAM: UCLA IMG

*Drs. Michelle Bholat, Patrick Dowling, and Blanca Campos*

Program mentors include **world-class faculty and physicians** from the UCLA Department of Family Medicine and associated facilities.



***Fernando Murillo***

UCLA IMG Associate Program Coordinator

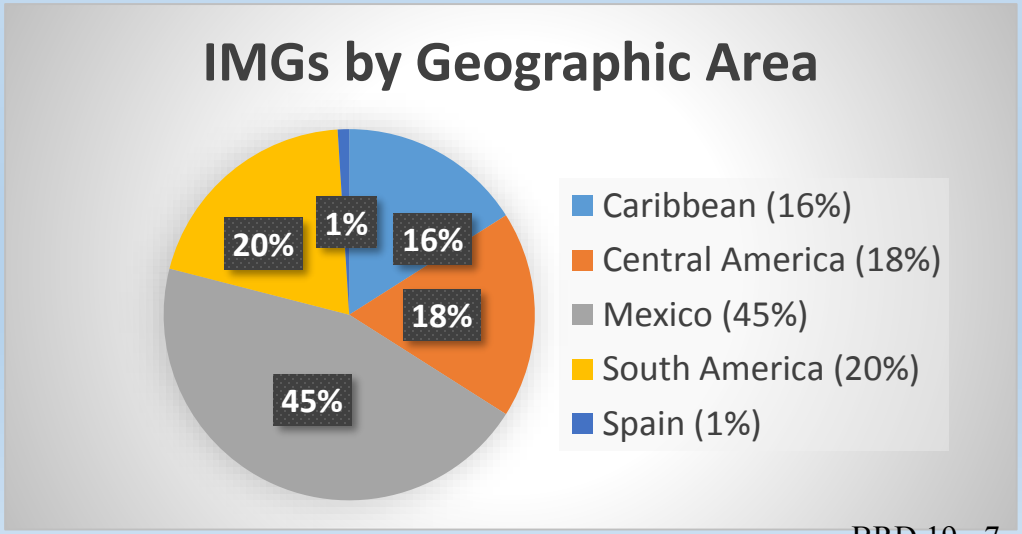
***Blanca Campos, MD***

Alumna, 2007 UCLA, family physician and teacher-mentor for the scholars.

# *Our Diverse and Experienced Scholars*

Our IMGs come from all over Latin America and bring their expertise and experience to serve patients in California.

*IMGs celebrating Match Day 2016*



# The UCLA IMG Program at a Glance

**Program A**

Basic Sciences / USMLE Step 1 Preparation
English for Health Professionals

**Program B**

Clinical Sciences / USMLE Step 2 CK/CS Preparation
English for Health Professionals

**Program C**

Clinical Rotations at UCLA and UCLA affiliates
English for Health Professionals

**Program D**

Volunteer and Clinical Trial Opportunities

***Match*** *successfully into a Family Medicine Residency Program in California*
*(National Resident Matching Program – NRMP)*

# Didactic Sessions & Grand Rounds

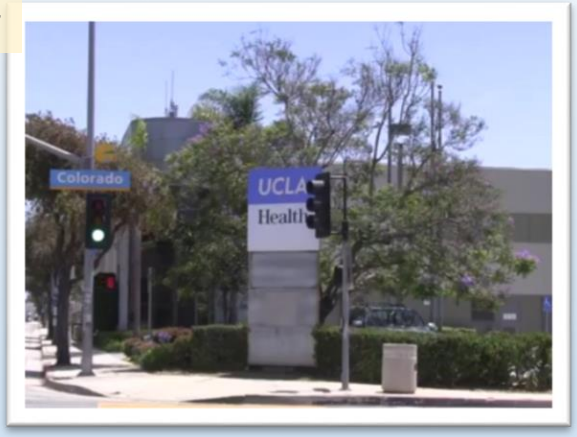
*Program participants meet weekly to present cases and discuss medical conditions and treatments*

*Participants attend weekly Grand Rounds*

*Participants receive 'hands-on' training in class and as part of clinical rotations at UCLA hospitals and clinics*

# UCLA and Affiliated Health Centers

UCLA Family Health Center



Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital

UCLA Health

Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

UCLA IMG Program

UCLA International Medical Graduate (IMG) Program

# IMGs Matched (2007–16)

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|---|---|
| Central Valley | 38 |
| Southern California | 48 |
| Coachella Valley | 14 |
| Outside California | 4 |
| **Total** | **104** |

## Central Valley

| | |
|---|---|
| Clinica Sierra Vista Bakersfield | 10 |
| Clinica Sierra Vista Fresno | 1 |
| Contra Costa | 1 |
| Kaweah Delta | 1 |
| Kern Medical Center | 2 |
| Hanford | 8 |
| Mercy Merced | 1 |
| Natividad Medical Center | 3 |
| San Joaquin General Hospital | 2 |
| Sutter Health Sacramento | 1 |
| UC San Francisco Fresno | 6 |
| Valley Family Medicine of Modesto | 2 |

## Outside California

| | |
|---|---|
| Jackson Memorial Hospital (FL) | 1 |
| St. Joseph Family Medicine (NY) | 1 |
| Texas Tech University El Paso (TX) | 1 |
| University of Texas Houston (TX) | 1 |

## Southern California

| | |
|---|---|
| Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital | 1 |
| Family Health Centers of San Diego | 1 |
| Glendale Adventist Medical Center | 5 |
| Kaiser Permanente Fontana | 2 |
| Northridge Family Medicine | 4 |
| PIH Family Health Medicine | 2 |
| Pomona Valley Hospital | 7 |
| UC Los Angeles | 15 |
| UC San Diego | 3 |
| USC California Hospital | 8 |

## Coachella Valley

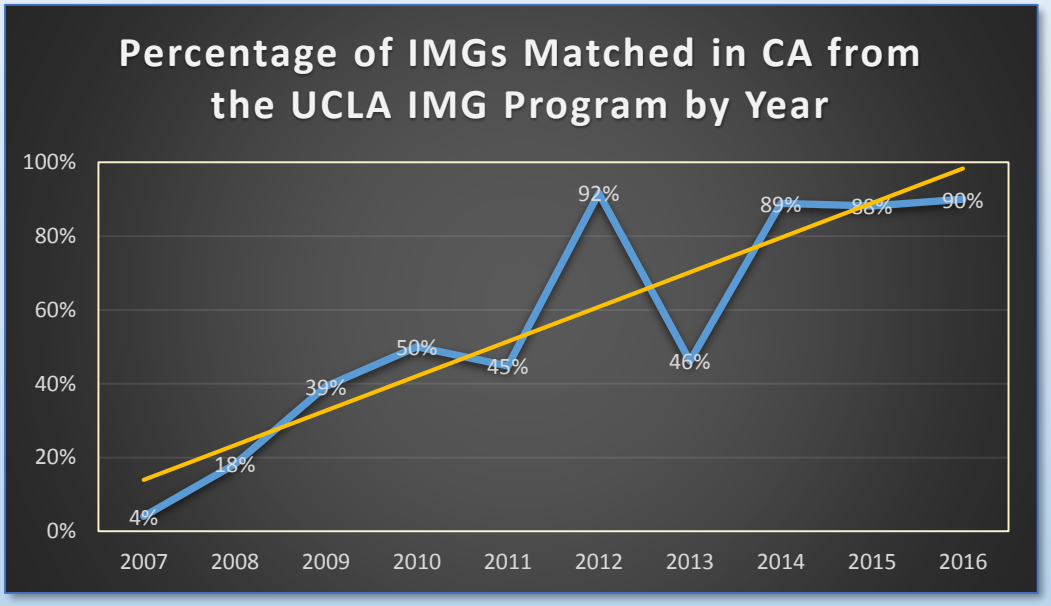
| | |
|---|---|
| Eisenhower Medical Center | 2 |
| UC Riverside Regional | 12 |

# *Outcomes: Commitment to Medically Underserved Areas (MUSA)*

- 52 of 64 alumni (81.3%) continue to work in MUSAs
- 65 of those 66 (98.5%) fulfilled the program's mission
- 66 of 104 alumni (63%) have graduated while 37% are currently enrolled in a Family Medicine training program

# *Outcomes: IMGs by Year*

| *IMGs Matched into a Family Medicine Program in California* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Year** | **# of IMGs** | **# of UCLA IMGs** | **%** |
| 2007 | 50 | **2** | 4% |
| 2008 | 33 | **6** | 18% |
| 2009 | 28 | **11** | 39% |
| 2010 | 22 | **11** | 50% |
| 2011 | 29 | **13** | 45% |
| 2012 | 12 | **11** | 92% |
| 2013 | 26 | **12** | 46% |
| 2014 | 18 | **16** | 89% |
| 2015 | 17 | **15** | 88% |
| 2016 | 10 | **9** | 90% |
| **Total IMGs** | | **104** | |




*The UCLA IMG Program's strategy has been an **effective model** in training Family Medicine physicians and placing them in under-resourced communities in California*

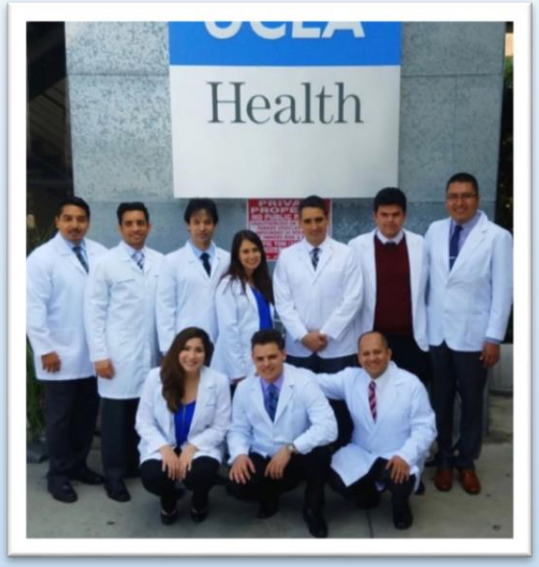
# *Our Future Family Physicians and Community Leaders*

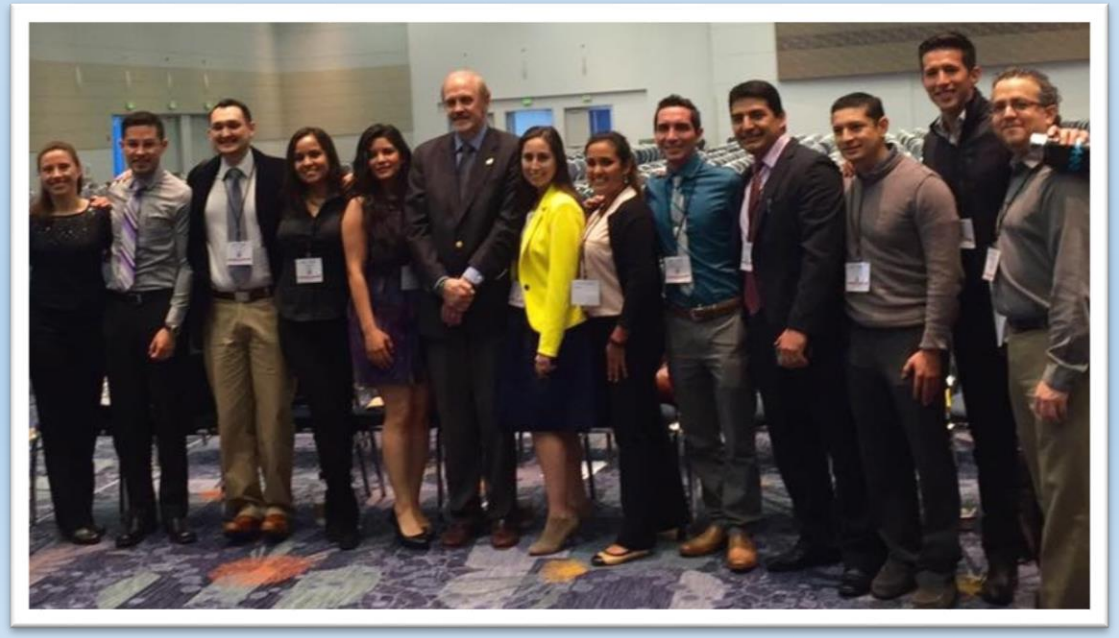
- Community Impact
  - Rotary Club - Angel City Celebration
  - American Heart Association LA Heart Walk
  - UCLA Employee Volunteer Interpretation Program (EVIP)
  - *Live Well, Eat Smart* Program

# UCLA IMG Alumni Association



- Promotes the program to candidates and the general public
- Professional networking
- Leadership development



# UCLA IMG Match 2017 Roster

**Dr. Jaime Acosta**
Universidad Evangélica de El Salvador
*El Salvador*

**Dr. Silvia Buenrostro**
Universidad de Ciencias Médicas
*Costa Rica*

**Dr. Fausto J. Castillo**
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua
*Nicaragua*

**Dr. Karen Yberico Fourie**
Universidad de San Martín de Porres
*Perú*

**Dr. Eric Gama**
Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara
*México*

**Dr. Luis García**
Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
*México*

**Dr. Gustavo J. Gutiérrez-Colin**
Universidad de Guanajuato
*México*

**Dr. Francisco Ordaz-Chávez**
Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo
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**Dr. José Rodríguez-García**
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*México*

**Dr. Felipe Saavedra**
Universidad de Chile
*Chile*

**Dr. Gladys Valdéz**
Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo
*República Dominicana*

**Dr. Estefania Way**
Universidad Científica del Sur
*Perú*

# *Pilot Program: Retention/Expansion Strategies*

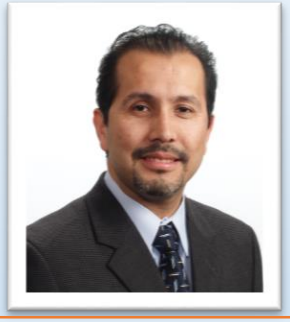
- UME/GME: PRIME & Family Medicine Training
  - Inspired Leadership
  - Faculty Development
  - Building Programs

Rio Bravo (UC affiliate)

- First class began training in 2014

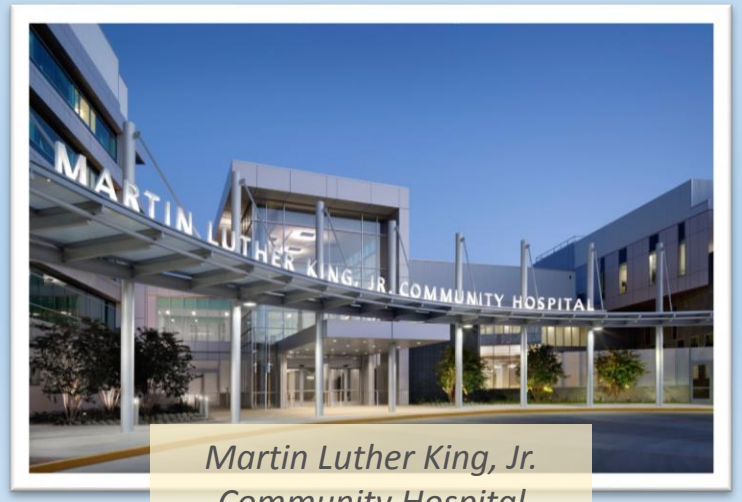
- New program in Central LA

- Professional development of alumni



***Gerardo Moreno, MD, MSHS***

Director of the PRIME program at DGSOM




*Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital*

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