



Karen Allen, MA

Karen Allen started her research career in 1997 as Research Specialist in UCI's Department in Psychiatry and Human Behavior. In 2000, she joined Research Administration as an IRB Administrator. Beginning in 2003, she held management positions of increasing responsibility within Research Administration, including three years as Assistant Director of Human Research Protections, four years as Director of Human Research Protections and most recently as Executive Director of Research

Protections. Karen is responsible for the long term planning and management of the Research Protections unit in the Office of Research. She has an M.A. and CIP designation.



Tom Andriola, MS

Tom Andriola joined the University as its Vice President and Chief Information Officer in 2013. He works closely with campus and healthcare leaders to explore opportunities for technology and innovation to enhance the UC mission. He brings over 25 years of experience as a healthcare and technology executive. Mr. Andriola is active in Healthcare associations, serves as an advisor, and sits on several boards. He is the Co-chair for California's CENIC, a Board member for OCHIN, and maintains

advisory relationships with UCSD's California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, UCSF's Institute for Computational Health Sciences, and UCSF's Center for Digital Health Innovation



Lars Berglund, MD, PhD

Dr. Berglund is currently Interim Dean for the UC Davis School of Medicine. He is also a Professor of Medicine and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at UC Davis and has led the School of Medicine research enterprise since 2008. Dr. Berglund served as the Director for the UC Davis CTSC since its inception in 2006 until 2017, and has published more than 200 peer-reviewed publications and reviews. Prior to being the Director of CTSC, he was the Program Director for the UC Davis GCRC, funded in 2004.

He received his MD and PhD from Uppsala University and did residency training at the Karolinska Institute, in Sweden.



Nate Buscher

Nate Buscher is the Program Manager for UC BRAID, a network of the 5 University of California academic medical centers and Stanford University. With an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in Human Psychology, he manages initiatives to improve research administration across the BRAID Network, including proof-of-concept and pilot programs in the Regulatory domain. He serves as an ambassador for the SMART IRB initiative and leads its nationwide committee

on single IRB fees and charging models. Mr. Buscher comes to this role with administration experience in academia, government, and non-profit sectors. He also has a strong background in information technology, operations, and fundraising.



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Atul Butte, MD, PhD

Dr. Butte is the Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg Distinguished Professor and inaugural Director of the Institute for Computational Health Sciences (ichs.ucsf.edu) at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Butte is also the Executive Director for Clinical Informatics for UC Health. Dr. Butte has authored over 200 publications, with research repeatedly featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Wired Magazine. Dr. Butte was elected into the National Academy of Medicine in 2015, and in 2013, he was recognized by the Obama Administration as an Open Science Champion of Change for promoting science through publicly





Steve Dubinett, MD

Dr. Dubinett is the director of the UCLA CTSI, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Senior Associate Dean for Translational Science in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Building on original discoveries relevant to inflammation and immunity in lung cancer, he leads a translational research program which utilizes these laboratory-based discoveries in the translational

research and clinical environment. He chaired the FDA Cellular, Tissue & Gene Therapies Advisory Committee and currently serves on the NCI Thoracic Malignancy Steering Committee as a Translational Science Representative. He is the current chair of the UC BRAID Executive Committee.



Elizabeth Engel, JD

Ms. Engel has joined UCOP as chief strategy officer for UC Health. She has over 20 years of strategic health policy and regulatory experience spanning government, corporate and nonprofit organizations. She recently served as head of health policy at Google, where she was the global lead policy advisor and strategist for all of Google's products and ventures in the health space. Ms. Engel has also spent significant time in the federal government, including with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Obama-Biden transition team, and the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee.

Engel received her Bachelors of Arts from UCLA and completed her Juris Doctor at UCLA School of Law.



Vanessa Jacoby, MD, MAS

Dr. Vanessa Jacoby is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF. Her research program focuses on understanding long-term outcomes of hysterectomy and oophorectomy. She also studies uterine fibroids and conducts trials of new and emerging fibroid treatments. Dr. Jacoby is the principal investigator for the UCOP funded University of California Fibroid Network and the principal investigator of a nationwide

registry for women undergoing laparoscopic radiofrequency ablation of fibroids. Dr. Jacoby is the Director of the UCSF CTSI Participant Recruitment Program and serves as Co-PI for the Community Engaged Network for All (CENA), a PCORI Patient-Powered Research Network.



Andrew Jones, MA

Andrew Jones is currently the Research Policy Manager in the University of California Office of the President with systemwide responsibility for clinical trials policy. In this role, he works closely with the UC campuses on clinical trial policy issues and negotiates master agreements with industry sponsors. Prior to his position at the UC Office of the President, he worked in the Industry Alliances Office at UC Berkeley, the Clinical Trials contracting office at UC Davis, and the UC Davis

Sponsored Programs Office.



Eric Mah, MPH

Mr. Mah joined the ACTRI Executive Committee in 2015. He is the Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at UC San Diego. Mah is responsible for clinical research administration across Health Sciences and has administrative oversight of the clinical research administrative core units. He is also responsible for ACTRI affiliations and strategic and operational management. Mah has extensive experience in research administration and compliance. Prior to joining UC San Diego, he served as senior director of research compliance at UC San Francisco and program director

of regulatory, knowledge and support for UCSF's Clinical and Translational Science Institute.





Eric Meeks

Mr. Meeks is the Chief Technical Officer for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute at UCSF, and technical architect for the Research Technology program. Eric has contributed heavily to the Researcher Profiling space, both as a developer and as a community leader serving as program chair for the 2018 VIVO Research Networking conference. His background is in enterprise software development and architecture, and he spent several years working with entrepreneurial startups in Silicon Valley prior to joining UCSF. Eric is listed as a co-inventor for two patents

resulting from his work with early web transaction systems.



Arash Naeim, MD, PhD

Dr. Naeim is a Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine, Associate Director for the Clinical Translational Science Institute and Chief Medical Officer for Clinical Research for the UCLA Campus and Health System. He is the UCLA Principal Investigator for the Athena Breast Health Network and the RO1 AHRQ grant that aims to use sensor technology and analytics to reduce risk, integrates innovative technology, and advance precision medicine. He is a board certified Clinical

Informaticist and Director of Informatics for the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and serves as Co-Director for the Center for SMART Health.



Mark Pletcher, MD, MPH

As an epidemiologist and a general internal medicine physician, Dr. Pletcher's research is designed to inform clinical decision-making and policy relevant to primary care and prevention. He focuses on prevention of cardiovascular disease, with particular interests in atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease prevention, statin decision-making, and blood pressure control. Dr. Pletcher has special interests in use of emerging technology and electronic health records for research, and leads the

UCSF CTSIs Learning Healthcare System Demonstration Program.



Rachael Sak, BSN, MPH

Rachael Sak is the Director of the University of California Biomedical Research Acceleration, Integration, and Development (UC BRAID) consortium. Rachael received her MPH at the University of Michigan with a focus in Health Management and Policy and researched the use of health information technology in healthcare delivery systems. She has 16 years of experience working in clinical research in the academic setting and served as Associate Director of the UC, San Francisco Pancreas Cancer Program at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Prior to joining UC

BRAID, Rachael was the Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives of the Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) at UCSF



Darshak Sanghavi, MD

Dr. Sanghavi is Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Translation for OptumLabs. He a pediatric cardiologist who has worked in medical settings around the world, most recently as chief of pediatric cardiology at UMass Medical School. Prior to his current role, he oversaw the development of large pilot programs aimed at improving the nation's health care costs and quality at CMMI, including architecting the \$157 million Accountable Health Communities model and the

certification and design of the \$1 billion Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program. He was formerly a fellow and managing director at the Brookings Institution. An award-winning medical educator, Dr. Sanghavi has published dozens of scientific papers and written a best-selling health book.





Johnese Spisso, RN, MPA

Ms. Spisso assumed the position at UCLA of President of Health, CEO of the Hospital System and Associate Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences in 2016. She is a nationally recognized academic healthcare leader with 30 years of experience, and oversees all operations of UCLA's hospitals and clinics as well as the health system's regional outreach strategy. Before UCLA, she spent 20 years at University of Washington Medicine where she was chief health system officer and vice president of medical affairs. Prior to her years at UW Medicine, Ms. Spisso, a registered nurse, rose

through the ranks at UC Davis Medical Center to direct critical care; trauma, burn and emergency services; and the Life Flight Air-Medical Program.



Eunice Stephens, MPH

Eunice Stephens is the Executive Director of Clinical Research Operations and Administration for UCSF Health and Executive Director of the Office of Clinical Research, UCSF. With over 20 years' experience in Clinical Research, Ms. Stephens oversees a 65 person organization that is creating a one stop shop for the administration of clinical research at UCSF Health and Campus. The infrastructure will streamline clinical study start-up and enable UCSF's portfolio of clinical trials to

rapidly grow in the midst of a fluid regulatory environment.



John D. Stobo, M.D

Dr. Stobo is executive vice president for the University of California's health system, which is comprised of UC's seventeen health professional schools and ten hospitals, including five academic medical centers, known collectively as UC Health. He has oversight responsibilities for the operation of the system and its facilities as well as for the development of systemwide initiatives designed to enable UC Health to successfully meet the challenges of the rapidly changing health care environment.

Dr. Stobo also oversees the University of California's self-funded health plans, which provide affordable health care to UC employees and students.



Catherine Tralau-Stewart, PhD

Dr. Tralau-Stewart has over 25 years of experience of drug discovery in Industry and academia. She was Associate Director of Pharmacology for the Respiratory & Inflammation at GlaxoSmithKline and was involved in leading project teams, which identified of over 20 development compound candidates and >10 marketed small molecule and biological drugs. She has led the development of academic-industry drug discovery models and is a founder of a number of startup therapeutics

companies. She is currently the interim Director of the UCSF Catalyst Program, Adjunct Associate Professor of Therapeutics UCSF, and lead PI of the MRPI grant supporting in the development of the UC DDC.



Brian Turner, MBA

Mr. Turner is Product Director for the Research Technologies program within the Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) at UCSF. He is the product lead for UCSF Profiles, the UCSF Clinical Trials website, Application Review and Tracking (ART) product, and UCSF Cores Search among others. Brian has worked in software most of his career and has been a product manager in medical software since 2003, with extensive experience bringing user-focused products to market. He earned his MBA

from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley in 1997 and joined UCSF in 2011.





Joseph Wagner, PhD

Dr. Wagner joins the UC-DDC after over 15 years in senior leadership roles in the biotechnology industry. He was the Chief Executive Officer of two publicly traded companies: OncoCyte, a company focused on the development of blood-based cancer diagnostics, and BriaCell Therapeutics, which focused on the development of a cell-based cancer immunotherapy. He also served as President and Chief Technology Officer of Cell Targeting, a regenerative medicine company spun out of the Sanford-Burnham Institute and as Vice President of Cell Therapy at Neuronyx, which focused on developing regenerative medicines. Before joining industry, Dr.

Wagner was an Associate Professor at the Karolinska Institute.



Leslie Yuan, MPH

Ms. Yuan is the Director of the Research Technology (RT) Program and the Chief Information Officer at the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) at UCSF. In this position, she is responsible for a team of professionals who manage, develop, and innovate on technology / infrastructure projects that support CTSI's mission to accelerate translational research. UCSF Profiles (profiles.ucsf.edu) and UCSF Open Proposals (open-proposals.ucsf.edu) are among the software platforms

the RT team currently manages. Prior to the position at UCSF, Ms. Yuan served as VP, Product Management and Member Services at Medem Inc., and began her career as a statistical programmer.