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Scripps Collaborative for Health Excellence

4th Annual
Research Symposium

Showcasing innovative health disparities research by clinicians, research scientists, and trainees across Scripps in partnership between Scripps Health Research and SCHE leadership.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM | VIRTUAL ON TEAMS

PROGRAM

12:00 **Welcome, Introduction, and Opening Remarks**
Juan Tovar, MD, VP Physician Operations Executive - Acute, Scripps Mercy Hospital; SCHE Director
Addie Fortmann, PhD, Chief Research Officer, Scripps Health

12:10 **Disparities in Intracranial Calcification Among Hispanic and Female Trauma Patients**
Vishal Bansal, MD, FACS, Trauma Medical Director, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego
Andrea Krzyzaniak, MA, Director, Trauma and Acute Care Research & Academic Development, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego

12:35 **Financial Toxicity in Spanish Speaking Cancer Patients**
Elisa K. Quiroz, MD, Innovation Chair, Scripps Collaborative for Health Excellence; Hematologist, Scripps Cancer Center; Medical Director, Chula Vista Medical Plaza at San Ysidro Health

1:00 **Impact of Enhanced Education on Outcomes of Women with Stroke and Type-2 Diabetes**
Mary Kalafut, MD, System-Wide Stroke Medical Director, Scripps Health

1:25 **From Innovation to Impact: Transforming Healthcare Through Population Health**
Gabe Adelman, Executive Director, Southern California and Hawaii, Genentech
Farooq Khan, Healthcare Director, Southern California and Hawaii, Genentech

1:50 **Conclusion and Final Remarks**
Marin Feldman Xavier, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Scripps Clinic Medical Group; Medical Director, Prebys Cancer Center, Hematology/Oncology
Kendra Brandstein, MPH, MSW, PhD, Director, Community Programs and San Diego Border AHEC, Scripps Well Being Center, Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista

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SPEAKERS

12:10 Disparities in Intracranial Calcification Among Hispanic and Female Trauma Patients



Vishal Bansal, MD, FACS

Trauma Medical Director, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego

Vishal Bansal, MD, is the Trauma Medical Director at Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego. A funded surgeon-scientist, his research focuses on traumatic brain injury, injury causation, and surgical outcomes. He has served as principal investigator for three clinical trials and authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and reviews. His honors include the John H. Davis Scholarship, American Surgical Association Foundation Research Award, and international surgical research awards. He serves on three national trauma committees and is a referee for over 25 scientific journals. He pioneered ghrelin therapy for mild traumatic brain injury.



Andrea Krzyzaniak, MA

Director, Trauma and Acute Care Research & Academic Development, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego

Andrea Krzyzaniak, MA, is Director of Trauma/ACS Research and Academic Development at Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego and a PhD candidate in Epidemiology at UC San Diego and San Diego State University. Her research focuses on traumatic injury epidemiology, pediatric surgery, health disparities, and clinical outcomes. She has coauthored numerous peer-reviewed publications in leading surgical and trauma journals, including JAMA, Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, and Journal of Pediatric Surgery. She oversees clinical research initiatives, supports surgical resident research training, and collaborates on multidisciplinary studies. She holds degrees from Rochester Institute of Technology and San Diego State University.

12:35 Financial Toxicity in Spanish Speaking Cancer Patients



Elisa K. Quiroz, MD

Innovation Chair, Scripps Collaborative for Health Excellence

Hematologist, Scripps Cancer Center

Medical Director, Chula Vista Medical Plaza at San Ysidro Health

Dr. Elisa K. Quiroz is a hematologist whose career is devoted to advancing equity, compassion, and excellence in hematology and across health care. She is a hematologist at Scripps Cancer Center and serves as Medical Director of the Chula Vista Medical Plaza at San Ysidro Health. Her current research focuses on iron deficiency anemia among Latina women and financial toxicity in Spanish-speaking cancer patients, building on prior studies examining acute leukemia outcomes in Hispanic populations. She has been honored by the American Society of Hematology, the U.S. Public Health Service, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. A dedicated clinician, researcher, and educator, Dr. Quiroz is driven by a deep belief in mentorship and representation and by her commitment to opening doors for those who will follow.

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SPEAKERS (CONTINUED)

1:00 Impact of Enhanced Education on Outcomes of Women with Stroke and Type-2 Diabetes



Mary Kalafut, MD

System-Wide Stroke Medical Director, Scripps Health
Stroke and Vascular Neurology, Scripps Clinic

Mary Kalafut, MD, is a board-certified neurologist with Scripps Clinic specializing in stroke and vascular neurology. She serves as System-Wide Stroke Medical Director for the Scripps Health stroke program and as Stroke Medical Director for Scripps Green Hospital and the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla. Dedicated to patient-centered care, Dr. Kalafut focuses on personalized prevention, acute interventions, and stroke research. She serves as site principal investigator for Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla's NIH StrokeNet trials and is a leading force in expanding stroke research across Scripps Health.

1:25 From Innovation to Impact: Transforming Healthcare Through Population Health



Gabe Adelman

Executive Director, Southern California and Hawaii, Genentech

Gabe Adelman is an Executive Director at Genentech, leading the company's business in Southern California and Hawaii across sales, account management, and reimbursement. He is also a member of Genentech's Ophthalmology Leadership Team, overseeing the sales and account management teams across the United States. Gabe has been at Genentech for 10 years in various managed care and access strategy roles, including payer/PBM account management, contracting strategy, and pricing strategy. Before Genentech, he worked in management consulting in PwC's Life Sciences Strategy practice, working with marketing and managed care teams on payer, PBM, and specialty pharmacy strategy. Gabe received his MPH from UCLA, where he became acutely aware of zip code, not gene code, being the ultimate predictor of health in the United States.



Farooq Khan

Healthcare Director, Southern California and Hawaii, Genentech

Farooq Khan serves as Healthcare Director at Genentech, leading the commercial ecosystem teams across San Diego and Hawaii. An 18-year veteran of Genentech, Farooq leads a diverse, cross-functional team of clinical, reimbursement, and commercial experts dedicated to co-creating sustainable healthcare solutions that improve patient outcomes, enhance customer experience, and expand access to care. A new San Diego resident, he holds a BS and an MS from Stanford University and is deeply committed to closing healthcare disparities across local communities.

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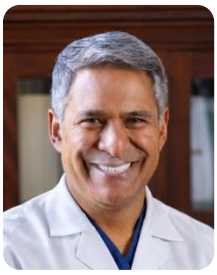
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Thank you for joining us

Thank you for joining the Scripps Collaborative for Health Excellence 4th Annual Research Symposium. Together, we are raising awareness of health equity needs, sharing knowledge across our health system, and building collaborations that improve care for the communities we serve.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS



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Attendees will receive a short evaluation after the symposium. Your responses help shape next year's program.

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Physicians may claim up to 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ through Scripps Health CME. Instructions will be shared in the meeting chat.

WITH GRATITUDE

Opening and closing remarks: Juan Tovar, MD; Addie Fortmann, PhD; Marin Feldman Xavier, MD; and Kendra Brandstein, MPH, MSW, PhD

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