The UST/AHEC Scholars Interprofessional Summit: A Forum for Advocacy & Understanding of Patient Populations

APRIL 10, 2021

9:30am-12pm EST
Zoom
Agenda

9:30am-9:40am ........................................... Welcome

9:40am-9:55am ........................................... Keynote Address
Doug Olsen, MD
Victoria Massey, DMD
Interviewed by:
Apoorva Sajan, PA-S2
Sara Schulwolf, MS1
Sundari Birdsall, MSW, MPH Candidate

10:00am-10:20am ........................................... Block 1

10:25am-10:45am ........................................... Block 2
Watercooler/Break

10:45am-10:55am ........................................... Block 3

11:00am-11:20am ........................................... Block 4

11:25am-11:45am ........................................... Closing Remarks
Steven Cosgrove, DS-IV
Genna Vegh, DS-IV
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Behavioral Health Interest Group
Presenter(s): Shivam Patel, MS-I & Apoorva Sajan, PA-S2
Moderator: Lily Zhong, SPiM
Watercooler Q&A Representative: Apoorva Sajan, PA-S2

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Geriatrics Interest Group
Presenter(s): Tawana Gray, SON & Iqra Qureshi, SOSW
Moderator: Arun Narikatte, CT AHEC AmeriCorps
Watercooler Q&A Representative: Kelli Nelson, PA-SII

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Healthcare Advocacy & Policy Interest Group
Presenter(s): Steve Kim, MS-I; Somachukwu Ozuzu, SON
Moderator: Julia Levin, SPiM
Watercooler Q&A Representative: Jeremy Doucette, MS-II

The poster presentation will compare disproportionate COVID-19 reported illness, hospitalizations, and mortality in predominantly minority communities within Connecticut and West Virginia. The group will also discuss methods for reducing disparities in underserved communities.

Pediatrics Interest Group
Presenter(s): Marrium Qureshi, P-IV, Maitreyee Kale, MS-1
Moderator: Elizabeth Songer, PA-S1
Watercooler Q&A Representative: Trish Hare, DS-II

The Pediatric Interest Group will highlight the purpose and mission of UST in the context of Pediatrics. We will have a discussion regarding controversial topics we have emphasized during our meetings such as vaccines, nicotine & vaping, fluoride, and screen time. We will also explore the impact COVID-19 has had on the Pediatric population, from the perspective of current Pediatric healthcare providers.
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Adolescents Interest Group
Presenter(s): Jack Mountain, P-II & Lea Murphy PA-SI
Moderator: Dave Patel, SPiM
Watercooler Q&A Representative: Celina Caetano, MS-II

The Adolescents Interest Group focuses on relevant concerns plaguing the adolescent community, with a special focus on the body and the mind. Our goal is to provide future healthcare providers with the knowledge, experience, and confidence to work with adolescents by hosting an interactive health fair.

Home and Community Care Project, Cohort 2
Presenter(s): Donice Brooks, SON; Nathalia Hernandez DS-I; Sara Schulwolf, MS-I
Moderator: Karina Patel, SPiM
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Social Justice Interest Group
Presenter(s): Kirsten Kenny PA-SI
Moderator: Jenna Gobel, PA-S1
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Presenter(s): Talia Staiger DS-II
Moderator: Emily Teeple, PA-S1
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How do I select a breakout session?
Participants can “move” themselves to different breakout rooms. This requires using the Zoom application, not the web client, **having the most current Zoom update (5.6)** and clicking on the icon at the bottom of the screen that says “breakout room.”
To leave breakout room and return to main session, maximize your screen, click blue button- leave room.
You can also pick your next breakout room by pressing Breakout Room, then click join which will be to the right.

How much time do I have to travel between Zoom rooms?
We have set aside 5 minutes between each presentation for attendees to move themselves between the breakout rooms. Should you have any issues, please return to the main room and our technical support staff will help you.

How do I participate in a virtual platform?
Unlike an in-person conference, participants are encouraged to “ask” questions of presenters and share insights on topics through the use of the Zoom “chat” tool. A volunteer moderator has been assigned to each session and they will alert presenters to questions in the chat. We know that all participants will pose questions in a collegial and civil manner. We also encourage you to turn your camera on and remain in the presentation room, till it is time to travel to the next block.

Can I zoom-in on a poster to make it more readable?
Yes! At the top of your screen you should see a green bar. Click view options and 100%.

What is the Watercooler/Break?
During the Watercooler/Break 10:45-10:55am, you may go to any breakout room and participate in a Q&A session, with one of the Interest Group representatives. You may also use this time to grab another cup of coffee or tea. We will start up again promptly at 11am.

How may I view posters after the summit?
The posters and a brief recording from each interest group, will be available on our [website](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IGSummit21).
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