

Health Disparities in Pediatric & Congenital Cardiology: Understudied & Undervalued

CNU Virtual Conference

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3-5pm EST | 2-4pm CST | 1-3pm MST | 12-2pm PST

Time	Topic	Speaker
5 min	Welcome	Nicolas Madsen, MD, MPh
15 min	Racial Health Disparities: Definitions	Jamilah Hackworth, EdD
20 min	Keynote Address	Wendy Nembhard, PhD, MPH, FACE
30 min	Racial Health Disparities: Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">) Collaborative/Learning Network) Research) Quality Improvement) Patient & Family 	Allison Parsons, PhD Anita Krishnan, MD Elissa Faro, PhD, MA Tawanna Nishibayashi, CPC, ELI-MP
5 min	Transition to breakouts	
30 min	Breakout: From conversation to action Addressing racial disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none">) In a collaborative) Through research) Using QI science) In the patient/family experience 	Co-leads: Allison Parsons, Nicolas Madsen Facilitator: Ashlin Tignor Co-leads: Anita Krishnan, Lie Tjoeng, MD, MS Facilitator: Paige Krack Co-leads: Elissa Faro, Titus Chan, MD, MS, MPP Facilitator: Shari Wooton Co-leads: Tawanna Nishibayashi, Jessica Cowin, MA Facilitator: Lauren Cunningham
5 min	Transition from breakouts	
10 min	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">) Report out of breakout action items) Future collaboration opportunities 	Nicolas Madsen

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Speakers



Jamilah Hackworth, EdD

Associate Director, Office of Academic Affairs and Career Development, Division of Adolescent and Transition Medicine

Dr. Hackworth develops, implements, and evaluates a cadre of faculty career development programs/curricula designed to support faculty and trainees in defining and achieving vitality, engagement, and personal/career success. Dr. Hackworth's areas of interest include mentoring, faculty wellness/vitality, biomedical sciences pipeline development, minority faculty development, unconscious bias, microaggressions, cross-cultural mentorship, and resilience.



Wendy Nembhard, PhD, MPH, FACE

Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Fay W Boozman College of Public Health; Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology, College of Medicine Director, Arkansas Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention

Dr. Nembhard's research interests are birth defects with particular emphasis on congenital heart defects, fetal and infant mortality, racial/ethnic disparities in perinatal outcomes; long-term outcomes in children born with birth defects and fetal origins of adult chronic diseases.



Allison Parsons, PhD

Research Associate, Division of Critical Care Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Project Lead for the Anti-Racism Team, All Children Thrive

Dr. Parsons has a PhD in public health and is dedicated to partnering with community members and stakeholders to improve child health equity. Her research focuses on social and environmental factors that promote equitable and optimal health across the life course.

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Anita Krishnan, MD

Associate Director, Echocardiography Advanced Imaging
Cardiologists, Children's National Hospital

Dr. Krishnan is the Associate Director of Echocardiography at Children's National Hospital. She is a Children's Health Advocacy Institute faculty affiliate and involved with fellow and resident education in advocacy. Her clinical interests include pediatric and fetal echocardiography. Her research interests include evaluating the effect of socioeconomic disparities on prenatal detection of congenital heart defects, as well as an NIH funded study on device development in fetal electrocardiography.



Elissa Faro, PhD, MA

Research Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine -
General Internal Medicine, University of Iowa

Dr. Faro earned her undergraduate degree from Vassar College, then went on to receive her Master of Arts degrees in Anthropology and Archaeology, and a Doctoral degree in Classical Art and Archeology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. As an applied medical anthropologist, her research focuses on using quality improvement and implementation science to reduce health disparities and improve health equity. Currently, she is working with the HRSA-funded Iowa Maternal Quality Care Collaborative to improve maternal morbidity and mortality across the state of Iowa, and with Integrate Health, a non-profit working to reduce under five mortality and maternal health in Togo, Africa. Dr. Faro is also working together with colleagues at the Einstein-CUNY-Rockefeller CFAR on an NIMH-funded grant to reduce stigma around PrEP for young minority MSM.



Tawanna Nishibayashi, CPC, ELI-MP

Founder, Race Equity Solutions, LLC

Tawanna is the founder/lead consultant of Race Equity Solutions, LLC, as well as a freelance writer, speaker, life coach and advocate for racial disparity and congenital heart defects. Tawanna is certified in Diversity and Inclusion through eCornell. She is a contributing writer for Urban Magazine and has been published in various online publications, including work with The Children's Heart Foundation.

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Yuen Lie Tjoeng, MD, MS

Assistant Professor; attending physician in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and Single Ventricle Program, Seattle Children's Hospital

Dr. Tjoeng completed residency at the Boston Combined Residency Program where she served as Chief Resident of the Urban Health and Advocacy Track. She then completed critical care fellowship and cardiology fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital and earned a Master's degree in Health Services Research at the University of Washington. Her primary academic interests are in studying etiologies of health disparities in the congenital heart disease population and identifying areas for intervention to improve health outcomes for minority populations.



Titus Chan, MD, MS, MPP

Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist and cardiologist, Seattle Children's Hospital; Associated Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington School of Medicine

Dr. Chan's specific research interests are in health policy, health economics, and the socioeconomic influence on critical illness and cardiac care.



Jessica Cowin, MA

Manager, Research & Advocacy for the Children's Heart Foundation

Ms. Cowin is very involved in raising awareness for CHD research. She brings the unique perspective of an adult survivor of CHD. Jessica grew up learning the importance of self-advocacy, and it has become a passion of hers in supporting patients and families with their advocacy needs.

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Nicolas Madsen, MD, MPH

Medical Director, Heart Institute; Medical Director, Acute Care Cardiology Unit, Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Co-executive director, Pediatric Acute Care Cardiology Collaborative (PAC³)

Dr. Madsen's research interests include improving the care and outcomes of children after cardiac surgery and optimizing the long-term health of children with CHD, especially as it relates to their risk for more common health conditions of adulthood such as metabolic syndrome and mental health disorders.

Ashlin Tignor
Paige Krack
Shari Wooton
Lauren Cunningham

Ashlin, Paige, Shari and Lauren are Quality Improvement Specialists for Cardiac Networks United. They work in the James M. Anderson Center for Quality Improvement at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

