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2026 Innovations in Health Education Conference

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Age-friendly prescribing and medication safety in geriatric patients: An immersive, case-based interprofessional training for health profession students

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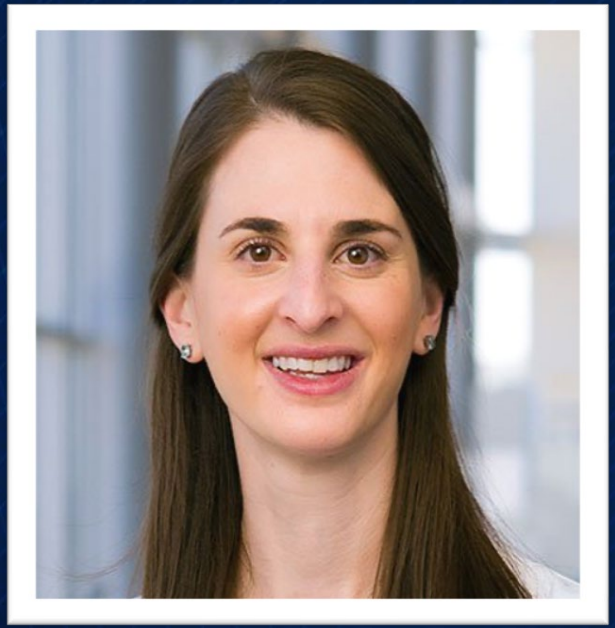

IMPACT-VBL: A Theory-Aligned, Generative-AI Pipeline to Replace Legacy Lectures with Effective Video-Based Learning Series

PI- Natalie R. Bavli, MD
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Bridging the Analytic Gap: An Innovative Health Services Research Curriculum to Drive Data-Driven System Change in South Texas – A UT San Antonio System Collaboration

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Innovating Maternal and Child Health Education: A Community-Engaged Workshop Integrating Community Health Workers and Implementation Science for MPH Students

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Dr. Judith Drew Innovation in Health Science Education Awards

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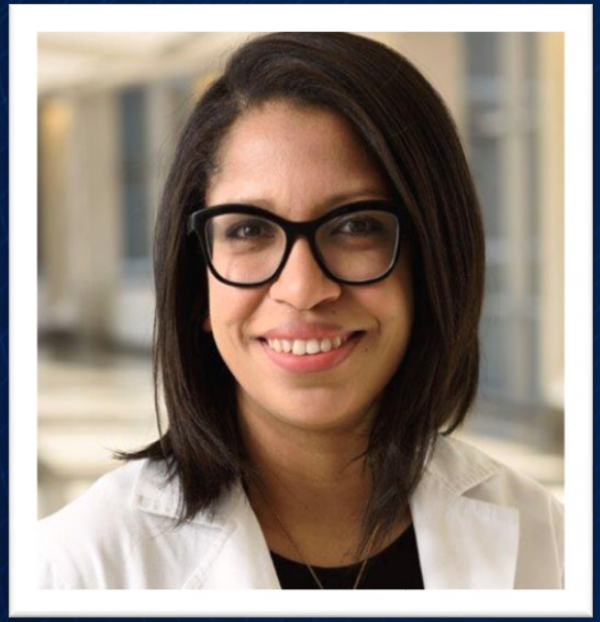
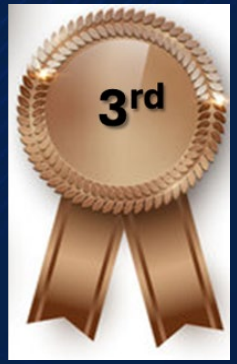


Transforming Pediatric Ethics Education: A Multimodal Program with Development and Validation of a Resident Assessment Tool, Performance Evaluation with Standardized Patients, and a Sustainable Curriculum Design



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All poster presenters were invited to submit their poster for judging - 26 posters were reviewed

Initial review performed prior to the meeting

Final points determined by presentation at the meeting

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Outstanding poster by a trainee

Advancing Teachers' Oral Health Empowerment Through Technology to Build Healthier Communities

Gabriella Ward, UTHSA

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Outstanding poster by a trainee

Improving ADHD Follow-up Screening Rates Through a Multidisciplinary Quality Improvement Initiative

Paris Nix, Linh Nguyen, Cesar Soutullo, Yen-Chi Le, Sarah Cavenaugh, Jinni Tang

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From Dilemma to Development: Assessing Professional Identity Formation, Resilience and Burnout in Pediatric Residents

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Narratives for Navigation: Patient Voices Guiding OB/GYN UME in Changing Times

Litao Wang, Sophia Schott, Elizabeth Nugent

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Outstanding Poster Award

Preparing Dementia-Capable Workforce: Strategic Implementation of Brain Health and Early Detection Curriculum in Health Professions Programs.

Alyssa Aguirre, Jung Kwak, Sydney Silverman

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Outstanding Poster Award

Preparing Team-Ready Pharmacists for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in an Evolving Health Care Ecosystem

Veronica Young, Ashley Castleberry, Renee' Acosta

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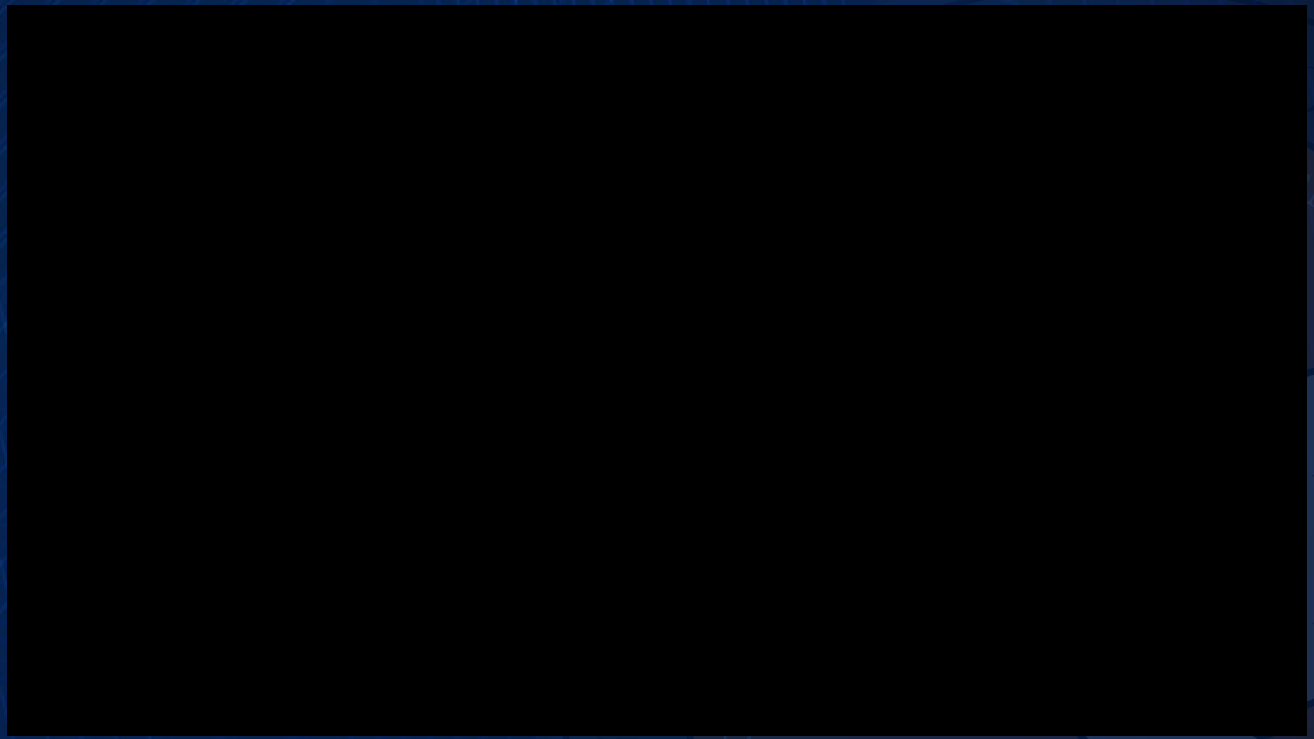

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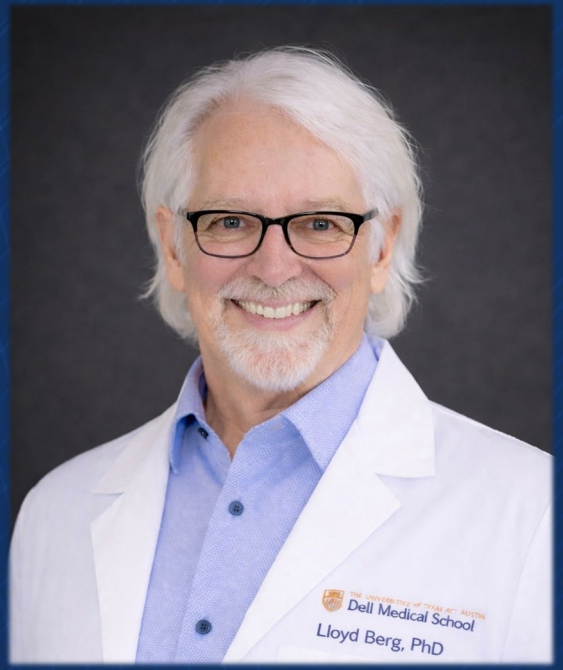

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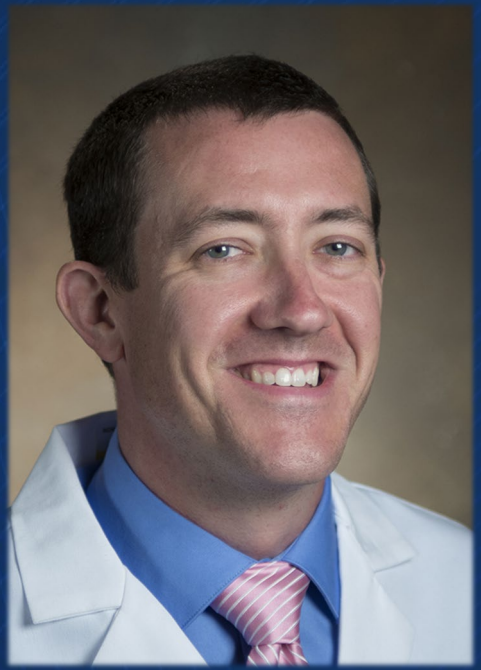

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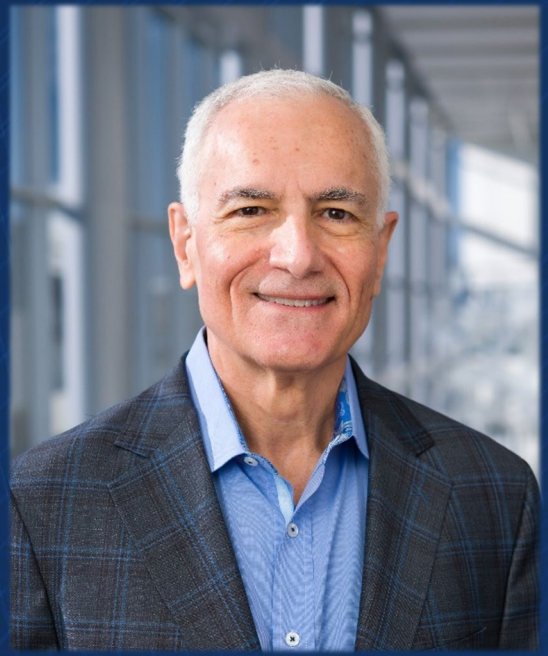

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