



Lunch & Learn Speaker Bios

What You Need to Know About HPV and the HPV Vaccine

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Maritza Cabezas, DDS, MPH

Dental Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Maritza Cabezas joined the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health, Oral Health Program (OHP) in 1998. She obtained her doctorate in dentistry from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil and was subsequently licensed by the California Dental Board. She has a master's degree in Dental Public Health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and completed a Dental Public Health residency at University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She is a board-eligible dental public health dentist and has published many peer-reviewed journal articles. She has served as OHP Dental Director since 2012. In 2018, the program received Prop. 56 funds. She manages this grant's 5-year cycle with a total funding of over \$14 million. She has received numerous awards for her efforts to promote oral health and improve the health of children and families in LAC. She was the first dentist to be elected president of the Southern California Public Health Association where she founded its first Oral Health Section. Dr. Cabezas continues to raise public and professional awareness that good oral health is an essential part of overall health.

Rita Chen, DDS

Senior Dentist, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

For the last eleven years, Dr. Rita Chen has worked as a dentist and as a trainee in LAC. After graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Dentistry in 2008, she completed a two-year residency at Rancho Los Amigos where she delivered dental care to patients with complex medical needs and disabilities. Following completion of her residency, she went on to become the Dental Director for the Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center and the Edward R. Roybal Comprehensive Health Center. After serving as a dental clinic director for nearly seven years in LAC safety net clinics, she joined the LAC Oral Health Program to focus her energies on improving oral health at the population level.

Lin Chan, DDS

Dentist, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Lin Chan is a dentist from the LAC Department of Public Health Oral Health Program who focuses on underserved and vulnerable populations. She has worked in private practice for 14 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA and her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Southern California (USC). As a member of the OHP team, Dr. Chan hopes to use her qualifications and experiences to improve oral health of the community at large.

Abrey Daniel, DDS

Dentist, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Abrey Daniel earned her Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA and her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (UOP). She completed her post-graduate residency in general practice and hospital dentistry at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center where she trained in treating medically, physically, and intellectually disabled patients. Dr. Daniel joined the LAC Department of Public Health Oral Health Program in early 2018. Prior to this, Dr. Daniel worked as a clinical dentist in safety net clinics with her most recent position at the LAC Department of Health Services.