

2022 Copello Health Advocacy Fellowship



Nabila Choudhury, MD

Dr. Nabila Choudhury is an anesthesiologist in Texas. Her interests include global medicine and healthcare policy. She is active in organizations dedicated to providing medical care to refugees and has volunteered in Syria and Bangladesh. Her hobbies include yoga, cycling and hiking.



Nancy Connolly, MD

Dr. Nancy Connolly is an Internal Medicine, primary care doctor with over 20 years experience treating patients in the out-patient setting. She is fellowship trained in Infectious Disease and Integrative Medicine and board certified in Addiction and Internal Medicine. Throughout her career, she has been committed to building community and public service.



Andrea Contreras, MD

Dr. Andrea Contreras was raised in the Rio Grande Valley, in Hidalgo since the age of 4. She graduated from Hidalgo Early College High School and completed her undergraduate training at University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley where she earned her B.S. in Biology and Chemistry with minors in English and medical Spanish. She graduated with her Medical Degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX.



Michael Granovetter, MD

Michael Granovetter is a dual-degree MD student at the University of Pittsburgh and PhD candidate at Carnegie Mellon University. A future child neurologist, he studies cognitive neurodevelopment, with focuses on epilepsy and autism. Michael is actively engaged in health advocacy, with specific interests in healthcare access, disability rights, and legislation/policy that affects pediatric patients.



Marion Henry, MD

Dr. Marion Henry is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago, having recently moved there from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She completed her medical school at Stanford University, her General Surgery Residency at Yale University and her Pediatric Surgery fellowship training at the National Children's Medical Center in Washington DC. Dr. Henry also has a Master's in Public Health degree from Yale University.



Stephanie Liou, MD

Dr. Stephanie Liou is a primary care pediatrician, health equity advocate, and National Health Service Corps Scholar in Chicago. She was born in Florida and raised in Taiwan and Canada by a hard-working, low-income single mom. Stephanie received a B.S. from Stanford University, her M.D. from the University of Washington, and completed residency at the University of Chicago as a Leadership for Urban Primary Care Education and Transformation (LUCENT) Scholar in 2021.



**Richard
Needleman, MD**

After a career in Orthopedic Surgery, including 17 years in solo private practice and the last 14 years in academic medicine, I obtained a graduate degree, Master of Public Health in Population Health, in order to pursue health equity, and prevent health problems before they develop. My interests are improving access to healthcare, public health advocacy, and teaching; my passion is universal healthcare.



Akshat Patel
Medical Student

Akshat Patel is a 4th year medical student at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Originally from Scranton, PA, he has been living in Washington, DC for over 9 years. He aspires to be an OB/GYN with special interest in abortion care and gender-affirming care.



**Sara
Teichholtz, MD**

Sara Teichholtz graduated from Wellesley College where she majored in Neuroscience. She obtained her MD from the Medical School for International Health at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Sara completed residency in Psychiatry at George Washington University (GWU). She then served a year as medical director of the McClendon Center, before returning to fellowship in hospice and palliative care back at GWU.



**Meghan Curry
O'Connell, MD, MPH**

Meghan Curry O'Connell, MD, MPH, (Cherokee) is a board-certified family physician and medical epidemiologist. Dr. O'Connell received her undergraduate degree in physics at Grinnell College and her medical and public health training at the University of Washington. After completing residency in family medicine at North Colorado Family Medicine Residency, Dr. O'Connell practiced primary care in tribal and other underserved communities.



**Alicia
Pointer, MD**

Dr. Alicia Pointer is a pediatrician with expertise in treating family disruption and trauma. She is Chief of Pediatrics at Cornerstone Family Healthcare, a multi-site federally qualified health center. She also founded and directs the STAR Foster Health Program, which provides medical care, mental health support and healthcare coordination for all children in foster care in Orange County, NY.



**Chidi
Wamuo, MD**

Dr. Chidi Wamuo is a third-year psychiatry resident within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine. He received his medical degree from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, and is a proud graduate of Morehouse College. He plans to pursue fellowships in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry following residency.