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CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Genetic Metabolic Dietitian at UCLA Health

Metabolic University Faculty

EDUCATION

Emory University Electronic Genetic Nutrition Academy ECHO Traineeship September – December 2020

Metabolic University September 2018

Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, Greater Los Angeles June 2013 – May 2014
Dietetic Internship

California State University, Long Beach August 2010 – May 2013
Didactic Program in Dietetics

University of California, Los Angeles September 2005 – June 2009
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

EMPLOYMENT

UCLA Health, Pediatric Genetics: Senior Dietitian December 2020 – Present
Dietitian II

September 2016 – November 2020

- Specialize in Medical Nutrition Therapy for neonatal through adult patients with genetic metabolic disorders in both the inpatient and ambulatory setting, including amino acid, carbohydrate, and fatty-acid oxidation disorders
 - Calculate complex formula and parenteral nutrition prescriptions to meet nutritional needs of patients
 - Independently assess patients and their families and provide them with the education, resources, supplies, and therapeutic adjustments required for the nutritional management of their genetic metabolic disorder
 - Work closely with the medical genetics interdisciplinary team to coordinate patient care
- Experience in coordinating newborn screening cases referred to UCLA Metabolic Service Center
 - Interpret initial and confirmatory results and arrange appropriate testing
 - Triage of referrals requiring emergent intervention
- Oversee inpatient metabolic formulary at UCLA Ronald Reagan and Santa Monica Hospitals
 - Maintain par-stock of all necessary metabolic nutrition products, coordinate product ordering with multiple formula companies, and coordinate process with inpatient Food Services Department
 - Supervise all inpatient nutritional management of metabolic patients and support inpatient dietitians, diet technicians, and clinicians
- Responsible for training and oversight of new metabolic dietitians
- Maintain and update protocols and policies concerning acute and chronic management of metabolic patients
- Educate clinicians and medical trainees about nutritional management of genetic metabolic disorders

UCLA Health, Pediatric Pulmonology: Dietitian II September 2016 – October 2018

- Specialized in Medical Nutrition Therapy for pediatric and adult patients with cystic fibrosis

- Determined appropriate pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy, vitamin supplementation, and enteral and oral nutrition needs for cystic fibrosis patients
- Worked closely with the cystic fibrosis interdisciplinary team to coordinate patient care
- Educated clinicians and medical trainees about nutritional management of cystic fibrosis
- Provided Medical Nutrition Therapy for pediatric patients with complex pulmonology disorders including asthma, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, obesity, and tracheostomy/ventilator dependence

California Hospital Medical Center: Clinical Registered Dietitian II

November 2014 – January 2017

- Medical Nutrition Therapy primarily for critical care, medical-surgery, trauma, orthopedic, and telemetry wards
- Cerner Electronic Medical Record Super User

Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles: Clinical Registered Dietitian

November 2014 – March 2015

- Medical Nutrition Therapy primarily for palliative, telemetry, labor and delivery, and medical-surgery wards

Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, Greater Los Angeles: Dietetic Intern

June 2013 – April 2014

- Comprehensive dietetic internship with a concentration in Medical Nutrition Therapy and critical care

St. Mary's Medical Center: Nutrition Affiliate

October 2010 – June 2013

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Horizon Manuscript "The Evolving Environment and Roles of Metabolic Genetics Clinicians": Dietitian Lead

In process

Suares CN, Manalo C, Garcia-Lloret M, Doroudchi A. "Introducing food allergens to infants with amino acid disorders using a clinic guide and supportive patient educational materials." Poster presented at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Conference, April 2024, Charlotte, NC.

Kopesky JJ, Martell L, Mofidi S, **Suares CN**. "Exploration and development of a mentorship program for metabolic dietitians: The journey of one committee." Poster presented at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Conference, April 2024, Charlotte, NC.

SERN/GMDI Urea Cycle Disorders Nutrition Management Guidelines: Workgroup Member

February 2023 – Present

Hollander, SN, **Suares, CN**. "You 'Breast' Believe It: A Clinic's Experience Implementing Breastfeeding in Rare Metabolic Disorders." Poster presented at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Conference, April 2018, Orlando, FL.

PRESENTATIONS

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2024 Conference

April 2024

- Phyllis Acosta Keynote Address: "Let's Travel...The Metabolic Dietitian's Journey to Success"
- "Flying Cheerios and Slipping on Applesauce: A Journey Through the First Year of Feeding Infants with Inborn Errors of Metabolism"

BioMarin MetEd Dinner Program at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2024 Conference

April 2024

- "Engaging Adults with PKU: Repacking the Baggage"

BioMarin Speakers Bureau

March 2024 - Present

Eton Pharmaceuticals National Sales Meeting

January 2024

- “Promoting a Collaborative Partnership with The Metabolic Genetics Team: Working Together to Achieve Optimal Patient Outcomes”

Metabolic University Faculty November 2023

- “Nutrition Management of Phenylketonuria”
- “Nutrition Management of Propionic and Methylmalonic Acidemia”
- “Starting Solids”

Horizon Breakfast Symposium at National Society of Genetic Counselors 2023 Conference October 2023

- “The Metabolic Team: Working Together to Optimize Patient Outcomes”

Connecting Families UCD Meetup October 2023

- “Nutrition Management of Urea Cycle Disorders (UCDs): Hot Topics, Tips, and Tricks for Navigating the UCD Diet Throughout the Lifecycle”

VitaFlo Webinar Speaker Expected September 2023

- “From Bottles to First Foods and More: Adventures in Solid Food Introduction with PKU explore”

VitaFlo Webinar Speaker July 2023

- “Challenging Cases in Young Children with PKU: Sharing Experiences Using Glycomacropeptide (GMP)”

Metabolic University Faculty April 2023

- “Nutrition Management of Phenylketonuria”
- “Nutrition Management of Propionic and Methylmalonic Acidemia”

UCLA Genetic Counseling Graduate Program April 2023

- “Lunch and Learn: Inborn Errors of Metabolism”

UCLA Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Lecture: 400C Course April 2023

- “Nutrition Management of Phenylketonuria”

Horizon Virtual Discussion Faculty March 2023

- “Genetic Counseling and Metabolic Nutrition 101: Bridging the Gap Between Specialties”

Connecting Families UCD Meetup November 2022

- “Nutrition Management of Urea Cycle Disorders (UCDs): Hot Topics, Tips, and Tricks for Navigating the UCD Diet Throughout the Lifecycle”

UCLA Health Pediatric Residents Noon Conference October 2022

- “Emergency Management of Inborn Errors of Metabolism”

HemoShear Dinner Symposium at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2022 Conference May 2022

- “Clinical Needs and Research Opportunities in MMA and PA”

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2022 Conference May 2022

- “OTC Deficiency with Noonan Syndrome”

VitaFlo Metabolic RD Summit Faculty October 2021

- “Diet Management of Propionic Acidemia”
- “Feeding the Infant with PKU During the First Year Explorer Game”
- “Using GMP for the Nutrition Management of PKU”

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International and Horizon Dietitian Connection June 2021

- “A Virtual Discussion with Dietitians on Supporting Women with Urea Cycle Disorders (UCDs) Throughout Pregnancy”

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2021 Virtual Conference April 2021

- “Ultra-Rare Disorders: Nutrition Management Approaches to Non-ketotic Hyperglycinemia (NKH)”
- “Workshop Session: Blenderized Tube Feeding: A Metabolic Dietitian’s Guide to Real Food Enteral Feeding”

Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation Los Angeles Patient Education Event November 2020

- “Diet & Nutrition/Live Food Demonstration”

VitaFlo Metabolic RD Summit March 2020

- “Introducing Solids in a PKU Infant: Let’s Explore!”

Pierce College Genetics and Biotechnology Course Speakers Series April 2019

- “Nutritional Management of Genetic Metabolic Disorders”

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Webinar Series November 2018

- “Getting the Most from your GMDI Members-Only Clinical Tools and Resources”

UCLA School of Medicine Medical Genetics Interest Group March 2017

- “Nutritional Management of Inborn Errors of Metabolism”

SERVICE

Mead Johnson Nutrition Optimizing Lifelong Nutrition: Identifying Opportunities for Innovation Advisory Board	March 2024
Amgen Trends in UCD Care: A Multidisciplinary Roundtable Discussion Advisory Board	October 2023
Relief Therapeutics PKU GoLike Consultant	December 2022 – Present
Relief Therapeutics PKU GoLike Advisory Board	October 2022
Abbott Virtual Steering Committee Meeting	October 2022
Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International: Ad-Hoc Committee on Mentorship Co-Chair	September 2022 – Present
Horizon Metabolic Dietitians: Analyzing Evolving Roles and Future Opportunities Advisory Board	June 2022
Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International and Society for Inherited Metabolic Disorders California Recap Host	May 2022
MetEd Acer Therapeutics Advisory Board	May 2022
eGNA Ancillary Event at Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International 2022 Conference Content Expert	May 2022
BioMarin PKU Treatment Considerations Advisory Board	November 2021
Horizon Metabolic Mindshare Faculty Panelist	October 2021
HemoShear Dietitian Advisory Council	July 2021 – Present
Horizon Partial OTCD Advisory Board	May 2021
Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation, Greater Los Angeles Chapter Medical Advisory Committee	November 2019 – February 2023
MetEd Urea Cycle Disorder Focus Group	October 2020, January 2021
Horizon Regional Advisory Board	June 2019
Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International: Education Committee Co-Chair	April 2018 – May 2022
California Dietetic Association, Los Angeles District: Sponsorship Co-Chair	June 2013 – June 2014
Student Dietetic Association at CSULB: Community Outreach Chair	May 2012 – May 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Pacesetter Award	May 2020
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Outstanding Dietetics Student, Dietetic Internship	April 2014
Kappa Omnicron Nu Honor Society	April 2012
Golden-Key Honor Society	October 2011

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition
Registered Dietitian Identification Number: 86029129

July 2018 – May 2023
June 2014 – Present