

## **Kira Molas-Torreblanca**

Dr. Kira Molas-Torreblanca is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California and a pediatric hospitalist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She received her undergraduate degree with a BA in Sociology at UCLA and graduated medical school from Western University of Health Science at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. She completed her post-graduate training and chief residency in pediatrics at the University of Nevada.

Working at a safety-net hospital for the last 10 years has afforded her the opportunity to care for a largely underserved and vulnerable patient population. Currently, Dr. Molas-Torreblanca directs the pediatric hospital medicine fellowship at CHLA and has mentored pediatric residents on conducting global health quality improvement research on emergency triage programs in low and middle resource countries that has been presented at local and regional and national academic conferences. She has published her work on screening for post-partum depression with mothers of hospitalized infants. Her primary research interests include racial inequities in child and adolescent mental health and health literacy in pediatric asthma education and nutrition.

With her MPH degree, she hopes to create, implement and evaluate future education and health promotion programs and policies at CHLA and in the surrounding communities of East and South Los Angeles.

Dr. Molas-Torreblanca is fluent in English and Spanish. She recently became a certified indoor cycling instructor and enjoys playing tennis with her local women's league. She also enjoys travelling, photography and attending sporting events for her three favorite teams- Dodgers, Lakers and LA Galaxy. She resides in Long Beach, California with her husband- also a pediatrician, her two children and her Cavapoo puppy.