

## **Yadira Hernandez**

Yadira Hernandez graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from California Baptist University in Riverside, CA. She currently works night shift on the Medical Unit at CHOC Children's, where she serves as a member of the Clinical Practice Council and MD to RN Communication Committees, tackling current issues and implementing new practices for improved outcomes, including patient and staff satisfaction. Yadira is also a preceptor and mentor to new graduate nurses and new hires, two of her favorite roles at CHOC. One of her proudest moments was being voted "Little Miss Sunshine: Brightest Smile" by her coworkers, as she is passionate about the patients and families she serves alongside her team.

Yadira has served on a local missions trip, as a Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, and as a nurse volunteer for the Red Cross during the Louisiana Floods. Meeting diverse groups of people in different settings is what ignited her passion for Public Health and hopes to serve at risk children and their families beyond her current scope of practice.

During her free time, Yadira loves to spend as much time outdoors and adventuring with her dog, Sutter. They frequent the beach and dog park, as well as go hiking and camping as often as possible. She loves discovering new places to eat in her current town of Long Beach, reading, and spending time with friends and family.