



ADHOC COMMITTEE MEMBER



Dr. Patrice Yasuda is an Assistant Professor in Clinical Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), completed an internship in pediatric psychology at Judge Baker Guidance Center and Boston Children's Hospital within the Harvard Medical School network and finished her training with a fellowship at the Neuropsychiatric Institute and Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. Prior to becoming USC faculty, Dr. Yasuda was on faculty at the UCLA Geffen School of Medicine. Her career has focused on helping children with medical conditions and their families live their lives to their fullest.

As the Director of Behavioral Health Services at the Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Dr. Yasuda oversees the psychological needs of children with acute and chronic medical conditions, including those with short stature. She has provided clinical services, community education, and consultation to youth with various medical conditions and their families. She has also been involved in conducting research on psychosocial aspects of medical conditions to gain insights on how to provide better care for families. Peer acceptance, bullying, and self-esteem are issues she addresses daily with her patients. One of her major interests is to translate research findings from scientific studies into family friendly educational materials to be readily used by the community.

Dr. Yasuda is also the Training Director of the nationally recognized California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disorders (CA-LEND), a federally funded training program by the Health Resources and Service's Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). It is a member of a national network of training programs housed within university medical centers that collectively share information and resources to maximize their impact. The mission of this 15 discipline leadership program is to create the next generation of leaders to address the complex and unique concerns of children and teens with special health care needs by integrating cutting edge research, exemplary clinical service, innovative trainings and targeted policy initiatives. In 2016, the CA-LEND celebrated its 50th anniversary by graduating another generation of future leaders.