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An Integrated U: Modulating Inflammation through Integrative Health

An In-Person and Live Virtual Activity



Friday, November 7, 2025

**Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center
Tamkin Auditorium (B-Level)
757 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095**



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Course Description

Integrative medicine is a holistic approach to care that combines conventional medical practices with evidence-based complementary therapies to support whole-person healing. It emphasizes the role of physical, emotional, mental, social, spiritual, and environmental factors in health and disease. Inflammation, as a biological process, plays a critical role in immune defense and tissue repair. However, when this response becomes longstanding, dysregulated, or maladaptive, it can contribute to a wide range of complex and chronic diseases. Through its focus on root-cause analysis, integrative care offers clinicians a framework to identify and address the underlying drivers of dysfunctional inflammation—such as chronic stress, immune imbalance, dietary triggers, and toxin exposures—in order to promote resilience, restore physiologic balance, and support healing.

This one-day hybrid conference, An Integrated U: Modulating Inflammation through Integrative Health, will examine the multifactorial origins of inflammation and present integrative clinical strategies to mitigate its impact. Through expert-led sessions, attendees will explore the role of hormonal dysregulation, immune activation, dietary patterns, environmental toxin exposures, and microbiome imbalances in the inflammatory process. Presentations will highlight translational insights from clinical endocrinology, rheumatology, environmental health, sports medicine, and integrative dentistry, offering a multidisciplinary view of inflammation across systems and specialties. With a focus on practical application, this program will equip healthcare professionals with evidence-based tools to support inflammation modulation in diverse care settings—from primary care to specialty clinics. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how integrative frameworks can enhance resilience, improve patient outcomes, and promote long-term health.

Target Audience

This course is designed for primary care physicians, specialists, mental health providers, nurses, dietitians, and other healthcare professionals interested in integrative medicine.

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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the program participants will be able to:

- Describe the role of chronic stress and hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis dysfunction in driving systemic inflammation.
- Analyze immunologic and hormonal mechanisms underlying autoimmune diseases and their implications for integrative care.
- Apply dietary strategies and counseling frameworks to support patients using anti-inflammatory nutrition in primary care.
- Evaluate principles from sports medicine that inform inflammation recovery and resilience in physically active populations.
- Assess the clinical relevance of environmental toxin exposure on inflammatory pathways and patient health outcomes.
- Interpret emerging research on the gut microbiome in relation to systemic inflammation, pelvic pain, and brain-gut interactions.
- Examine the relationship between oral health, systemic inflammation, and chronic disease risk from an integrative dental perspective.
- Integrate whole-person, interdisciplinary approaches into treatment plans to support inflammation modulation across diverse patient populations.

General Information

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location:

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Self Parking:

From the 405 freeway, exit Wilshire Blvd., East toward Westwood. Turn left on Westwood Blvd., travel past Charles E. Young Dr. South and turn left on "Structure 8 driveway". Visitor parking is available in Lot 8 at a rate of \$17 for the day. Please use the pay-by-plate stations to purchase your parking permit. The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center is located on the corner of Westwood Plaza and Charles E. Young Dr. South.

In-person attendees will be provided breakfast, lunch, and reception at the meeting site.

The conference will also be available through a live virtual meeting web platform.

- Attendees who choose to attend the live virtual activity will receive a virtual meeting link and password to access the live virtual conference.
- All registrants (live or virtual) will be provided the opportunity to review recorded sessions up to 3 weeks following the conference.
- The recorded sessions are not certified for CME credit.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 **Registration & Breakfast**
8:00 **Welcome & Course Objectives**
Rashmi Mullur, MD

Morning Keynote

- 8:10 **Managing Inflammation: Lessons from Sports Medicine**
Joshua T. Goldman, MD, MBA
9:10 **Keynote Question and Answer**
Moderator: *Elizabeth Ko, MD*
9:30 **Break**
9:45 **The Microbiome, Inflammation & Pelvic Pain**
Lenny Ackerman, MD, PhD
10:15 **The Gut Microbiome and Inflammation**
Kirsten Tillisch, MD
10:45 **The Mouth-Body Connection: Inflammation, Chronic Disease, & Integrative Dental Care**
Rana Al-Rasheed, BDS
11:15 **Question and Answer**
Moderator: *Lynn Stothers, MD, PhD*
11:30 **Ka-Kit Hui Award**
11:45 **Lunch**
1:00 **Chronic Stress & Inflammation: Addressing Adrenal Fatigue**
Rashmi Mullur, MD
1:30 **Integrative Rheumatology: Navigating Inflammation and the Art of Whole-Person Care**
Mihaela Taylor, MD
2:00 **Optimizing Nutritional Health with Antiinflammatory Foods**
S. Anjani Mattai, MD
2:30 **Question and Answer**
Moderator: *Dan Silverman, MD, PhD*
2:45 **Break**

Afternoon Keynote

- 3:00 **Toxins & Inflammation**
Aly Cohen, MD
4:00 **Keynote Question and Answer**
4:15 **Poster Session & Networking Reception –**
All attendees are welcome to attend
5:00 **Adjourn**

To submit an abstract for the Poster Session, please scan this QR code:



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Registration Rates

Professional: \$150

Student/Trainee: \$50



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We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards.

To register using a credit card or ACH/electronic transfer, please visit <https://ucla.cloud-cme.com/integratedU25>.

*Credit card and check payments via phone, fax, or mail are no longer accepted.

Refunds

Cancellations must be received via email to ccpd@mednet.ucla.edu by Thursday, October 16, 2025 and will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after that date. David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA reserves the right to cancel or postpone this course if necessary; in the event of cancellation, course fees will be fully refunded. We are not responsible for other costs, such as non-refundable airline tickets or hotel penalties.

Questions

If you have questions about enrollment, please call (310) 794-2620 or email: ccpd@mednet.ucla.edu.

Accreditation Statement

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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