



# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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# Mass General Hospital: Equity and Inclusion

When in distress, every man becomes our neighbor - 1811 MGH Charter

Diversity is the richness of human differences.
Inclusion is when we feel connected, valued, and engaged. We believe that because of diversity we excel; through inclusion we respect; and focused on equity we serve, heal, educate, and innovate.

- 2023 Statement of Diversity



# Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer for Faculty, Scientists, Trainees, and Students

- Presidents of the MGH and MGPO
- Strategic execution of efforts to achieve diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among our medical and scientific workforce
- Executive oversight of several institutional entities as well as specialized departmental health equity initiatives



# MGH Office of the Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer (OCDIO) – Dr. Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos

#### **Center for Diversity & Inclusion**

- Chester Pierce Research Society
- DEI Learning & Education Pathway
- Faculty Development Award Program
- Pathways to Science and Medicine Mentoring Program\*
- Resident & Fellow Committee
- Recruitment & Retention Fund
- Summer Research Trainee Program
- Visiting Clerkship Program\*\*

Elena Olson, executive director

#### Office for Belonging & Engagement

- Disability Program
- Employee PCP Program
- Inclusion Campaign
- Medial Liaison Program
- MGB ERG Liaison
- Multicultural Media Program
- Recruitment & Retention Fund
- Slavin Emergency Fund
- Support for Specialty Thematic Centers/Programs

Natalie Johnson, administrative director

#### **Specialty Thematic Center/Programs**

- Center for Gun Violence Prevention
- Center for Immigrant Health
- Comprehensive Sickle Cell
   Disease Treatment Center
- Equity in Kidney
   Transplantation Program
- Sexual Health Clinic
- Transgender Health Program

Medical directors vary by center/program

<sup>\*\*</sup>Collaboration with HMS Office for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Partnership (DICP)



<sup>\*</sup>Collaboration with BHCC and Postdoc associations



# MGB United Against Racism (UAR) Priorities

https://www.massgeneralbrigham.org/who-we-are/united-against-racism

# Leadership/Employees/ Culture

Increase Diversity on System Board and Institution Boards

Improve Hiring, Promoting & Retaining Diverse
Leaders

Development of System-wide Anti-Racism Education

Evaluate All Employee
Compensation and
Benefits

Communications: Creating Multilingual Correspondences

#### **Patient Care**

Improve Collection of Race, Ethnicity & Language Clinical Data

Eliminate Racialized Medicine Practices

Increase Access to Translator Services

Require Clinical
Departmets to Set Equity
Goals

Ensure Equitable Access to Virtual Health

Provide Centeral
Operating Clinical Equity
Team for Resourcing

Develop Incident Reporting Processes for Staff & Patients

# Community Health & Policy Advocacy

Revise Locations in Ambulatory Plan

Develop External Advocacy Agenda

Reevaluate Anchor Instituion Strategy

#### **MGH CDI**

- Recruitment and Retention expansion
- Learning and Education Pathway
- Reporting/policy

#### MGH OBE

- Recruitment and Retention expansion
- Cultural awareness and inclusivity
- Equitable access

2020

Continued advancement of UAR priorities through the work of CDI and OBE



# Code of conduct: patients, family, visitors and research participants

Our code of conduct is intended to maintain a safe, inclusive, and caring environment for everyone in Mass General Brigham spaces.



#### Communicating and acting with respect

Words or actions that are disrespectful, racist, discriminatory, hostile, or harassing are not welcome. Examples include:

- Offensive comments about others' race, accent, language, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other personal traits
- Refusal to see a clinician or other staff member based on these personal traits
- · Physical or verbal threats and assaults
- · Sexual or vulgar words or actions
- Disrupting another patient's care or experience



#### Code of conduct violations

- If you are a patient, and violate this code, you may be discharged and obtaining non-emergency care at Mass General Brigham in the future may require review.
- If you are a family member or visitor, you may be asked to leave. Future visits may be restricted.

Patient → Staff
Patient → Patient

- Approved by MGH
   Medical Policy
   Committee in May 2021
- MGB adopted and adapted policy in October '22 for entire system – now in Vitals
- One page handout translated in 5 languages

# Safety reporting

Safety Reports
 (affecting patient care)



#### Safety Reporting System



This icon is intended for staff to submit concerns involving **racism/discrimination that impact patient care**. Additionally, staff will also be able to note concerns related to racism/discrimination within any icon by responding to the question - "Is there a concern for racism or discrimination in this case?" with an opportunity to provide details if selected yes.

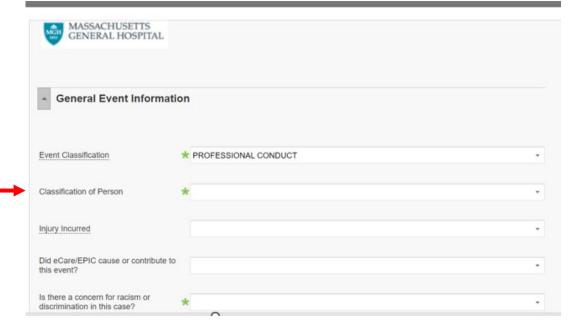
Concerns regarding staff-to-staff interactions should continue to be filed under Professional Conduct.

Please contact the Center for Quality & Safety at mghsafetyreporting@partners.org for any questions.

Thank you for your commitment to staff and patient safety!

MGH Safety Reporting Team MGH Center for Quality and Safety





Center for Diversity and Inclusion About Us, Mission, Structure





# The Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) Celebrating 32 years of advancing physicians and scientists

Each year...
1000+
UiM students,
trainees, and
faculty served

Expanded scope in 2021 to focus more on research workforce



#### **Mission**

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion promotes the recruitment and advancement of physicians and scientists underrepresented in medicine (UiM); and seeks to develop an inclusive and engaged workforce at Mass General where <u>all can experience a true sense of belonging</u>.



# 2023-24 Underrepresented in Medicine (UiM) demographics: National, Boston & MGH

**UiM** = Black, Latino/a/x, Native American, Alaska Native

| Race /Ethnicity | US<br>Census*<br>2023 | Boston<br>Population**<br>2023 | AAMC Medical<br>School<br>Graduates***<br>2023 | AAMC<br>Medical<br>Faculty***<br>2023 | MGH<br>Faculty^<br>2023-24 | MGH Clinical<br>Fellows^<br>2023-24 | MGH<br>Residents^^<br>2023-24 | MGH Match<br>2024 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| UiM             | 37.3%                 | 51.3%                          | 22.8%  | 10.1%                                 | 9.1%                       | 18.9%                               | 23.9%                         | 24.2%             |

\*https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/US

\*\*https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/boston-ma-population

\*\*\*https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/students-residents/data/2022-facts-enrollment-graduates-and-md-phd-data

^ PeopleSoft data tabulated by CDI

^^ERAS



## PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS MGH:

All clinical & research departments/centers/training programs Center Community Health Improvement Center for Faculty Development (Office for Women's Careers, Research Careers, Clinical Careers, etc)
Disparities Solutions Center ECODE
ECOR/Research Institute

Human Resources/Prof Staff Benefits

MGPO

Fire of the Chief Diversity and Inclusion

Office of the Chief Diversity and Inclusion
Officer (Office for Belonging and
Engagement, Disability Program)
Nursing & Patient Care Services
President's Office
Post doc & Post Bacc Associations

#### Mass General Brigham:

Equity and Community Health ERGs (LGBTQ, Latinx, Black, etc) Graduate Medical Education Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

#### **HMS/affiliates:**

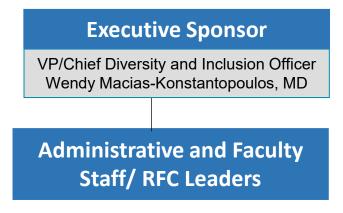
Black Post Doc Association
CHADD
Faculty Affairs
Office for Diversity Inclusion & Community
Office Recruitment & Multicultural Affairs

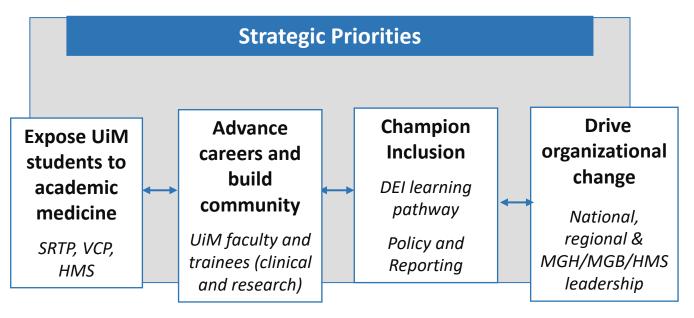
#### Regional/National:

AAMC NIH SNMA NHMA

LMSA
HBCUs (eg, Morehouse)
The Partnership/Conexion/Lead Boston

## 2024 CDI Structure & Strategic Priorities







### **Executive Leadership**



Wendy Macias Konstantopoulos, MD, MPH, MBA

Vice President and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer (CDIO)



Elena Olson, JD

Executive Director

# The Center for Diversity and Inclusion Team

#### **Administrative Staff**



Patrice Charlot, MS

Senior Communications
Specialist



Sandra Ordoñez
Program Manager



Karen L. Osborne Greene, MBA Administrative Director of Research



Bebina Shrestha
Program Coordinator

## **Clinical and Research Faculty**



Esteban Barreto, PhD

Program Director for Research Evaluation



Sherri-Ann Burnett-Bowie, MD, MPH

Associate Director



Jocelyn Carter, MD, MPH

Associate Director for
Trainee Affairs



Cesar M. Castro, MD, MMSc

Julie Price, PhD

Faculty Co-Director for Research



**Carlos Torres, MD** 

Associate Director for Learning and Education



Winfred Williams, Jr., MD

Founding Director

## CDI Collaborative Resources for Faculty (clinical and research)

#### **Professional Development/Mentorship**

- CDI Faculty development awards (PSDA/CTDA)
- 1:1 Career Consultations with CDI
- Mentorship and Career programs/workshops/partnership with CFD
- Chester Pierce Research Society
- CDI K-Initiative
- External Funding
  - Diversity Supplements
  - Supporting DEI/UiM funding opportunities
  - T32 Principal Investigator Subcommittee UiM trainees

#### **Financial**

- Recruitment and Retention Fund
- PSDA/CTDA

#### **DEI Education/Training**

CDI Learning and Education Pathway



#### **Networking/Community**

- Recognition events, eg, graduation and welcome
- Networking: Gala, Research Recharge
- PSDA/CTDA/Fund Collaborative

#### **Collaborations**

- MGB United Against Racism
- MGB DEI Office: Learning and Education
- Center for Faculty Development
- ECOR/Research Institute
- HMS ODCP, eg, annual leadership program

# Advancing a DEI Learning and Education Pathway

#### POLICY

Create policy to support learning objectives.

#### **Examples:**

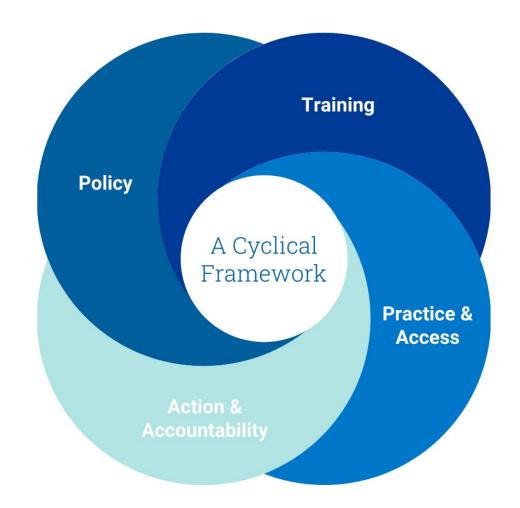
Patient Code of Conduct, SAFER Model, and scripting.

#### ACTION

Identify and implement resources and tools that promote and reward an inclusive environment.

#### **Examples:**

Accountability plans for staff & leadership, reporting systems and reconciliation resources, and compensation for facilitators.



#### **TRAINING**

Use MGB resources to introduce ideas, goals and learning objectives.

#### **Examples:**

Stepping Stones, Ending Racism, Know the Line, Upstander Workshop.

#### PRACTICE

Promote engagement and increase access to DEI learning and education.

#### **Examples:**

Facilitated LEP sessions, case examples, CME/CEUs and academic credit for continued education.



# **Stay Connected with CDI!**

email: cdi@mgh.harvard.edu

Watch our episodes of Front and Centered where we discuss who we are, what we do, and our growth, including our expansion into the research workforce.

Stay in the loop by subscribing to (and reading) our **monthly eNews!** Each month we provide resources and updates on what's happening in our community, both in and out of the hospital.



Be sure to connect with us online at massgeneral.org/cdi and social media channels!



@MGHCDI



@MGH.CDI



@MGH-CDI



/MGHCDI



Missed our eNews? Don't worry! Check out our Vitals page for information on upcoming events, Calendly scheduling and more!

Office of Belonging and Engagement About Us, Mission, Structure

# Office of Belonging and Engagement About Us

The Office of Belonging and Engagement (OBE) plays a crucial role in connecting the diversity of individuals within MGH's workforce, patient base, their families, and visitors.

OBE focuses on values that amplify voices, advocate for representation, integrate lived experiences to bridge gaps in clinical knowledge across communities, combat bias, and foster a community that embraces diversity.

By anchoring on these ideas, we aim to eliminate divisions and foster a stronger sense of belonging, while promoting an inclusive culture.





# Office of Belonging and Engagement Mission, Vision and Values

#### **Mission**

In alignment with the mission of the OCDIO, the Office of Belonging and Engagement (OBE) is committed to elevating the perspectives of the communities we serve with humility and respect, while using a lens that is trauma-informed, inclusive and equitable.

#### **Vision**

We seek to promote diversity and accessibility by elevating a sense of belonging in cultures and behaviors and share best practices within and outside of the walls of MGH.

By fostering connections despite differing perspectives, we strive to embrace wisdom from the diversity of knowledge and lived experiences.





# MGH Inclusion Campaign

## Overview

 Aim: Create a welcoming environment and inclusive space for all and to celebrate the diversity of identities at MGH and in our communities

- Committee members:
  - MGH OBE staff
  - Employees across MGH (multiple departments and role groups represented)
- Activities
  - Interdepartmental, multidisciplinary collaborations
    - Lunch & Learn with Sickle Cell team, People's heART artwork, healthy eating session with Cardiology
    - Host Diwali and Nowruz celebrations with direction from MGH MDs
  - Monthly messaging
  - Interact via multiple modalities and times
- See more on our <u>Vitals</u> page



Women's History Filipino Heritage **National Public Health Week Black History Native American Heritage Heart Health Spiritual Care Minority Health Disability Awareness** Caribbean Heritage **Hispanic Heritage** Ramadan Diwali Migration is Beautiful Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Pride

#### Who We Are

Inclusion Campaign engages staff from over 30 departments at the hospital ranging from administrative, clinical, service, and research roles. We have a Committee who leads the design and implementation of this work made up of members from diverse identities and backgrounds, such as:

#### Race and/or Ethnicity

American Indian Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino White

#### Nationality or Place of Origin

American Caribbean Colombian Irish Vietnamese

#### Languages Spoken

English German Italian Spanish Vietnamese

#### What We Do

The Inclusion Campaign Committee organizes and promotes **programming and events** in coordination with the cultural and health campaigns to celebrate the diversity of identities a part of our MGH community. We also focus on creating opportunities for people to engage in **education** around equity, diversity, and inclusion and ways to put learning into **action**. To build capacity for this work, we form **partnerships** with diverse groups across the hospital.





#### **Types of Programming**

Monthly Committee Meeting: Social Network Events Panel Discussions Film Showings Information Tables Stories of the MGH Series







# **Inclusion Campaign**

## Education and Action Subcommittee

- Partnerships
  - Museum of African American History
  - Slavin Academy
  - Blum Center
- Promoting awareness
  - DARE Program (MD initiative)
  - Communicating Across Differences: Tools You Can Use (PCS initiative)
  - ERG engagement
- Promote MGB MGB DEI trainings
  - Stepping Stones, Upstander training
  - Seeking facilitators to facilitate dialogues



Panel discussion on mentorship and navigating the workplace for Hispanic Heritage Month (Oct 2024). Multiple role groups represented, including 3 MDs.

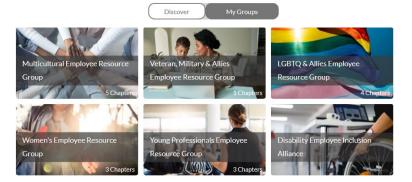


# **Employee Resource Groups**

- Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) help cultivate a culture of inclusivity and allyship throughout MGB for all employees
- This includes building community for our employees and investing in their personal and professional development, creating awareness and business integration, and supporting external partners with community outreach
- See all the MGB Communities website
- National ERG Day
  - ERG Fair on Nov 13th
  - ERG posters Nov 14-23



#### Communities at Mass General Brigham



#### **ERGs at MGH**

Association of Multicultural Professionals (AMMP)

Black Excellence

Chinese Scientists and Staff Association (CSSA)

Disability Employee Inclusion Alliance

Jewish ERG (J-ERG)

LGBTQ+ and Allies

Military Veteran Partners (MVP)

Pan Asian Pacific Alliance (PAPA)

Voces Unidas **NEW** 

Women in Leadership (WiL)

Young Professionals Group (YPG)

## **CoNECTaR**

- Formally established in Fall 2021 as the <u>Communication Network Empowering Communities to Transform and Reconnect (CoNECTaR)</u>
- Developed out of need to address COVID-19 pandemic as a public health issue
  - Evolved to focus on a variety of health, social and cultural topics
- Multidisciplinary, culturally, and linguistically diverse MGH clinicians provide timely, reliable, linguistically, and culturally sensitive health information via multiple modalities
  - Established relationships with local multicultural media partners



Gladys Pachas, MD, MPH
Physician Lead

Ways to Participate

Social Media (X/Twitter): @MGHEquity, @GladysPachasMD, @nat\_yjohnson

Website: OBE Vitals page

Email: MGHConectar@mgh.harvard.edu



Natalie Johnson, MPH
Administrative Lead

# Employee PCP Access Program

- Employee PCP Access Program aims to make MGH primary care more available to MGH staff and eliminate access barriers to MGH PCPs they may experience
- Led by Carl Malm, MD, MPH and Natalie Johnson, MPH
  - Audience: MGH staff, particularly those that have historically been least likely to obtain care at MGH
  - Piloting with service department staff
  - MDs represent many languages, backgrounds, religions and clinic locations
- Primary Care MDs interested in participating can contact Dr. Malm and Natalie

#### MGH Primary Care Provider (PCP) Access Program



Created July 2023 Updated Oct 2024

#### Boston, MA



lennifer Hong,



Interest Area(s): Comprehensive primary care & racial health inequities/care gaps

Religion: Christian background, Agnostic

Language(s): Mandarin



Elsa Imbimbo, MD, MPH

Practice Location:Internal Medicine Associates (IMA) Wang Building, 6th Floor

Interest Area(s): Improving healthcare access & quality, medical student education

Religion: None

Language(s): Basic Spanish



Felippe Marcondes, MD, MPH

Practice Location: Internal Medicine Associates (IMA) Wang Building, 6th Floor

Interest Area(s): Chronic illness management, digital equity & immigrant health

Religion: Christian

Language(s): Portuguese, Spanish



Priscilla Wang,

Practice Location: Internal Medicine Associates (IMA) Wang Building, 6th Floor

Interest Area(s): Patient-centered care, Medicaid & disabilities

Religion: Christian

Language(s): Mandarin Chinese

#### Everett, MA



Aisha James, MD, MEd

Practice Location: Everett Family Care

Interest Area(s): Transitions of care & health justice

Religion: N/A

Language(s): French



Jasleen Kaur, MD

Practice Location: Everett Family Care
Interest Area(s): Details coming soon
Religion: Details coming soon

Language(s): Punjabi



Carl Malm, MD, MPH

Practice Location: Everett Family Care

Interest Area(s): Non-communicable diseases in Africa & health system design/financing

Religion: Christian

Language(s): Ga, Twi



# **Stay Connected with OBE!**

#### **Seeking your Input**

- Inclusion Campaign Committee <u>interest form</u>
- Gift shop <u>recommendations</u>
- Multicultural cookbook <u>submissions</u>
- Book/resource <u>recommendations</u>

#### **Staying Up-to-Date**

Inclusion Campaign newsletter <u>subscription</u>



#### Where and How to Find Us

- OCDIO <u>Vitals</u> page
- Inclusion Campaign <u>Vitals</u> page
- X account: @MGHEquity
- Email: <u>mghbelongingandengagement@mgb.org</u>

