

SPR Newsletter Feature: Dr. Joyce Javier

The [Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine](#) is pleased to announce that Joyce R. Javier, MD, MPH, MS, FAAP, began her role as Associate Professor of Health System Science on August 1, 2024. In this position, Dr. Javier will conduct research in Health Systems Science (HSS), mentor students, and teach community and population health and other subjects in Integrated Sciences as well as other HSS courses.

Dr. Javier is a physician scientist, educator, and advocate who is passionate about advancing health equity for underserved communities. She is a leader in research on Filipino health disparities using community-based participatory research methods, concentrating on topics such as youth suicide and depression prevention and implementation and evaluation of evidence-based parenting interventions. Her work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program.

Prior to her current role at KPSOM, Dr. Javier was a faculty member with Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, a preceptor in primary care at a federally qualified community health center, and founded and taught a public health course on addressing health disparities in the U.S. She has served as a mentor to numerous students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty. Dr. Javier's current leadership roles include Advocacy Lead for the Society for Pediatric Research Executive Council, co-chair of the Society for Pediatric Research Advocacy Committee, member of the Pediatric Policy Council, and an Executive Committee Member on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Community Pediatrics. She has received many honors and awards, including the Local Hero Award from the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics, the Filipina Women's Network 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for Health Equity.

Dr. Javier holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an MD from the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. She also has an MPH in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Science in Clinical, Biomedical, and Translational Investigations from the University of Southern California. She completed her pediatric residency and a general academic pediatrics fellowship at Stanford University School of Medicine.