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Assistant Professor of Neurology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Education

Chief Resident – University of Chicago Child Neurology Residency Training Program, University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL, July 2016 – June 2017

Illinois Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (IL LEND) Program, Chicago, IL August 2016 – June 2017

University of Chicago Child Neurology Residency Training Program, University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL, July 2014 – June 2016

The George Washington University, Washington, DC
Master of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, May 2014

Tulane-Ochsner Pediatric Residency Program, Tulane University School of Medicine/ Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA, July 2010 – June 2013

Howard University, Washington, DC
Doctor of Medicine, May 2010

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
Bachelor of Arts, Physics, May 2005

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
Bachelor of Science, Biology, May 2003
Minors in English and Chemistry

Board Certification

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology – Board Certified in Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology, 2017

American Board of Pediatrics – Board Certified in General Pediatrics, 2013

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, Division of Child Neurology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 2017 – Present

Faculty Member, Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 2017 – Present

Honors and Awards

Medical / Public Health Honors

American Academy of Neurology Diversity Leadership Program, 2022 - 2023

UNC Broyhill Research Award in Child Neurology, 2020

Association of University Centers on Disabilities Leadership Academy, 2019 – 2020

The University of Chicago Medicine and Biological Sciences Diversity Research and Small Grants Award, 2014

Tulane-Ochsner Pediatric Residency Program Resident of the Year, 2012-2013

Literary Honors

PEN America Emerging Voices Fellowship Finalist, 2023

Periplus Fellowship 2022 Finalist

Pushcart Prize 2021 Nominee, "In the Blood"

Best Microfiction 2021 Nominee, "Paresthesia"

River Styx Microfiction Contest Finalist, "Human Growth and Development," 2017

Writing Fellowships and Residencies

MacDowell, 2024

Writing Conferences

Contributor in Nonfiction, Tin House Winter Online Workshop, 2024

Contributor in Nonfiction, Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, 2023

Contributor in Nonfiction, Sewanee Writers' Conference, 2022

Contributor in Memoir, Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation Workshop, 2021

Contributor in Nonfiction, Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, 2020

Contributor in Flash Nonfiction, Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation Workshop, 2020

Contributor in Nonfiction, Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, 2019

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Refereed Papers

Changing Views of Disability in Neurology, Cejas, DM. *Lancet Neurology*, 2023 Sep;22(9):781. doi: 10.1016/S1474-4422(23)00276-4. PMID: 37596003.

Empowering differences: Disability in Child Neurology Training, Kim, Y-M, Cejas, DM. *Annals of the Child Neurology Society*, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1002/cns3.20036>

Pediatric Palliative Care's Role in Achieving Health Equity for Children with Medical Complexity. Yu, J, Martin, A, Cejas, DM, Agrawal, R, Houtrow, A. *Pediatric Palliative and Hospice Care E-Journal*; 2022; 69, 38-41. <https://www.nhpco.org/palliativecare/pediatrics/chipps-pediatric-e-journal/>

Health Equity for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: A Vision for the Future. Houtrow, A, Martin, A, Harris, D, Cejas, DM, Hutson, R, Mazloomdoost, Y, Agrawal, R. *Pediatrics*. 2022;149(Suppl 7):e2021056150F. doi:10.1542/peds.2021-056150F

Introducing the Child Neurology Society Leadership, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force (LDEI). Brumback, A, Wilson, RB, Augustine, EF, Bass, NE, Bassuk, AG, Cejas, DM, Shellhaas, R, Strober, J, Tilton, A, Pearl, PL. *Annals of Child Neurology*. 2021;90(4):537-538. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ana.26176>

Dynamic Reconfiguration of Functional Brain Networks in ADHD After Methylphenidate Administration Relates to Improvements in Response Control. J Cohen, K Eom, T Henry, C Bricken, D Cejas, L Politte, M Sheridan. *Biological Psychiatry*, 87:9, 2020

SUCLG1 Mutations Causing Mitochondrial Depletion Syndrome with Congenital Anomalies. HC Andersson, L-J Wong, M Landsverk, T Yeh, D Cejas, D Singh. *Molecular Genetics and Metabolism*, 105:301, 2012.

**In Press / Submitted
Papers**

Ableism and its Effects on Child and Adolescent Health: American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement. Cejas, DM, Houtrow, A, Sohl, K, Tapia, M, Agrawal, R. *Pediatrics*, accepted for publication

Technical Report: Ableism and Health Disparities for Children and Adolescents with Disabilities. Houtrow, A, Cyr, P, Lee, KJ, Sohl, K, Wright, M, Cejas, DM, Agrawal, R. *Pediatrics*, accepted for publication

Validation of the STARx Questionnaire in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Cejas, DM, Ferrell, A, Cheak – Zamora, N., Ferris, ME, in press, 10 pages

The Relationship Between Parental Catastrophizing and Perceptions of Healthcare Transition Readiness for Youth with Intellectual and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Cejas, DM, Faria, R, Khuu, T, Hayek, L, R, Campbell, R, Ferris, ME, in press, 2024, 8 pages

Developmental Transitions and their Effects on Families, Morrow, K, Cejas, DM, Girdler, S, Crais, E, Thorpe, D, Wakeford, L, Morrison, B, submitted for publication, 2024, 8 pages

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Book
Chapters and
Anthologized Works**

Affer. Cejas, DM. [I Tried Not to Write](#), edited by Jacinta V. White, Snapdragon, 2024, p. 25

Join the Club: Taking Charge of My Story as a Patient at the Hospital Where I Work. Cejas, DM. [Disability Visibility](#), edited by Alice Wong, Vintage Books, 2020, p. 104-111

Gum. Cejas, DM. [A Measure of Belonging: Twenty-One Writers of Color on the New American South](#), edited by Cinelle Barnes, Hub City Press, 2020, p. 175-179

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Narrative
Medicine – Essays and
Creative Nonfiction**

Apnea, Amnesia, Cejas, DM. *Tahoma Literary Review*, Spring 2024, <https://tahomaliteraryreview.com/selections/apnea-amnesia/>

In the Blood, Cejas, DM. *Ecotone Magazine*, 24 Mar 2022, <https://ecotonemagazine.org/nonfiction/in-the-blood/>

The Anxiety of Being a Doctor with Preexisting Conditions, Cejas, DM. *Elemental*, 2 Dec 2020, <https://elemental.medium.com/the-anxiety-of-being-a-doctor-with-a-compromised-immune-system-9369dc56c987>

convalescence triptych, Cejas, DM. *The Los Angeles Review*, 30 Oct 2020, <http://losangelesreview.org/convalescence-triptych-diana-cejas/>

The First Words. Cejas, DM. *medhumchat.com*, 25 Nov 2019, <https://www.medhumchat.com/medhumchat-blog/2019/11/22/the-first-thing-i-wrote>

Affer. Cejas, DM. *Snapdragon Journal*, June 2019, 1 (5.2) 50 - 51

Join the Club: Taking Charge of My Story as a Patient at the Hospital Where I Work. Cejas, DM. *Catapult Magazine*, 21 May 2019, <https://catapult.co/stories/taking-charge-of-my-story-as-a-cancer-patient-at-the-hospital-where-i-work>

A Disabled Doctor's Complicated Relationship with Yoga. Cejas, DM. *HelloGiggles*, 3 May 2019, <https://hellogiggles.com/lifestyle/health-fitness/my-disability-complicated->

relationship-with-yoga/

Lamentations. Cejas, DM. *The Intima Journal of Narrative Medicine*, Oct 2018.

Meat Slurry and My Particular Brand of Optimism. Cejas, DM. *Neurology*, Mar 2018, 90 (10) 479 – 480; DOI: 10.1212/WNL.0000000000005078

Every Little Anniversary. Cejas, DM. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 314(21):2337, 2015

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Narrative
Medicine – Poetry**

Shock Therapy, Cejas, DM. Moonchild Magazine, Jan 2020,
<https://www.moonchildmag.net/dianacejas.html>.

Paresthesia, Cejas, DM. Moonchild Magazine, Jan 2020,
<https://www.moonchildmag.net/dianacejas.html>.

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Narrative
Medicine – Opinion**

A Request for Accountability in Our Shared Spaces. Ahmed, A, Cejas, DM, David, S, ezell, e, Jones, I, Mauldin, L, Nadir, L, Park, S, Tan, A, Vinson, J, The Offing, 30 November 2023
https://theoffingmag.com/insight/bl_accountability_request/

What Does It Take to Achieve Vaccine Equity? – Access Underscores Ugly Truths About Racism and Ableism. Cejas, DM. Bitch Magazine, 1 November, 2021
<https://www.bitchmedia.org/article/vaccine-equity-disability-race-access-issue>

I Have a Disability Too, I Told My Patient. Cejas, DM. Medpage Today, 30 June 2021
<https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/93361>

Doctors: Our Black Disabled Patients Need Our Support. Cejas, DM. Psychology Today Blog, 7 Oct 2020 <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/disabled-doctor-disabled-patients/202010/doctors-our-black-disabled-patients-need-our-support>

What Do Doctors Learn About Disability? Cejas, DM. Psychology Today Blog, 21 Aug 2020
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/disabled-doctor-disabled-patients/202008/what-do-doctors-learn-about-disability>

To Thrive, Black and Latinx Physicians Need Their Communities. Cejas, DM. STAT News, 10 July 2020, <https://www.statnews.com/2020/07/09/to-thrive-black-and-latinx-physicians-need-their-communities/>

An Open Letter to Struggling Prospective Medical Students. Cejas, DM. KevinMD.com, 21 June 2019, <https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2019/06/to-struggling-medical-students-meet-the-physician-who-conquered-the-nos.html>

Some Things Sound the Same. Cejas, DM. KevinMD.com, 16 Aug 2018,
<https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2018/08/my-story-isnt-serena-williams-story-but-some-things-sound-the-same.html>

Welcome to Your Intern Year Breakdown. Cejas, DM. KevinMD.com, 21 June 2018,
<https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2018/06/welcome-to-your-intern-year-breakdown.html>.

All I Did Was Wake Up. Now I'm a Liability. Cejas, DM. OP-(m)ED: Voices from the Doximity Network, 13 May 2018, <https://opmed.doximity.com/all-i-did-was-wake-up-now-im-a-liability-383824c8bbba>.

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Creative
Works – Short Fiction
and Memoir**

National Baptist Hymnal, Cejas, D. The Iowa Review. Winter 2021/21,
<https://iowareview.org/from-the-issue/national-baptist-hymnal>

The Crunchy Kind. Cejas, D. The Dead Mule School of Southern Literature, 1 November 2019, <https://deadmule.com/diana-cejas-the-crunchy-kind-flash-fiction-november-2019/>

Human Growth and Development. Cejas, D. *Passages North*, 7 June 2019, <https://www.passagesnorth.com/passagesnorthcom/2019/6/7/human-growth-and-development-by-diana-cejas>.

Out Here in the Halo. Cejas, D. *The Appalachian Anthology*, 2:65, 2003

Orangecicle Dreams. Cejas, D. *The Appalachian Anthology*, 1:88, 2002

Pink and Purple Sunglasses. Cejas, D. *The Appalachian Anthology*, 1:90, 2002

**Other Products of
Scholarship: In Press /
Submitted Narrative
Medicine – Essays and
Creative Nonfiction**

Secondary Intention, book-length nonfiction manuscript in progress, 2024

ETT, submitted for publication, 2024, 6 pages

The Excuse for Everything, submitted for publication, 2023, 2 pages

PPE, submitted for publication, 2023, 2 pages

**Other Products of
Scholarship: In Press /
Submitted
Narrative Medicine –
Poetry**

Degeneration, *Pleiades Magazine*, in press

Dyssomnia, submitted for publication, 2024, 1 page

Synesthesia, submitted for publication, 2023, 1 page

A Parking Lot in Metairie, submitted for publication, 2023, 1 page

**Other Products of
Scholarship: In Press /
Submitted Creative
Works**

Fair, submitted for publication, 2024, 1 page

The Only Thing I Ever Won, submitted for publication, 2024, 1 page

Cuts, submitted for publication, 2024, 1 page

2 for \$1.99 down at the piggly wiggly, submitted for publication, 2024, 1 page

**Other Products of
Scholarship: Interviews
and Other Media**

Why This Doctor Is Fighting for Her Patients' Pain to Be Taken More Seriously. *Teen Vogue*. November 2023. <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/doctor-diana-cejas-interview>

Expanding Diversity in Neurology, Inclusive Communication and Accessibility. *NeurologyLive*. May 2023. <https://www.neurologylive.com/view/expanding-diversity-neurology-inclusive-communication-accessibility-diana-cejas>

Changing the Way We Care for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation Community Catalyst Educational Video Series. October 2022. <https://www.healthinnovation.org/resources/publications/changing-the-way-we-care-for-adults-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities>

Disabled Doctors Were Called Too 'Weak' To Be in Medicine. It's Hurting the Entire System. Lu, W, *Huffington Post*, 2021, July 22. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/disabled-doctors-medicine-ableism_n_60f86967e4b0ca689fa560dc

What's It like to Live - and Doctor - with a Disability? An Interview with Diana Cejas, MD. SiriusXM Satellite Radio's Doctor Radio Channel. 12 July 2021

A Measure of Belonging: 21 Writers of Color on the New American South. 21 Conversations Discussion Series. Greensboro Bound Literary Festival 2021

Jumping to the Front of the Vaccine Line? US Vaccine Rollout Already Evidences Inequality by Race, Disability. National Catholic Reporter. Retrieved from <https://www.ncronline.org/news/coronavirus/jumping-front-vaccine-line>

Misdiagnosed, *Health*. November 2019. <https://www.health.com/condition/cancer/diana-cejas-cancer-misdiagnosed>

Feeling Dismissed and Ignored by Your Doctor? Do this. H Epstein. Dx IQ. November 2019. <https://www.improvediagnosis.org/dxiq-column/feeling-dismissed-and-ignored-by-your-doctor-do-this/>

Doctor Who Survived Cancer, Stroke: 'I Was There ... Maybe I Can Help.' CBS News' Stories of Survivors." April 2016. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/doctor-diana-cejas-cancer-stroke-survivor/>

Other Products of Scholarship: Podcasts

An Interview with Dr. Diana Cejas. Docs With Disabilities Podcast Episodes 91 & 92. May 2024. <https://www.docswithdisabilities.org/docswithpodcast/episode/1eebab10/episode-91-dr-diana-cejas-part-1>

Disability and Advocacy in Pediatric Neurology. Journal of Child Neurology Podcast. March 2024. <https://sageneuroscience.libsyn.com/disability-and-advocacy-in-pediatric-neurology>

The Intersection Between Disability and Race: an Interview with Justin Bullock and Diana Cejas. Docs With Disabilities Podcast Episode 39. November 2021. <https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/family-medicine/programs/mdisability/transforming-medical-education/docs-disabilities-podcast>

Diversity in Healthcare: Perspectives on Disabilities. University of Central Florida College of Medicine Diversity Podcast. November 2021 <https://guides.med.ucf.edu/diversity/podcast>.

Ableism in Healthcare. Included: The Disability Equity Podcast Episode 24. September 2021. <https://included.libsyn.com/24-ableism-in-healthcare>

Disability Visibility: an Interview with Alice Wong and Diana Cejas. Docs With Disabilities Podcast Episode 22. October 2020. <https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/family-medicine/programs/mdisability/transforming-medical-education/docswithdisabilities-podcast-ep-22-diana-cejas-alice-wong>

Refereed Unpublished Oral Presentations

"Inclusive Communication for Disabled Patients, Trainees, and Colleagues," American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting "Inclusive Community" Leadership University Seminar, April 2024

"Neurodiversity Affirming Practice," American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting "Neurodiversity in the Neurology Clinic" Leadership University Seminar, April 2024

"Addressing Ableism: Improving Health Care Disparities for Patients with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities," American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting "Disparities in Care in Practice: The Current State and How to Advocate" Seminar, April 2024

"Identity Development in Young People with Disabilities," The Monica Chibuogu Nneji Foundation Keynote Lecture, March 2024

"Disability Advocacy in Medicine," Duke University Bass Connections Program Seminar Series, February 2024

"Ableism and Adversity: Improving Outcomes for Youth with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities," Disability Advocacy Coalition in Medicine Interprofessional Virtual 2023

Conference, October 2023

"Year in Review: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Child Neurology," Child Neurology Society Annual Meeting 2023 Symposium, October 2023

"Project BENEFIT: Building Effective Networks to Engage Families in Improving Transition," Parent2Parent Leadership Institute 2023, October 2023

"A Path Forward: Disability in Medicine," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine's Medical Students with Disability and Chronic Illness Spring Discussion Series, Invited Talk, May 2023

"Ableism in the Scientific Workforce: Implications for Medical Education," The National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Ableism in Medicine and Clinical Research 2023 Virtual Conference, Invited Talk, April 2023

"Inclusive Communication and Disability," American Academy of Neurology Leadership University 2023, Invited Talk, April 2023

"Perspectives on Disability in the History of Neurology: Disability as Identity," American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting Seminar, April 2023

"Disability Consciousness in Medicine," Duke University School of Medicine and UNC – Chapel Hill School of Medicine's Blending the Blues Disability Seminar 2023, Invited Talk, March 2023

"Healthcare Transition for Patients with Epilepsy," Epilepsy Foundation East North Carolina Ammon's Horn Society Meeting, Invited Talk, January 2023

"Disability in Child Neurology: Society, Medicine and the Person," Child Neurology Society Annual Meeting 2022 Seminar, October 2022

"An Unlikely Path: Disability in Medicine," The Johns Hopkins University Public Health Studies Program Fireside Chat Series, Invited Lecture, September 2022

"Blueprint for Change: Health Equity for Children and Youth with Epilepsy and Other Special Healthcare Needs," American Academy of Pediatrics National Coordinating Center for Epilepsy's "Transforming Health Care for Children & Youth with Epilepsy" Learning Session, Invited Lecture, August 2022

"Racism, Ableism, and Disability: What Providers Need to Know," The Coalition for Disability Access in Health Science Education 2022 Annual Symposium, Invited Keynote Lecture, July 2022

"Leadership and Disability in Medicine," Association of University Centers on Disability Annual Leadership Academy, Invited Lecture, June 2022

"Writing as Advocacy: Personal Reflections on Disability in Medicine," The Johns Hopkins University Equal Access in Science and Medicine Spring Lecture, Invited Lecture, June 2022

"Accessibility in Healthcare," Black Healthcare at Microsoft Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, February 2022

"Disability and Identity," American Academy of Neurology and Child Neurology Society Joint Section Meeting, Invited Lecture, October 2021

"Digital Disability Advocacy in Medicine," Babylon Health Babylearn Virtual Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, October 2021

"Disability in Medicine," Robin Healthcare Continuing Education Lecture Series, Invited

Lecture, August 2021

“How to Tell Your Story,” American Association of People with Disabilities Disability Advocacy Certificate Program Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, June 2021

“Racism, Ableism, and Quality of Care,” WITH Foundation Quarterly Meeting, Invited Lecture, January 2021

“Your Leadership Journey,” Association of University Centers on Disabilities 2020 Leadership Academy, Invited Lecture, November 2020

“Provider Perspectives on Healthcare Legislation and Advocacy,” American Association of People with Disabilities Disability Advocacy Certificate Program Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, June 2020

“After A Delayed Diagnosis,” Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine Diagnostic Error in Medicine 12th Annual International Conference, Invited Lecture, November 2019

“Transitioning to Adult Healthcare: Implications for Inclusive Postsecondary Education,” North Carolina Inclusive Postsecondary Education Alliance Quarterly Meeting, Invited Lecture, July 2019

“Delayed Diagnosis: My Story,” Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine Capitol Hill Briefing, Invited Lecture, July 2019

“Transition to Adult Care for Patients with Epilepsy,” Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago ParentLink Program, invited lecture, April 2017

“Cultural Competency in Resident Education,” University of Chicago Diversity Dialogues Series, invited lecture, August 2016

**Refereed Unpublished
Panel Discussions**

“Inclusivity, Equity, and Cultural Humility as Means to Enhance Neurology and Improve Care for our Diverse Population,” American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting Section Spotlight, Invited Panelist, April 2024

“Sharing the Experiences of Faculty with Disabilities in Academic Medicine,” Association of American Medical Colleges Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-racism (IDEAS) Learning Series, Invited Panelist, April 2024

“Women with Disabilities in Medicine: Illuminating the Pathway,” Docs With Disabilities Initiative Mentorship Series, Invited Panelist, December 2023

“Navigating a Career in Academic Neurology,” American Neurological Association Futures Program Career Mentorship Seminar, Invited Panelist, June 2023

“Clinician Perspectives on Neurodiversity,” Duke University Autism Seminar Series, Invited Panelist, January 2023

“Disability as Diversity,” University of California San Diego School of Medicine Disability and Chronic Illness in Healthcare and Medicine Student Affinity Group Discussion Series, Invited Panelist, December 2022

“Exploring Health Disparities, Inequities, and Barriers to Care for Black Patients Living with Epilepsy,” American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting 2022, Invited Panelist, December 2022

“Why Diversity and Inclusion Matter in STEM,” University of Massachusetts – Amherst Diverse Women in STEM Conference 2022, Invited Panelist, October 2022

“Achieving Health Equity: How Can Clinical Comparative Effectiveness Research Help Address Structural Discrimination?” Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

(PCORI) Annual Meeting 2022 Breakout Session, Invited Panelist, October 2022

“Exploring the Barriers to Inclusion for Physicians with Disabilities,” The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Inclusion and Access in Medicine Webinar Series, Invited Panelist, July 2022

“Ableism and Access to Healthcare Systems,” Disability Rights New York's Willowbrook and the Road to Inclusion Discussion Series, Invited Panelist. July 2022

“Racism and Disability in Medicine,” Stanford Medicine Alliance for Disability Inclusion and Equity Intersectional Discussion Series, Invited Panelist, April 2022

“Medical Providers with Disabilities,” UNC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy & The Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD) Speaker Series, Invited Panelist, March 2022

“Patient Engagement,” National Academy of Medicine / Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine Fellows and Scholars Annual Program, Invited Panelist, February 2022

“Provider Burnout in Cancer Care,” Young Adult Cancer GabFest Week of Interactive Survivorship Courses, Invited Panelist, December 2021

“Disability Behind the Front Lines of Medicine,” Florida State University College of Medicine Disability Advocacy Series, Invited Panelist, November 2021

“Celebrating Disability as Diversity,” University of California - San Diego School of Medicine Disability in Healthcare Discussion Series, Invited Panelist, October 2021

“Disability Visibility and Inclusion,” FWSF Diversity and Inclusion Lecture Series, Invited Panelist, October 2021

“Multidisciplinary Spheres of Disability Advocacy,” Northwestern University Disability Advocacy Coalition in Medicine Interprofessional Virtual Conference, Invited Panelist, October 2021

“Intersectionality and the Experience of Black Women in Medicine,” Stanford University Inclusion Rounds Series, Invited Panelist, September 2021

“Disability Awareness, Advocacy, and Allyship Convening,” University of Illinois College of Medicine Disability Advocacy Forum, Invited Panelist, April 2021

“Doctors with Physical and Mental Health Disabilities,” Stanford University Conference on Disability in Healthcare and Medicine, Invited Panelist, April 2021

“Disability and the Patient,” Stanford University Conference on Disability in Healthcare and Medicine, Invited Panelist, April 2021

“Disability Advocacy,” Stanford University Conference on Disability in Healthcare and Medicine, Invited Panelist, April 2021

“Disability, Chronic Illness, and Accessibility in Healthcare and Research,” University of Pittsburgh – Carnegie Mellon University Medical Scientist Training Program Workshop, Invited Panelist, March 2021

“Getting Uncomfortable: How to Discuss Race, Gender, and Other Identities in Healthcare,” University of Michigan 2021 Diversity in Medicine Conference, Invited Panelist, March 2021

“A Time for Telehealth,” UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences Interprofessional Students' Association Virtual Event, Invited Panelist, March 2021

“The Impact and Importance of Disability Inclusion in Medicine,” Johns Hopkins Medicine Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity MLK Week Discussion Series, Invited

Panelist, January 2021

"Self-Advocacy in the Clinical Setting for Patients and Survivors," Young Adult Cancer GabFest Week of Interactive Survivorship Courses, Invited Panelist, December 2020

"A Seat at the Table: Intersectional Approaches to Disability Justice," Student National Medical Association Regional Medical Education Conference, Invited Panelist, November 2020

"Doctors and Nurses with Disabilities," University of Mercer County Community College Careers in Medicine Discussion Series, Invited Panelist, October 2020

"Improving Diagnosis through Case Conferences," Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine Diagnostic Error in Medicine 13th Annual International Conference, Invited Panelist, October 2020

"Disabled Docs: Life as a Physician, Educator, Researcher, and Patient," University of Massachusetts Medical School Office of Diversity and Inclusion Panel Discussion Series, Invited Panelist, October 2020

"Living with Health Conditions During Medical Training," New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) Resident 360 Panel Discussion, Invited Panelist, August 2020

"Addressing Health and Well-being for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood," Association of University Centers on Disability 2019 National Conference, Invited Panelist, November 2019

"The Patient's Perspective," Kaiser Permanente Roundtable on Quality Healthcare for Young Adults with Chronic Conditions and Disabilities, Invited Panelist, January 2014

**Refereed Unpublished
Poster Presentations**

Depictions of Pediatric Neurological Disabilities in Graphic Novels, 2010-2022. Kacsoh, DB, Ayoub, MC, Cejas, DM, Barber, DG, Holler-Managan, Y, Kim, Y-M, Shear, T, Kim, J, Kitsis, S, Christy, E, Christy, A. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, April 2024

Validation of the STARx Questionnaire in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Cejas, DM, Ferrell, A, Cheak – Zamora, N., Ferris, ME. Healthcare Transition Research Consortium Annual Research Meeting, October 2023

Validation of the STARx Questionnaire in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Cejas, DM, Ferrell, A, Cheak – Zamora, N., Ferris, ME. Child Neurology Society Annual Meeting, October 2023

Validation of the STARx Questionnaire in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Cejas, DM, Ferrell, A, Cheak – Zamora, N., Ferris, ME. American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry Inclusive Health Conference, May 2023

A Rare Case of Botulism with Encephalopathy in a Baby with Trisomy 21 and Congenital Heart Disease. Sites, J, Rachal, L, Wooten, N, Inskip, Z, Cejas, DM, Boyd, J. Society of Critical Care Medicine 51st Annual Critical Care Congress, February 2022

The Relationship Between Parental Catastrophizing and Perceptions of Healthcare Transition Readiness for Youth with Intellectual and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Cejas, DM, Faria, R, Khuu, T, Hayek, L, R, Campbell, R, Ferris, ME. Healthcare Transition Research Consortium Annual Research Meeting, October 2021

Re-analysis of Exome Sequencing Data for Patients with Epilepsy in the NCGENES Cohort. Roman, T, Hunter, S, Cejas, DM, Dreyfuss, I, Cole, Y, Felton, T, Weck, K, Fan, Z, Powell, B, Shiloh-Malawsky, Y, Berg, J. American College of Medical Genetics Annual Meeting, April 2021

Psychosocial Effects of Childhood Epilepsy on Siblings, DM Cejas, University of Chicago

Arnason Symposium, June 2017

School Failure as an Early Sign of Neurological Disease, DM Cejas, University of Chicago
Arnason Symposium, June 2016

Addressing Cultural Competency: A Novel Curriculum for Pediatric Residents. Cejas, DM,
Grigsby, D, Adimora-Nweke, D, Ibelema, D, Gordon, K. Cross-Cultural Healthcare
Conference, January 2015

Working Within Existing Frameworks: Palliative Care Education in Pediatric Residency,
Malhotra, S, Cejas, DM. American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference, October
2013

Teaching Record
Lectures to UNC
Residents

“Integrating Young Adults with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities into Your Practice,”
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology
Lecture Series, May 2023

“Developing Transition Plans for Patients with Epilepsy,” University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology Lecture Series, March 2021

“Developmental Delay and Intellectual Disability: Diagnosis and Management,” University
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology Lecture
Series, March 2021

“The Unique Behavioral Stages of Adolescence and Young Adulthood,” University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill Internal Medicine – Pediatrics Combined Residency Program
“Bridging to Adulthood” Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, April 2020

“Parents and Caregivers as Advocates During the Transition to Adult Care,” University of
North Carolina at Chapel Hill Internal Medicine – Pediatrics Combined Residency Program
“Bridging to Adulthood” Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, April 2020

“Healthcare Transition for Youth with Chronic Neurological Conditions,” University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology Lecture Series,
February 2019

“Autism Spectrum Disorders,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology
Residency Program Child Neurology Lecture Series, October 2018

“Child Neurology Board Review: Autism Spectrum Disorders and Intellectual Disability,”
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology
Lecture Series, September 2018

“Approach to the Child with Developmental Delay,” University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill Neurology Residency Program Child Neurology Lecture Series, February 2018

Lectures to UNC
Interdisciplinary
Trainees (Graduate
and Post-Doctoral
Students)

“Transitioning to Adulthood: Clinical Practice for Youth with IDD” North Carolina
Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program
Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, March 2024

“Healthcare Transition: Counseling Disabled Patients and Parents,” North Carolina
Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program
Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, November 2022

“Healthcare Transition: After the Transfer,” North Carolina Leadership Education in
Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited
Lecture, February 2022

“Epilepsy and IDD,” North Carolina Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and

Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, March 2021

“Transition Planning in IDD,” North Carolina Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, February 2021

“Healthcare Transition How Tos: Tips for Trainees,” North Carolina Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, January 2020

Lectures to Medical Students Outside of UNC

“Make it Make Sense: Disability, Health Equity, and Pediatric Neurology,” Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Medicine Latino Medical Student Association 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, September 2022

“Disability Advocacy in Medicine,” University of California Davis School of Medicine Mind Institute / School of Medicine Developing MINDs SIG Hidden Curriculum Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, March 2021

“Physician Patients in Neurology,” Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Student Interest Group in Neurology Advocacy Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, February 2021

“Impostor Syndrome and Advocacy: How Physicians of Color Can Tune Out the Naysayers and Turn Up for Patients and Their Communities,” Latino Medical Student Association National Policy Summit 2020, Invited Plenary Lecture, October 2020

Lectures to Residents Outside of UNC

“Finding Your Voice as an Advocate for Children’s Health,” Tulane University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics and Oschner Clinic Foundation Department of Pediatrics Graduation Ceremony, Invited Lecture, June 2020

“Weekly Board Review,” University of Chicago Child Neurology Training Program, weekly lecture series, December 2016 to June 2017

“Cerebral Palsy,” University of Chicago Pediatric Residency Program Morning Report Lecture Series, April 2017

“Child Neurology RITE Review,” University of Chicago Neurology Residency Program Noon Conference Lecture Series, February 2017

“Child Neurology Questions and Confusing Cases,” University of Chicago Neurology Residency Program Noon Conference Lecture Series, January 2017

“Pediatric Headaches,” University of Chicago Pediatric Residency Program Morning Report Lecture Series, August 2016

“Educational Issues and Neurological Disease,” University of Chicago Pediatric Residency Program Morning Report Lecture Series, February 2016

“Pediatric Stroke,” University of Chicago Pediatric Residency Program Morning Report Lecture Series, December 2015

“Springtime Series on Cultural Competency” Tulane University Department of Pediatrics Weekly Lecture Series, January to June 2013

Lectures to Interdisciplinary Trainees (Graduate and Post-Doctoral Students) Outside of UNC

“Anti-Ableist Practice in Medicine,” Pennsylvania Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, April 2024

“Leading in Clinical Practice,” Georgia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, November 2023

“Leading Change in Clinical Care,” Georgia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, November 2022

“Disability Advocacy in Medicine,” Virginia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, August 2021

“Introduction to Digital Advocacy,” Virginia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, August 2021

“Social Media and Social Good,” Georgia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program Didactic Series, Invited Lecture, January 2021

Grand Rounds Within UNC

“Disability and Identity in Medicine,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, August 2022

“Writing as Rehabilitation: Creativity’s Role in Survivorship,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Comprehensive Cancer Support Program (CCSP) and Palliative Care Program Grand Rounds, February 2022

“Neurological and Developmental Disabilities and Healthcare Transition,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Neurology Grand Rounds, April 2019

Grand Rounds Outside of UNC

“Ableism and its Effects on Youth with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities,” Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Division of Neurology Grand Rounds, December 2023

“Ableism, Adversity, and Identity: Improving Outcomes for Youth with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities,” Rush University Medical College Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, May 2023

“Health Care Disparities for People of Color with Disabilities,” University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, March 2023

“Disability and Identity in Neurology,” Emory University School of Medicine Department of Neurology Grand Rounds, February 2023

Continuing Education Lectures

“Historical Trauma of Racism and Ableism,” American Academy of Pediatrics’ ‘Addressing Health Equity for Black Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs’ Virtual Course, Invited Lecture, July 2022

“Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Healthcare Transition,” NC Eastern Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) 2021 I/DD Services Conference: Building Blocks for the Future in Practice, Invited Lecture, October 2021

“Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: What’s the Point?” Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities DEI Town Hall Series, September 2021

“Communicating with Decision-Makers,” Academic Pediatric Association Complex Care and Disability Longitudinal Advocacy Curriculum and Webinar Series, July 2021

“Support Transitions in Care in IDD,” UNC School of Social Work Behavioral Health Springboard Continuing Education Lecture Series, Invited Lecture, March 2021

“Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Healthcare: Tips for Youth with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities,” Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities Community Talk Lecture Series, November 2018

“Neurodevelopmental Outcomes of Infectious Disease,” EasterSeals of Chicagoland and

Rockford Empowering Professionals Conference, Invited lecture, March 2017

"Microcephaly: Management and Outcomes," Illinois Early Intervention Training Program Spring Webinar Series, Invited lecture, March 2017

**Continuing Education
Online Modules**

University of North Carolina Introduction to the Mental Health Needs of Children and Young People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Series Online: Transitioning to Adulthood Modules – online education and training modules for families of and healthcare providers who care for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Other Mentorship
Activities**

Women with Disabilities in Medicine Mentorship Program - Provides mentorship for disabled and chronically ill female medical students, residents, and fellows, 2022 – present

Carolina Health Samaritan Society (CHSS) Medical Shadowing Program – Provides shadowing opportunities for UNC undergraduate students, 2021 – present

UNC School of Medicine American Medical Women's Association Mentorship Program – Provides mentorship for female medical students at UNC, 2021 – present

UNC School of Medicine Career Goal Advisor for Pediatric Neurology – Provides medical students with exposure to pediatric neurology, guides career decision-making, and supports residency placements, 2021 – present

UNC Students in Training, Academia, Health, and Research (STAHR) Mentorship Program – Provides mentorship for underrepresented medical students, residents, and fellows, 2020 – 2022

UNC Undergraduate Student Mentorship – Provides mentorship and shadowing experiences for pre-medical students, 2018 – present

**Professional Service
Leadership Positions
within Pediatric,
Neurological, or Other
Medical State or
National
Organizations**

American Medical Association National Disability Advisory Group Member, 2023 – present

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Advisory Panel on Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research (HDDR) Co-Chair, 2023 – 2024 (Member, 2021 – 2024)

Child Neurology Society Councilor of the South, 2022 – present

Women with Disabilities in Medicine Mentorship Program Co-Chair, 2022 – present

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Scientific Program Committee Member, 2022 – Present

Child Neurology Society Leadership Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force Member, 2021 – present

Academic Pediatric Association Complex Care and Disability Special Interest Group Advocacy Co-Chair, 2020 – 2024

North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities Alternate Member, 2019 – 2020

**Other Advisory Service
for Pediatric,
Neurological, or Other
Medical State or
National
Organizations**

American Academy of Neurology Leadership University Subcommittee Guidelines Workgroup Member, 2023 – present

American Academy of Pediatrics' National Center for a System of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Steering Committee Member, 2023 – present

Subject Matter Expert, American Academy of Pediatrics' National Center of Excellence on Healthy Digital Ecosystems for Children and Youth, 2022 – present

American Academy of Pediatrics Representative and Advisory Committee Member, American Epilepsy Society's "Disrupting Disparities: Documenting and Addressing Gaps in Epilepsy Care through Healthcare Provider Education and Training" Project, 2022 – present

Subject Matter Expert, American Academy of Pediatrics' Healthcare Transition Toolkit for Young Adults with Epilepsy Project, 2021 – present

People with Disabilities Expert Panelist, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Transforming Public Health Data Systems to Advance Health Equity" Project, 2021 – 2022

Reviewer Positions

***Journal of Child Neurology*, 2024 – present**

***Pediatrics* Peer Reviewer, 2023 – present**

***Neurology* Peer Reviewer, 2023 – present**

***Health Care Transitions* Peer Reviewer, 2023 – present**

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options (APDTO) Merit Review Panel Member, 2022 – present

***Neurology: Clinical Practice* Peer Reviewer, 2022 – present**

Leadership Positions within UNC

Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair, 2020 – present

Leadership Positions within Other State or National Organizations

Docs with Disabilities Advisory Board Member, 2022 – present

Centene National Disability Advisory Council Member, 2021 – present

Cancer Cactus Society Young Adult Cancer Survivor Advisory Board Member, 2021 – present

Other Professional Affiliations

Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Minority Health, Equity, and Inclusion, 2020 – present

Member of the UNC Department of Neurology Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2020 – present

Member of the American Academy of Neurology Section on Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 2019 – present

Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Children with Disabilities, 2018 – present

Member of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 2017 - present

Member of the Healthcare Transition Research Consortium, 2017 - present

Member of the Child Neurology Society, 2017 – present

Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2013 – present

Member of the American Academy of Neurology, 2013 – present

