

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that three members of the medical school faculty have been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, among the highest honors in the fields of medicine and health.

New members are elected by their peers through a process that recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.

They are:

- **Helena Hansen, MD, PhD**, professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences and co-chair of the [Research Theme in Health Equity and Translational Social Science](#). Dr. Hansen was recognized for “leadership in the intersection of opioid addiction, race and ethnicity, social determinants of health, and social medicine; and for co-developing structural competency as clinical redress for institutional drivers of health inequalities.”
- **Keith C. Norris, MD, PhD**, professor and executive vice chair for equity, diversity and inclusion in the Department of Medicine and co-director of the UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s [community engagement research program](#). Dr. Norris was cited for “making substantive intellectual, scientific, and policy contributions to the areas of chronic kidney disease and health disparities in under-resourced minority communities; developing transformative methods for community-partnered research; and developing and implementing innovative programs that have successfully increased diversity in the biomedical/health workforce.”
- **Peter Tontonoz, MD, PhD**, the Francis and Albert Piansky Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Dr. Tontonoz was recognized as “a pioneer in molecular lipid metabolism, defining basic physiology and revealing connections to human disease.”

Their recognition reflects the deep and broad excellence of faculty and our shared commitment to service and impactful research that advances equitable health care. They join 41 other UCLA faculty from schools of medicine, public health and dentistry and the UCLA College who have been elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Please join us in congratulating Drs. Hansen, Norris and Tontonoz.

Sincerely,

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