

# Strategies to Better Align Investments in Innovations for Therapeutic Development with Disease Burden and Unmet Needs Meeting 4

## PUBLIC SPEAKER AGENDA

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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**1:00 PM**      **Welcome and Introduction to the Study**

**Ellen MacKenzie**, Committee Co-Chair

**1:05 PM**      **Presentation**

**Reshma Ramachandran**, Yale School of Medicine

**1:25 PM**      **Discussion**

**Inma Hernandez**, NAM Fellow and Moderator

**2:10 PM**      **Closing Remarks**

**Adjourn**

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### **Speaker Biography**

#### **Reshma Ramachandran, MD, MPP, MHS**

Reshma Ramachandran, MD, MPP, MHS is a board-certified family physician, health services researcher, and Assistant Professor at Yale School of Medicine. Her research focuses on the realignment of incentives for healthcare stakeholders including pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and universities towards prioritizing equitable patient access to safe, effective health technologies. She co-directs the Yale Collaboration for Regulatory Rigor, Integrity, and Transparency (CRRIT), an interdisciplinary initiative that aligns research on medical product evaluation, approval, and coverage with the goal of advancing policies that improve patient health and healthcare.

Prior to her current role, Reshma worked as research faculty as part of the Innovation + Design Enabling Access (IDEA) Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with Dr. Anthony D. So, where she focused on policies to address the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance and unaffordable access to prescription drugs. Dr. Ramachandran trained in both medicine at the Alpert Medical School at Brown University and in public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She completed her family medicine residency at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. Previously, she served as the first PharmFree Fellow with the American Medical Student Association focused on removing the undue influence of pharmaceutical companies on prescribing behavior and medical education. She currently chairs the FDA Task Force for Doctors for America and serves as Board President for Universities Allied for Essential Medicines North America.

### **Moderator Biography**

#### **Inmaculada Hernandez, PharmD, PhD**

Inmaculada Hernandez, PharmD, PhD, is a Professor at the University of California, San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Hernandez is a pharmacist and a scholar whose research focuses on improving medication use, outcomes, and equity in access. She has made major contributions to improving transparency in the drug reimbursement system. Dr. Hernandez is a nationally recognized pharmaceutical policy scholar who has made major contributions to improving transparency in the drug pricing and reimbursement system. She was the first to quantify the contribution of innovation versus inflation in the rising trends of drug prices. Hernandez was recognized on the Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2018 and in 2021 she became the first pharmacist to receive the Academy Health Alice S. Hersh Emerging Leader Award. Dr. Hernandez has pioneered the execution of nationwide person-level geographic information systems (GIS) analysis to measure inequities in spatial accessibility to the health care infrastructure. This research line commenced in the setting of the COVID-19 pandemic with the development of an app that informed the Pennsylvania Department of Health in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to medically underserved areas. Dr. Hernandez has authored over than 100 scientific articles and currently serves as the National Academy of Medicine Fellow in Pharmacy.