

Lilia Cervantes

ABOUT

Lilia Cervantes, MD, is moving mountains in her pursuit of change. Lilia is an Academic-based PACT Council Member in her fourth year on the Council. Outside of the PACT, Lily is a Hospitalist physician at Denver Health, where she mainly serves patients from underserved, socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Academic-based PACT Council Member
Membership: 2017-Current

- Research Readiness Workgroup

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

Lily has had quite the impact on the Denver safety-net hospital outside her patient care as well. She has developed the Health Interest Program at Denver Health, where she hopes to achieve better representation of minority undergraduate students who want to pursue a healthcare career by providing them with guidance and resources. She also created the Health Equity lecture series, where academicians and community members share the stage in interdisciplinary talks. Lily also has been looking to make a change in the research world, where she focuses on health equity for the Latinx community and other underserved populations. She has been a part of a health policy change that extends a standard of care to undocumented individuals in Colorado, as well as currently working on a project to reduce COVID-19 related deaths in high priority neighborhoods in Denver by utilizing community health care workers as *promotoras de salud*.



“When you lead with passion and grit, and people know you’re looking for change, you can do anything.”

OUTLOOK

As a Latina herself, Lily sees the Latinx community as a special one, one of heterogeneity and culture, a community with specific needs. She aims to address these needs and has found success in her pursuit. She joined the Council after being a part of the second cohort of the CCTSI Colorado Immersion Training (CIT) program, after which she felt re-invigorated to further her work in bridging the gap between communities and research while creating many meaningful relationships with other PACT members. In the midst of all of her progress, Lily is still seeking to be more -- a louder voice, a better advocate, and a better role model for future generations.