



**Joseph Martel, MD**

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Dr. Joseph Martel is the Assistant Dean of the Department of Graduate Education and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the California Northstate College of Medicine. Dr. Martel attended Stanford University and later earned his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School. After his ophthalmology residency at the University of Colorado Medical School he relocated to Sacramento, California where he established the Martel Eye Medical Group and Surgical Center. He then spent over 10 years as a Clinical Professor and advisor to the Dean on diversity with the UC Davis School of Medicine before becoming Assistant Dean of Graduate Medical Education at California Northstate College of Medicine.

He has long been an advocate for diversity, which has included head of a diversity task force on Medical School Diversity for the California Senate, a trustee for the California Health Professions Program, President of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and director of health policy for the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Presently he is involved in the “Solo Kiko” program to help prevent illness in bilingual grade school children by empowering them with medical education about their diseases.

Dr. Martel has over 20 years of experience in conducting both basic science research and FDA Clinical trials. He has extensive experience in promoting diversity in clinical trials and the difficulties in achieving this.



**Edward Mena, MD**  
Hepatologist and Medical Director  
*Pasadena Liver Center*

Dr. Edward Mena is a world renowned hepatologist and the Director of the Pasadena Liver Center and California Liver Research Institute (CLRI).

After obtaining his undergrad degree at UCLA and medical degree at USC. Dr. Mena completed his residency at White Memorial Medical Center where he became the chief resident. Following this, he completed his fellowship in hepatology at USC Ranchos Los Amigos Medical Center/ Liver Unit.

Dr. Mena has been serving the Los Angeles community for the past 20 years. During this time, he established a multi-disciplinary center called the Pasadena Liver Center in 2007 with fellow collaborators to provide treatment options for patients with advanced liver disease. As the medical director of the Pasadena Liver Center, he coordinates all aspects of both inpatient and outpatient care. In addition, he has been instrumental in improving the treatment of liver diseases. He established a collaboration with the Cedars-Sinai and USC Liver transplant teams that facilitate the management of liver cancer and liver transplant cases. This revolutionary program created an outpatient treatment center for hepatocellular carcinoma patients, bringing together patients and doctors that provided a more efficient process of administering treatments.

In 2016, Dr. Mena established a research institute called the California Liver Research Institute (CLRI). CLRI is a non-profit organization focused on the advancement of treatment and curing of all forms of liver diseases. Since its inception, Dr. Mena has coordinated over 20 clinical trials. Under Dr. Mena's directorship, the Pasadena Liver Center and CLRI have become one of the busiest and successful liver centers in the Los Angeles area.

In addition to overseeing both his clinic and research institute, Dr. Mena is a tireless advocate for the awareness of liver disease in the community. He coordinates awareness programs for the Latino and Asian communities that encourage the screening of liver diseases such as fatty liver disease, cirrhosis, HCC, and hepatitis C and B viruses (HCV/HBV).

Over the past 20 years, Dr. Mena has had many rewarding experiences mentoring residents and medical doctors at all levels and providing opportunities for them to collaborate with him on various publications and research studies. In 2019, Dr. Mena was awarded the Hispanic Health Leadership Award by the National Hispanic Health Foundation in recognition for his strong leadership in the health community.