



## Student Hospitalist Scholar Grant Mentor Directory

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**QI Projects:** EBM, informatics, quality of care, professionalism, patient-centered care, med ed

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**QI Projects:** At the University of Colorado we run a summer program for medical students interested in QI and Hospital Medicine (the Health Innovations Scholars Program)- as part of this they join us for 4-8 weeks and participate in intensive didactics about QI, Patient Safety, and Leadership in medicine, and are given an experiential QI project to work on with a group of up to 8 students. I and my colleagues, Marisha Burden, Tyler Anstett, and Manny Diaz, would be able to support 6-8 students between the 4 of us, as we already have this program built and we believe it is much more impactful with a group of motivated students.

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**QI Projects:** My main areas of interest and expertise: hospital systems improvements with a focus on models of care, patient flow, and engaging patients and families through the electronic medical record. With the majority of our projects we aim to not only improve systems for our patients and families but to also publish our work and share findings with others. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

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**Available for:** Longitudinal and Summer Program mentoring

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Current QI Projects I'm heading: Inpatient Diabetes Management --- with focus on discharge planning and thorough transition of care

**Available for:** Longitudinal and Summer Program mentoring

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**QI Projects:** quality improvement, diagnostic error reduction, transitions of care, hospital throughput, clinical operations, clinical pathway development (eg. for PE), delirium prevention

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**Available for:** Longitudinal Program Mentoring entoring

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**Available for:** Summer Program mentoring

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**Available for:** Longitudinal Program mentoring

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**QI Projects:** informatics, data analytics, vulnerable and special populations, transitions of care, medical education, wellness

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