

Yolanda is a native North Carolinian who obtained undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. She remained in Chapel Hill to train at UNC Health in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. Currently Yolanda is a UNC Faculty Physician and enjoys intersecting with undergraduate students interested in careers in the health sciences, medical students, trainees, staff and fellow faculty committed to deliver excellent care to all people of North Carolina. In the gastrointestinal (GI) workspace Yolanda is a clinician a serves as Director of the GI Motility Laboratory. Her clinical expertise is in lower GI motility disorders. Last academic year Yolanda joined the UNC School of Medicine Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to work specifically with UNC Health and the Office of Graduate Medical Education to help foster an all-inclusive work environment for a dynamic workforce of trainees regardless of the trainee's age, culture, disability, ethnicity, familial education level, gender, place of upbringing or sexual orientation. Yolanda fully supports UNC Health's mission to "improve the health and well-being of North Carolinians and others we serve." Participation in North Carolina Society of Gastroenterology (NCSG) is extension of Yolanda's goal of improving GI health outcomes. The society intentionally engages GI clinicians and researchers from academic and community practices and consistently has leadership that reflects such. Active participation in NCSG is a great way to discuss issues directly and indirectly impacting health care delivery across the state. Yolanda cherishes the professional relationships and friendships developed through NCSG amongst like-minded GI practitioners and researchers committed to improving GI health outcomes.