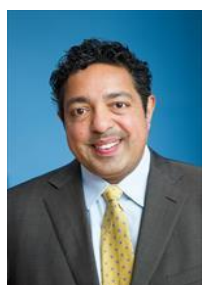UC BRAID
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Mr. Tom Andriola joined the University as its Vice President and System Chief Information Officer (CIO) in 2013. He provides leadership across the University working closely with campus and healthcare leaders to explore opportunities for technology and innovation to enhance the UC missions of teaching, research, patient care and public service. Mr. Andriola brings over 25 years of experience as a global business and technology executive. Those years have been spent in a variety of roles ranging from a business transformation leader for a multi-billion dollar enterprise to a global CIO with staff around the world to being employee #1 of a new business. Mr. Andriola is active in Higher Education and Healthcare associations and serves on several boards.

Atul Butte, MD, PhD

Dr. Atul Butte is the inaugural Director of the Institute of Computational Health Sciences (ICHS) at the University of California, San Francisco, and a Professor of Pediatrics. Dr. Butte is also the Executive Director for Clinical Informatics across the six University of California Medical Schools and Medical Centers. Dr. Butte trained in Computer Science at Brown University, worked as a software engineer at Apple and Microsoft, received his MD at Brown University, trained in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's Hospital Boston, then received his PhD from Harvard Medical School and MIT. Dr. Butte has authored nearly 200 publications, with research repeatedly featured in Wired Magazine, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. In 2015, Dr. Butte was elected into the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Butte is also a founder of three investor-backed data-driven companies.

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Dr. Arash Naeim is an Investigator with the Biomedical Informatics Program of UCLA's Clinical and Translational Science Institute and an Associate Professor In-Residence and Medicine Director of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Informatics. Dr. Naeim is trained in health services research with an emphasis in cost-effectiveness and decision-making in older cancer patients, and his research focuses on aging and cancer. In recent years, Dr. Naeim has been involved in developing informatics in hematology/oncology. He has an interest in how electronic databases and medical records can be used in outcomes research, patient/physician education, and healthcare interventions.

Mark Pletcher, MD, MPH

As an epidemiologist and a general internal medicine physician, Dr. Mark Pletcher's research is designed to inform clinical decision-making and policy relevant to primary care and prevention. His focus is on prevention of cardiovascular disease, with particular emphasis in early life causes of atherosclerosis, primordial and primary coronary heart disease and stroke prevention, clinical decision-making regarding use of preventive medications (statins and anti-hypertensives), and screening for subclinical cardiovascular disease. Dr. Pletcher has special expertise in study design, decision and cost-effectiveness analysis, risk prediction, and evaluating the clinical utility of biomarkers, and he currently leads an effort supported by NIH's Economics of Prevention Common Fund Initiative and the Health eHeart Study.

David Wellis, PhD

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