

Comilla Sasson

ABOUT

Comilla Sasson MD, PhD, is an Emergency Medicine physician at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Aurora, and the Vice President for Science & Innovation for Emergency Cardiovascular Care at the American Heart Association. She is also a researcher working with Veterans Affairs. Comilla is an experienced Academic-based PACT Council Member and is the current Chair of the Council.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Academic-based PACT Council Member
Membership: 2013-Current

- PACT Council Chair
- Pilot Grants Committee

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

She continuously aims to target community needs and improve the wellbeing of community members through her various endeavors. Comilla was first introduced to the CCTSI Community Engagement and Research Core through the Colorado Immersion Training (CIT) in Community Engagement program, followed by becoming a recipient of a CCTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grant, which then led her to the PACT Council, where the group's mission and sense of values fit perfectly with her own.



OUTLOOK

Comilla finds power in the shared vision of the Council and the fact that the interests of the community are at the forefront of all of the work that they do. Comilla is especially pleased with her work on the PACT Council as she is able to experience a sense of authenticity and tangible progress in her work to help bridge the gap between community and research. She believes COVID-19 has not only shone light on health inequities, but it has separated the “haves” from the “have-nots.” This has prompted her to direct her focus on finding out what can be done to keep communities healthy and able to access the resources they need. Comilla hopes to use her role as a physician, academician, and community member to create change in healthcare. She wants to level the playing field, giving everyone equal access to healthcare.

“There is a realness in this work that we often lose in research and academia, that is to have real conversations about whether the work we are doing is making an impact or not.”

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