

Terese C. Hammond, MD (her/she) is board certified in Pulmonary, Critical Care, Neurocritical Care and Sleep Medicine. Before joining the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA faculty as an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine in June 2023, Dr. Hammond was the West Region Medical Director for Sound Physicians (2018-2023). She left academics to start a Sound sponsored community-based ICU and Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program at Providence Saint Johns Health Center in Santa Monica, CA in July 2018. Previous to this, she was on faculty at the University of Southern California (USC), where she held multiple leadership roles, including medical director of the Keck of USC Sleep Disorders program and Fellowship Director of the Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine ACGME training programs.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, she partnered with Saint John's outpatient cancer research team to bring multiple clinical trials to the community, including pivotal trials on Remdesivir and Regeneron. Her team enrolled over 200 patients over 11 months. Her most recent area of research interest is the role of the unconventional invariant natural killer T cell (iNKT cells) in inflammatory and infectious disease and she is a consultant and serves on the scientific advisory board for MiNK Therapeutics in Lexington MA. She is actively involved in cell therapy specific translational research at UCLA and has a special interest in interstitial lung disease, sarcoidosis, ECMO and Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS).

Born in Halifax, England, but raised in southern Indiana, Dr. Hammond took a circuitous route to medicine. She attended Indiana University, then worked as a stockbroker prior to enlisting as a combat medic in the United States Army. Sadly, she was separated from the Army under the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, although she was ultimately awarded an honorable discharge. She completed her bachelor's in Life Science at the Missouri University S&T prior to graduating with honors from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine in 2000. She received her training in pulmonary, critical care and internal medicine at Boston University, graduating in 2007. She remained on faculty at BU until 2012, when she was recruited to USC.

She belongs to a number of professional societies including Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Extracorporeal Life Support Organization, Academy of Sleep Medicine and Neurocritical Care Society.

Dr. Hammond is an open and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community and lives with her partner and her 15-year-old daughter in Los Angeles, California.

