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Grace has global health experience in several countries over the past decade. Most recently, she worked for 12 months in Nepal with the non-governmental organization, Possible, providing strategic guidance on health systems strengthening, protocol development and implementation, quality improvement, and medical education. Previous work has been in the Trans-Himalayan region in Northern India, post-soviet Armenia, rural Haiti and Ghana, focusing on child health, malnutrition, healthcare delivery, quality improvement, and program design and implementation.

Domestically, she has worked in several under resourced communities, including the Navajo Reservation with Indian Health Services (IHS) and the migrant farm worker population in Salinas, CA at a safety net county hospital, Natividad Medical Center. Prior to her fellowship, Grace practiced as a pediatric hospitalist at UCLA Mattel Children's for several years and has now returned. Grace also continues as a pediatric lead supporting quality improvement with ongoing projects at Martin Luther King Junior Community Hospital in South Los Angeles, currently implementing one of very few outpatient lactation clinics in South Los Angeles that will focus on maternal and neonatal health with an equity and determinants of health framework. Grace teaches the UCLA first year medical students as a co-tutor and serves as the associate chair of Doctoring I within the UCLA DGSOM, in which medical school curriculum has been newly built around implicit bias and determinants of health.

Grace completed her undergraduate work at University of California, Irvine in Neuroscience and received her medical degree from George Washington University. She trained in Pediatrics from Mattel Children's Ronald Reagan Medical Center UCLA.