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Dr. Izquierdo's health services research has focused on the use of mixed methods and community-partnered participatory research (CPPR) methods to evaluate and address health care disparities among older, racial/ethnic minority and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged populations in Los Angeles. Her work has included partnering with Healthy African American Families II (HAAFII) in South Los Angeles to advance partnered work with Veterans and community-based organizations (CBOs) to improve care coordination for Veterans being discharged from the hospital back to their communities. Recently, Dr. Izquierdo has moved towards medical education scholarship and program development, and includes applying and evaluating the use of community-partnered participatory methods to develop and implement undergraduate medical education programs, the use of reflection (writing, interactional) in medical education, faculty professional development, and supporting learners and creating a positive clinical learning environment.