

## Alumni Spotlight: Steven Yu, MD

Dr. Steven Yu joined the USC family after earning his MD from the Medical University of South Carolina. Before that, Steven majored in economics at Washington University in St. Louis and owned a college apparel company. He pursued medicine because “you just don’t get the same satisfaction selling a basketball jersey as you do from taking care of patients.”

He came to USC for residency to work at a world-renowned University while at the same time working with an underprivileged patient population at the LAC+USC Medical Center. He remained at USC for his Hematology-Oncology fellowship because he loved the attendings, the residents, the community, and the patients. He felt like everyone had a common goal. Looking back, his time at USC was the best six years of his life. Believe it or not, he misses night float. “It was very busy, but there’s nothing like the camaraderie that develops when completing so many admissions overnight together.” Steven is most proud of “the fact that we were truly making a difference. We were helping those who were most in need and providing exceptional care at the same time. It just feels good to help a patient population that is often neglected by the general public.”

Steven is a rising partner at the Compassionate Cancer Care and Research Center in Orange County. He has a high regard for the people with whom he works. He loves treating patients while being part of a medical group that conducts about thirty clinical trials. Steven treasures the relationships he has with his patients. “You really develop a strong relationship with them and you coach them through one of the most difficult periods of their lives. Nothing is more rewarding than beating up cancer.” He feels that USC has made him significantly more well-trained and experienced than his colleagues who trained at other programs.

Outside of medicine, Steven also practices Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He competed in the 2015, 2016, and 2018 World Jiu Jitsu Championships and placed in his division. In 2015 and 2016, he participated in these competitions while training full-time as a fellow. He is currently training for the 2019 World Jiu Jitsu Championships, and we wish him luck in all his endeavors.

