

## Shabbar Ranapurwala, PhD, MPH, BHMS: UNC at Chapel Hill



Dr. Ranapurwala is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at UNC Chapel Hill.

Dr. Ranapurwala has been a SAVIR member since 2015. During this time, he has been a member of SAVIR Science and Research Committee and co-led the review and adjudication of science awards during at least two SAVIR annual conferences. Since October 2020, he has also served as the co-chair for SAVIR's newly formed Anti-racism Interest Group (AIG). In this position he plans and facilitates activities related to inclusive excellence in research and membership of SAVIR. During the past year as AIG co-chair, he has co-led the development of the "SAVIR Conference Presenter Guidelines to Address Health Inequity and Racism," "Code of Conduct: For Members & Conference Attendees," and the "SAVIR Statement on Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion," that was voted on and adopted by the SAVIR board of directors. He also collaborates with SAVIR's executive, membership, and other committees to implement ways with which we can diversify SAVIR membership and increase diversity in SAVIR leadership. Along with SAVIR AIG team, he is leading work to document varying, and sometimes potentially inappropriate, methods related to use of "race" variable in injury and violence literature. This work will lead to racial disparities research-related recommendations for two leading scientific journals in our field.

"My vision is for SAVIR to be a society that is

1. Multi-disciplinary, including Public Health, Social Work, Medicine, Public Policy, Political Science, Law, Education, and many others, that either directly or indirectly affect the health of populations.
2. Multi-cultural, not just more diverse, but also more inclusive, welcoming, and equitable in the opportunities we grant and paths that we open for young professionals. In doing so, we may want to expand beyond the injury centers and collaborate with minority-serving institutions like HBCUs.
3. Introducing more educational opportunities through webinars and SAVIR sponsored talks year-round to a) increase SAVIR participation and b) increase collaborations.
4. Promote collaborations among members rather than competition for the limited funds that are available through funding agencies like the NCIPC, NIH, FDA, and SAMHSA. For example, SAVIR can help in matchmaking when folks are looking for collaborators who either have expertise in some areas or have access to data resources that could be used for research.

These are just a few of the things I am very interested in."

Bio:

Shabbar I. Ranapurwala (he/him/his), PhD, MPH, BHMS, trained as a physician and epidemiologist, is Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at UNC Chapel Hill, core faculty at UNC Injury Prevention Research Center (IPRC), Senior Research Scholar at Child Trends, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Department of Epidemiology. He conducts research to prevent opioid disorders and overdoses, suicides, intimate partner violence and firearm violence and examines racial inequities throughout his work. He serves as a PI on multiple grants funded by the CDC, NIH, FDA, and the DOJ, including two R01s. At UNC, he teaches intervention epidemiology and mentors graduate students in Epidemiology.

He also serves on UNC IPRC's Equity working group. At SAVIR, Dr. Ranapurwala co-chairs the Anti-racism Interest Group (AIG), and is a member of the Science and Research Committee.