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Dr. Badkoobehi has distinguished herself through a career defined by a sustained commitment to advancing equitable systems of care for vulnerable pediatric populations. At Harbor-UCLA, she conceived and implemented a novel California Children's Services (CCS) access pathway that transformed care delivery for uninsured and underinsured children, enabling timely access to specialized orthopaedic services and reducing preventable complications.

As Program Director, she led comprehensive and enduring transformation of the residency program, aligning clinical training with ACGME and ABOS standards while elevating educational rigor through a redesign of the clinical rotations. She has prioritized the advancement of equity in recruitment and training, working to dismantle structural barriers and create a more inclusive pathway into residency for applicants who were historically excluded. Her leadership is further distinguished by principled advocacy and a willingness to confront and escalate serious concerns when program practices fell short of expected professional and ethical standards, which ultimately strengthened the integrity, accountability, and culture of the training environment.

Clinically, Dr. Badkoobehi provides comprehensive pediatric orthopaedic care, including trauma and complex deformity, with a focus on delivering high-quality, patient-centered care to underserved populations. Her work reflects an integration of clinical excellence, systems innovation, and unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for children.