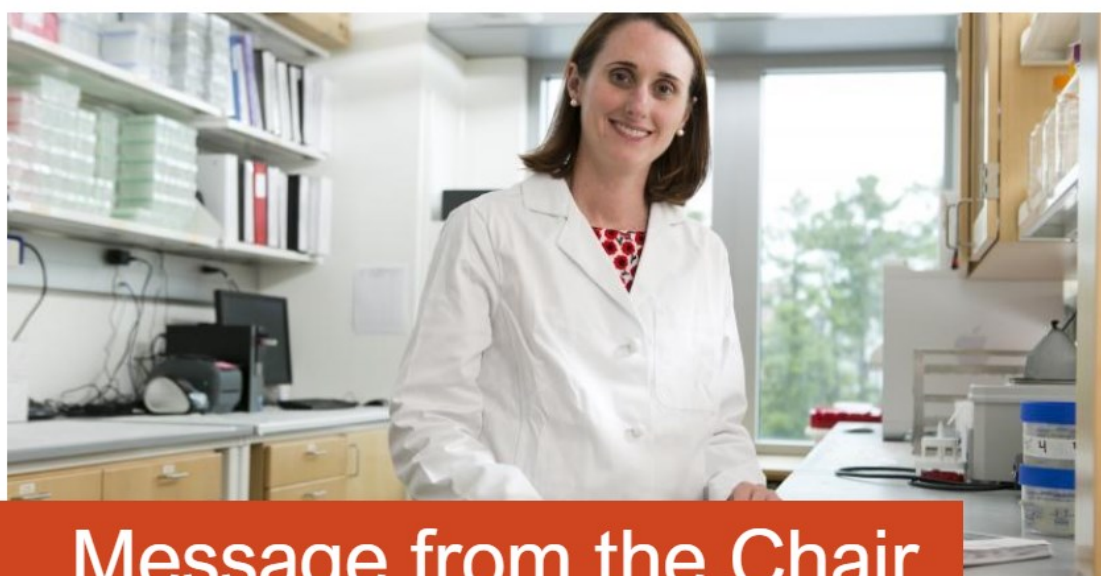

Weill Cornell Medicine

Department of Pediatrics

August 2021



Message from the Chair

Just over one year ago, the Department of Pediatrics was in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic surge, developing new ways of working and caring for patients and families. Our faculty and staff were also coping with another challenge: relocating the entire NICU and nursery population to the new, state of the art NewYork-Presbyterian Alexandra Cohen Hospital. While located just across the street, the logistics required to safely move our smallest patients there were vast, and even more intricate with the demands of COVID-19 protocols. I am thrilled to celebrate the one-year anniversary of this innovative hospital and its team which has raised the bar for neonatal care.

Heading into fall, we hoped that, with the power of vaccines, the COVID-19 pandemic would be well behind us. Summer vacations, camps, and other restored activities have brought us relief and hope of returning to pre-pandemic life. Yet, the lack of an available vaccine for kids under 12 years of age and an uptick in COVID-19 delta variant cases reminds us young children are still unprotected, making high adult vaccination rates and masking for children indoors even more important.

I am proud to add my voice to the nation's pediatricians calling for a critical need to step up the availability of pediatric vaccines. In an [op-ed article](#) published this week, my co-author Dr. Jordan Orange, Department Chair of Pediatrics at Columbia, and I implore children of all ages receive access to the protection afforded by vaccination for their physical and mental well-being.

I encourage you to invite patients, family and friends to attend upcoming "Back to School" information sessions hosted by NewYork-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine and featuring our pediatric sub-specialists. On September 8th, check NYP's social media for an [Instagram Live Q & A](#) and on September 9th, join Weill Cornell Medicine for their webinar, "[From Anxiety to Vaccines: Navigating the New School Year with Confidence.](#)"

We look forward to a busy September with the return to campus of many of our remote staff, this year's Drukier Lecture (9/22) featuring Nobel Laureate Dr. Gregg Semenza, M.D., Ph.D. and Drukier Prize winner Dr. Erick Forno, and the start of residency and fellowship recruiting season.

Sallie



Dr. Chani Traube Named Director of Clinical Research Mentoring



Dr. Chani Traube

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Chani Traube, MD, FAAP, FCCM** as Director of Clinical Research Mentoring (DCRM) in the Department of Pediatrics. In this new position, Dr. Traube will work alongside the Department's Vice Chairs of Research to facilitate and oversee the mentor-mentee relationships within the Department's Junior Faculty Mentoring Program and the Young Investigator Award, supporting the development of physician-scientists within the Department. She will also assist the Director of Fellow Research in identifying talented fellows who may wish to participate in the Fellow to Faculty Transition Program.

Full story.

Dr. Susan Fraymovich Appointed Assistant Director of Education for Pediatric Emergency Medicine



Dr. Susan Fraymovich

Congratulations to **Susan Fraymovich, D.O.** on her appointment to Assistant Director of Education for Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Dr. Fraymovich, who is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, has been instrumental in developing and restructuring the educational curriculum in the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine for faculty, fellowship, and residency programs. She also serves as the Associate Director for the Weill Cornell Medicine Transition-to-Residency course.

Full story.

Healing Hands Project Supports Pediatric GI Patients



Pediatric patients can spend a significant amount of time at the hospital while receiving vital clinical care including infusion treatments and other procedures. During procedures, their visits become brighter through the support of **Child Life** and **Creative Arts** specialists.

Recently, art therapist **Jacqueline Tassiello**, a licensed and board-certified art therapist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, worked with Alexandra Xifaras (Pratt University) and Sarah Fine (School of Visual Arts), who interned with the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition as part of their Masters in Art Therapy on-site clinical internship training. Alexandra and Xifaras worked with Jackie on the Healing

on-site clinical internship training. Alexandra and Xifaras worked with Jackie on the Healing Hands project, helping pediatric patients express their emotions and experiences in treatment through the intrinsically healing act of making art. The Healing Hands project is a joint partnership between the Pediatric GI Division, Weill Cornell Medicine Jill Roberts Institute for Research in IBD and Friedman Center for Nutrition and Inflammation.

Full story and slideshow of patient artwork



Honors and Accomplishments



Dr. Sallie Permar has been elected to tenure as Professor of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine "in recognition of her superlative performance in research and scholarship, and exemplary commitment to teaching and mentoring," and for her internationally recognized "leadership in the treatment and prevention of neonatal viral infection and maternal/pediatric HIV vaccine development." Dr. Permar has also been appointed Professor of Immunology and Microbial Pathogenesis at Weill Cornell Graduate School.



Dr. Susan Bostwick was recognized as a valued contributor by the Academic Pediatric Association for her contribution: Advancing Pediatric Leaders Program Co-Director. Dr. Bostwick co-leads development of new mid-career faculty development leadership program; recruited faculty and first class and developed curriculum and pivoted to webinar based, 2019-present.



Dr. Susan Fraymovich received a Weill Cornell Medicine 2021 Excellence in Medical Education, Transition-to-Residency course.



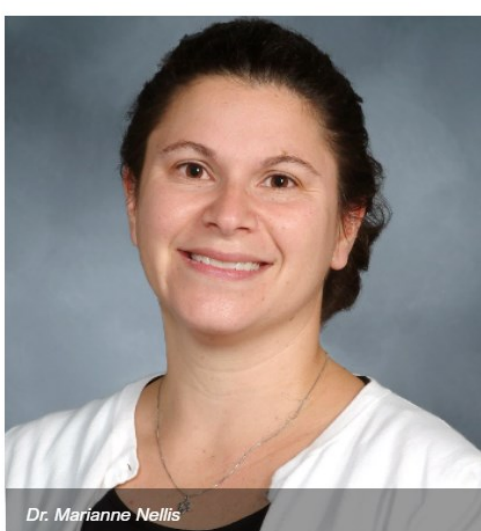
Nina Friedman, M.S., C.C.L.S. was selected as one of the 2021 Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EMSC) Scholars.



Dr. Theresa Hetzler was recognized as a valued contributor by the Academic Pediatric Association for her contribution as SIG Chair: Organizes a two-day fall meeting of the continuity Clinic Steering Committee to plan for annual submissions to the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, responsible for ongoing programming for membership, 2017-present.



Dr. Shweta Iyer completed her Master of Health Education Professions (MHPE) degree from the University of Maastricht.



Dr. Marianne Nellis

Dr. Marianne Nellis received an Excellence in Medical Education Award, Weill Cornell Medicine.



Dr. Nena Osorio

Dr. Snezana Nena Osorio received a Teaching Award for the Pediatric Hospitalist Fellowship from the Combined Columbia Cornell PHM Fellows.

Dr. Osorio was also recognized as a valued contributor by the Academic Pediatric Association for her contributions:

- Member of the Quality and Safety Improvement Scholars Program, Curriculum Committee Faculty: Created a new program curriculum and organized the first virtual pre PAS QI Boot Camp, December 2019 - present.
 - Pediatric Hospital Medicine Meeting Reviewer, QI Abstract Reviewer, 2018 -present
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New Faculty



Dr. Dina Elachi

Dina Elachi, M.D. joins the Division of Newborn Medicine as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. She completed her Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

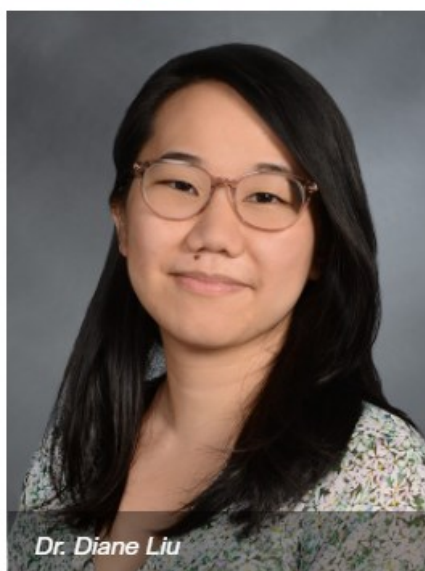
[Learn more about Dr. Elachi](#)



Dr. Ria Goswami

Ria Goswami, Ph.D. joins the **Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases** as Instructor of Virology in Pediatrics. Her research interests include HIV persistence in infants and virus-host interactions.

[Learn more about Dr. Goswami](#)



Dr. Diane Liu

Diane Liu, M.D. joins the **Division of Pediatric Nephrology** as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. An expert in chronic kidney disease and kidney transplant, Dr. Liu's research interests include the epidemiology of pediatric end-stage renal disease and acute kidney injury.

[Learn more about Dr. Liu](#)



Dr. Jun Sasaki

Jun Sasaki, M.D. joins the **Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine** as Director of Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. Dr. Sasaki is involved in multiple research and quality improvement projects through multi-institutional sites collaboration for Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Consortium (PC4) and Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society (PCICS).

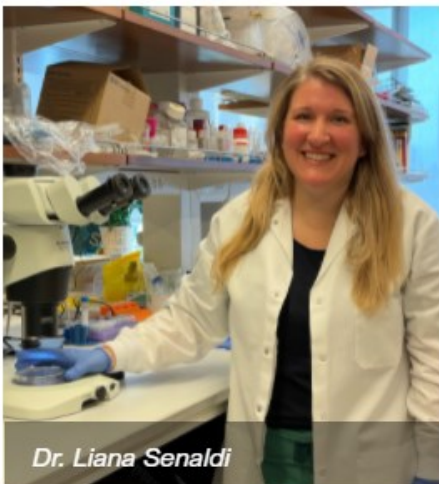
[Learn more about Dr. Sasaki](#)



Dr. Nao Sasaki

Nao Sasaki, M.D. joins the **Division of Pediatric Cardiology** as Director, Pediatric Non-Invasive Cardiac Imaging, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. She is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in Radiology. Her research interests include cardiac imaging, assessment of heart function, outcomes in patients with congenital heart disease and quality improvement in pediatric cardiology.

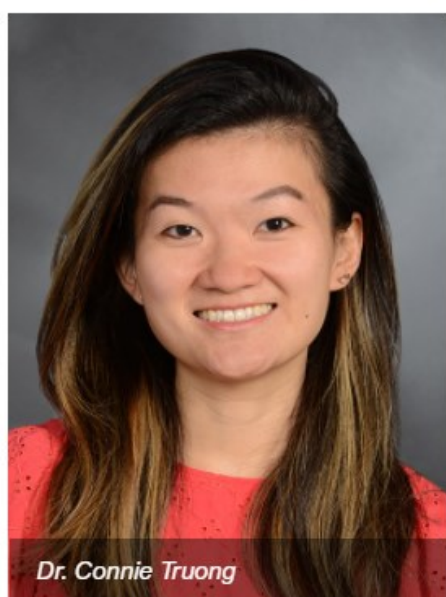
[Learn more about Dr. Sasaki](#)



Dr. Liana Senaldi

Liana Senaldi, M.D. joins the Division of Newborn Medicine as an Instructor in Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. She completed her Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

[Learn more about Dr. Senaldi](#)

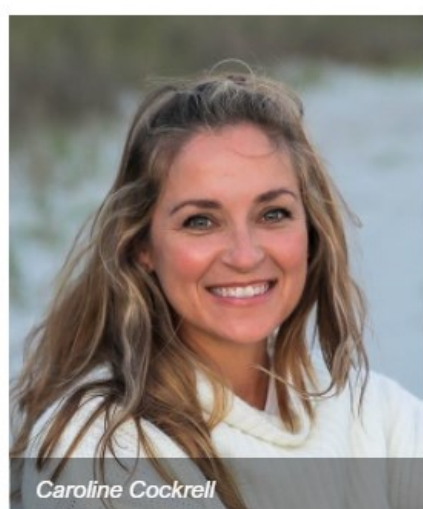


Dr. Connie Truong

Connie Truong, M.D. joins the Division of Newborn Medicine as an Instructor in Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. She completed her Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

[Learn more about Dr. Truong](#)

New Staff



Caroline Cockrell

Caroline Cockrell, Marketing Specialist

Ms. Cockrell recently joined Weill Cornell Medicine's External Affairs team as a Marketing Specialist dedicated to the Department of Pediatrics. Caroline received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 2003. She served as Communications Officer at Duke University for the Duke Human Vaccine Institute where she implemented strategic communication plans by designing and developing engaging communications, including annual reports, newsletters, websites and social media. She is also a freelance photographer with experience ranging from portraits to landscape and event photography. In her new role at WCM, Caroline will manage marketing communications for the Pediatrics Department while collaborating with the College's External Affairs team.



Mina Redžematović

Mina Redžematović, Project Coordinator

Ms. Redžematović received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics (2016) and her Master of Arts in Economics (2018) from Hunter College. She joined Weill Cornell Medicine in 2018 as a Senior Patient Coordinator in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. In 2019, she accepted a fellowship with the Department of Transportation as a Reimbursement Analyst. Mina returned to Weill Cornell Medicine last year as a Financial and Grants Coordinator in the Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine, where she provided financial and administrative support, assisted with pre- and post-award activities for all sponsored research projects, and monitored all grant activities through various databases. She joins us as the new Project Coordinator, and will assist with ongoing and project-based initiatives, designing workflow, and creating project plans for the Department.

Quality and Patient Safety

News

SPS 2022-2024 Network Goals Preview

SPS has announced **new goals related to HAC reductions** (CLABSI, UE and a Hospital Selected Goal). At least 75% of hospitals are expected to meet these goals by December 31, 2024. It is estimated that over 600 children would be spared CLABSI-related harm and over 1,400 children UE-related harm in a 3-year period.

Another set of new goals is focused on competing milestones of the Discovering Disparities in Safety. Identifying and eliminating safety disparities are strategic priorities for the SPS network. Currently, SPS has set a safety disparities goal for the first half of the 3-year goal period. SPS hospitals will engage team members to collect and submit harm data stratified by race and ethnicity with the objective of identifying and understanding potential disparities.

Of note, our by-campus QPS goals align with the network's goals in our ongoing efforts to keep CLABSI rates low, further reduce UE and achieve a significant reduction in PI. We are also committed to discovering disparities in Safety. Megan Toal is pursuing PICU related QI project through WCM QI Academy which aims to reduce the number of Safety Events utilizing an SDH prevention bundle, while our new Pediatric Hospitalist Medicine Fellow Senayit Demie will assess safety events in relation to SDH utilizing Keepsafe database at KCH and MSCH.

Courtney Nataraj, Former FAC Chair, Announced as Ambulatory Safety-Speaker at the National Learning Session in October

Former Komansky Children's Hospital Family Advisory Council chair Courtney Nataraj has been serving as the family and patient advisor on the SPS Ambulatory CLABSI Strategy Taskforce since 2019. This group is currently in the pioneer stage, which has included developing the operational definitions and designing testable factors of the prevention bundle that will be tested and implemented in the future across network hospitals.

Courtney will be sharing her safety story at the opening of the Fall National Learning Session in October of 2021.

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Recent Presentations

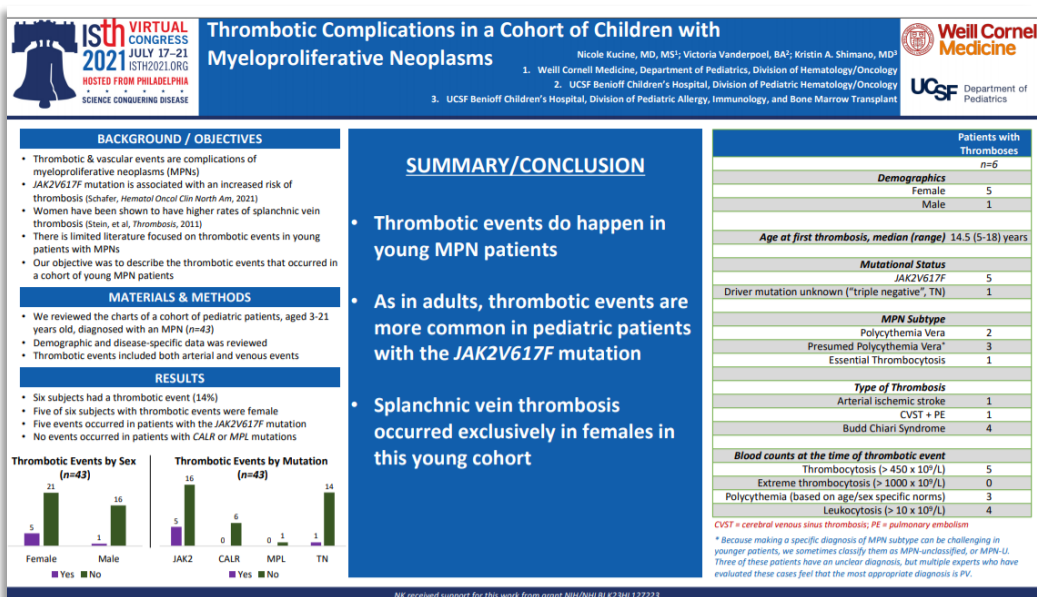
A number of Department of Pediatrics faculty have contributed presentations for *Weill Cornell Medicine's* new ***e-Learning Portal***, including:

- **Dr. Erika Abramson:** Areas: Educational Leadership; The Statement of Key Contributors (with Bruce Schackman)
- **Dr. Susan Bostwick:** Introduction to Mentoring (with Alice Tang)
- **Dr. Katherine Hajjar:** Areas: Investigation; Academic Tenure
- **Dr. Thanakorn Jirasevijinda:** Selecting a Mentor (with Dorrie Lamb); Restructuring the Relationship (with Niro Anandasabapathy)

Access the portal via the Office of Faculty webpage: <https://faculty.weill.cornell.edu/>

Other recent presentations:

- **Dr. Maura Frank** was a panelist for the Westchester Youth Congress/ #VaxUpWestchester Zoom Town Hall on August 10, 2021.
- **Dr. Nicole Kucine** presented a poster at the 2021 International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) Congress (July 17-21, 2021) on "Thrombotic Complications in a Cohort of Children with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms," which was selected for a live 1-hour e-poster session.
- **Dr. David Lyden** was an invited speaker on the "Role of Exosomes and Exomeres in Cancer and Coagulation" at the 2021 International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) on July 17th.
- **Dr. Irina Matei** was an invited speaker on "Tumor Exosomes: From Mediators of Systemic Disease to Biomarkers and Therapeutic Targets" at Cell and Experimental Biology - 2021.
- **Dr. Virginia Pascual** was the opening keynote speaker at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS 2021) on June 7th, presenting on "Novel Players in SLE Pathogenesis." In May, she presented "Stratification of Pediatric SLE" at the Lupus Research Alliance's Virtual Immunology 2021, and also participated in the COVID-19 Clinical Perspective for Immunologists Forum Series: "The Pediatrician's Perspective for Immunologists" on July 13th, presenting "Understanding COVID-19 in Children: Challenges and Opportunities."



Getting to Know...Dr. Jeffrey

Dayton



Dr. Jeff Dayton

Dr. Jeffrey Dayton is Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Associate Attending Pediatrician in the Division of General Academic Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine and NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and serves as Associate Fellowship Director for the bicampus Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship.

- **How many years have you been at WCM?** This summer, I am completing my 11th year on faculty here at WCM.
- **What is your favorite part of the workday?** I am fortunate to work with colleagues who are both hard-working and supportive. We have a tight knit group of faculty and staff who have been with our division for a remarkably long time. We are always updating each other on our life and family events outside of work. I can always count on my colleagues for support or advice with work or for matters outside of it. Also, I enjoy having the opportunity to develop relationships with my long-term patients. Due to advancements in prenatal diagnosis in pediatric cardiology, I am meeting many of my patients and their families for the first time before they are even born. I am honored to be able to be their cardiologist for life, nothing can beat that for a career.
- **Where do you live now?** I currently live in Tenafly, New Jersey where I moved 9 years ago. It is a great place to raise a family. It has friendly people, lots of children, and great schools. Our town is very close to the city making the commute manageable as well as allowing me to easily enjoy the city for dinner or activities on the weekends. My wife, Lauren, is active in local government serving on our town's council for the past 5 years, including currently as its council president. I'm very proud of her service and commitment to our town.
- **What is the best vacation you ever took and why?** Our family visits Avalon on the Jersey Shore every summer. It is a quiet beach town with not much to do other than play in the sand with the kids and eat ice cream. I look forward to these relaxing trips every summer as well as visiting as many ice cream shops as possible.
- **What is the next place to visit on your bucket list?** Anywhere in Europe. Before the pandemic, we visited northern Italy and Tuscany. I would like to eventually visit as many of the remaining parts of Italy as possible.
- **What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?** I have two daughters, who are 11 and 8 years old. When I am not working, I try to spend as much time with them as possible. One of my favorite activities is coaching their sports teams. I have been fortunate to coach their basketball, soccer, and softball teams. I can't think of a better way to spend my time when I'm not working.
- **What do you do to stay active?** I wish I could say I am as active as I would like to be. When I have the opportunity, I enjoy riding my Peloton bike. However, I do not think they will be calling out my name on the leaderboard anytime soon....
- **If you had to choose a different career, what would it be?** High school social studies teacher and varsity baseball coach. I love history, particularly American history, and in a second life I would teach AP American History while coaching the high school baseball team.
- **How would your 10-year-old self react to what you do now?** I remember wanting to be a teacher when I was 10 years old. I think my 10-year-old self would be happy with what I do now. A lot of what I do in my clinical work is educate my patients and their families about their heart disease. There is a lot of teaching in that.
- **Interesting fact you want to share:** I am a huge Yankees fan and was able to see David Wells pitch his perfect game in-person back in 1998. I also was on The Tonight Show when I was 15 years old.



Dr. Jeff Dayton and family

If you would like to nominate someone to be featured in a future faculty spotlight, or have suggestions for questions, let us know!

Research Highlights



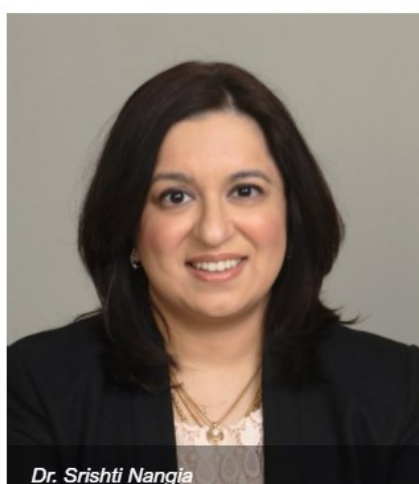
Drs. Jane Chang, Lisa Ipp and Melanie Wilson-Taylor are co-investigators on a project entitled, "Use of a web-based platform to promote knowledge, uptake and completion of HPV vaccination in the era of COVID," recently awarded funding from The Cornell Center for Health Equity Collaborative Pilot Project (\$50,000) and Weill Cornell Division of General Internal Medicine Primary Care Innovations Program (\$25,000). The PI on both grants is Dr. Eloise Chapman-Davis, Weill Cornell Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Dr. Nicole Kucine received a Hemophilia Treatment Centers (SPRANS) project award grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration, 06/01/2021-05/31/2022. Total project cost: \$10,150.



Dr. Catherine McGuinn received a Health Resources & Services Administration subcontract for "Hemophilia Inhibitor Prevention and Eradication (INHIBIT) Trials Platform," 06/01/2020-05/31/2027. Total project costs based on enrollment.



Dr. Srishti Nangia received a subcontract award (with the University of Colorado Denver) from the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics to support a FAST Emergency Care Consortium, 07/01/2021-06/30/2024. Total project cost: \$313,821.



Dr. Virginia Pascual received a grant from the Lupus Research Alliance to explore "Immune Responses with SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Patients: a Multi-center North American Observational Study," 04/01/2021-04/11/2023. The project total cost is \$1,478,221.

Dr. Pascual has also received support from the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases for "Immune Cells and Secretory Pathways Leading to Human Systemic Autoimmunity," 06/16/2021-04/30/2022. Total project cost: \$1,550,000.



Dr. Sallie Permar received a grant from the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases for "Immunologic and Virologic Determinants of Congenital Cytomegalovirus Transmission and Disease in Rhesus Monkeys," 03/01/2021-06/30/2024. Total project cost: \$11,592,533.

Dr Permar also received an award from ModernaTX for "CMV mRNA vaccination clinical sample screening," 07/06/2021-07/05/2022. Total project cost: \$287,104.



Dr. Sujit Sheth received an award from the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute for "Development of a Clinical Hemoglobin Modulator- Start up," 05/01/2021-05/31/2023. Project total cost: \$224,505.

WCM Peds In the Media

- **Nicole Gerber, M.D.** (PIX11, 7/30/21): [Kids and COVID vaccines: Doctor answers questions hesitant parents might have](#)
- **Zachary Grinspan, M.D., M.S.** (NeurologyLive, 7/15/21): [Preferred Treatment for Infantile Spasms Include ACTH, Oral Steroids](#)
- **Neera Gupta, M.D.** (WCM Newsroom, 7/9/21): [In Brief: For Pediatric Patients with Crohn's Disease, Factors Associated with Statural Growth Differ by Sex](#)
- **Nicole Kucine, M.D.**
 - (Cancer Therapy Advisor): [Thromboses in Pediatric Patients With Myeloproliferative Neoplasms](#)
 - (Hematology Advisor, 8/2/21): [Thromboses in Pediatric Patients With Myeloproliferative Neoplasms](#)
 - (Cure, 7/15/21): [My Child Was Diagnosed With an MPN: Now What?](#)
- **Oksana Lekarev, D.O.** (Boston Herald, 7/26/21): [For children with classic congenital adrenal hyperplasia, researchers are working to advance treatment options](#)
- **Karen Onel, M.D.** (Consultant360, 7/20/21): [Why the New JIA Guideline Is Needed](#)
- **Virginia Pascual, M.D.** (WCM Newsroom, 8/11/21): [Red Blood Cell Alterations Contribute to Lupus](#)
- **Sallie Permar, M.D., Ph.D.**
 - (STAT, 8/23/21): [Op Ed with Dr. Jordan Orange: As Delta spreads, it's time to put children's health first](#)
 - (New York Times, 8/12/21): [Are Delta Symptoms Different?](#)
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 - (The Atlantic, 7/1/21): [COVID-19 Vaccines Can Inflamm Kids' Hearts, But The Virus Is Worse](#)
- **Corey Wasserman, M.D.** (Univision NY, 7/2/2021): [FBI Warns Of Online Gaming Dangers For Kids, Launches Public Service Campaign](#)

Events

BACK TO SCHOOL

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Message us your questions



DR. KAREN ACKER



DR. EDITH BRACHO-SANCHEZ



Dr. Karen Acker and Dr. Edith Bracho-Sanchez will answer your questions LIVE on @nyphospital's Instagram page, September 8 at 4:00pm EST.



Back to School Instagram Live Q & A Session

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

4pm online via [NYP's Instagram](#)

**Weill Cornell Medicine** | **NewYork-Presbyterian**

From Anxiety to Vaccines: Navigating the New School Year with Confidence

Event Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Virtual

Registration for this event is FREE

This session will discuss current issues related to pediatric COVID-19, how to speak with your child about their anxieties linked to going back-to-school, and wellness and nutrition.

Registration: Please register online [here](#) or by visiting <https://bit.ly/3jJ4Zf>. You can also scan the QR code below.

Zoom information provided at the time of registration. A courtesy reminder with Zoom information will also be sent to the email you indicate at the time of registration in advance of the seminar.

Panelists



Mary J. Ward, PhD
Associate Professor of Psychology Research in Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine

Psychologist for the Division of Child Development at NewYork-Presbyterian



Karen Acker, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine

Assistant Attending for the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at NewYork-Presbyterian



Isabel Reckson, CDCES, CDN, RD
Registered Dietician at Weill Cornell Medicine

Course Co-director of the Kids and Teens Healthy Weight Program



Scan this QR Code to register for the seminar on your phone



From Anxiety to Vaccines: Navigating the New School Year with Confidence

A webinar for families hosted by Weill Cornell Medicine & NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Thursday, September 9, 2021

6pm-7:30pm via Zoom

[Free registration and Zoom link](#)

Annual WCM Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Poster Symposium

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5pm-7:30pm via Zoom

[Registration and Zoom link](#)



Seventh Annual

Gale and Ira Drukier Lecture in Children's Health **Save the Date**



Featuring Nobel Laureate

Gregg Semenza, MD, PhD

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

and recipient of the 2021 Gale and Ira Drukier Prize in Children's Health Research

Erick Forno, MD, MPH

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Webinar timing and registration information to follow

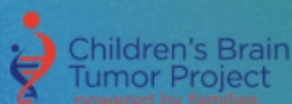
HIP HOP FOR HOPE

a benefit for pediatric brain tumor research with performance by

FREESTYLE LOVE SUPREME



Friday, September 24 | 7 PM
New York Athletic Club



Hip Hop for Hope

This fundraising event supports the important research of Drs. Jeffrey Greenfield and Mark Souweidane underway at Weill Cornell Medicine through the Children's Brain Tumor Project.

Friday, September 24, 2021

7pm, New York Athletic Club

[Registration and details](#)

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