



## Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs

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### AMSPDC is pleased to announce the 9<sup>th</sup> Cohort for Pediatric Leadership Development Program (PLDP)

#### **Adam Ratner, MD, MPH**



Adam Ratner, MD, MPH is the Director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital and New York University School of Medicine. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Yale University and his Medical Degree and Masters in Public Health from Columbia University. Adam completed internship and residency training in Pediatrics at Columbia University / Babies and Children's Hospital of New York in 2001. He completed fellowship training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and performed postdoctoral research in Microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2006, Dr. Ratner returned to Columbia University as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2013. In 2015, Dr. Ratner was recruited to New York University and Hassenfeld Children's Hospital as the Director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology.

Dr. Ratner heads an active, translational research laboratory focused on understanding and preventing infections in pregnant women and newborn infants, with a focus on Group B Streptococcus (GBS). His areas of particular interest include new vaccine development and combining molecular, small animal, and human studies to understand the biology of infectious diseases. Dr. Ratner has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and is an inventor on three patents. Currently, Dr. Ratner is the principal investigator (PI) of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R56 award investigating potential mechanisms of serotype replacement in GBS, a PI of an R01 examining GBS and host gene expression during chorioamnionitis, and the co-I of an R21 in the area of mouse models of GBS late-onset disease. He has led clinical studies through a

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation-funded trial of a new diagnostic test for bacterial vaginosis, carried out investigations of vaccine efficacy using national-level datasets, and has ongoing studies of group B Streptococcus colonization and disease with collaborators in Botswana, Jordan, and the Dominican Republic. Dr. Ratner has a strong clinical interest in caring for infants with congenital and perinatal infectious diseases. He has mentored numerous undergraduates, graduate students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows and has served as the primary mentor for NIH K23 and K08 awards and an NIH-funded Pediatric Scientist Development Program (PSDP) award. Several prior mentees have gone on to faculty positions and independent translational research careers at outstanding universities.

Dr. Ratner is a member of the Steering Committee for the PSDP and chairs the PSDP Selection Committee. He is the immediate past Chair of the Clinical Research and Field Studies (CRFS) study section of the NIH, serves on the Board of Directors of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and is president-elect of the Infectious Diseases Society of New York. Dr. Ratner is a Section Editor for PLOS ONE and Faculty of 1000 and a member of the Editorial Board for Infection and Immunity and the Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society.

Dr. Ratner's goals include expanding infrastructure for and access to translational research opportunities for pediatric trainees and faculty, leveraging cross-disciplinary programs (such as the NYU Vaccine Center) to broaden interactions between pediatricians and investigators in other disciplines, and strengthening mentorship interactions in pediatric training across all levels.

## **Bradley Marino, MD, MPP, MSCE**



Bradley S. Marino, MD, MPP, MSCE is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Social Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Dr. Marino is the creator and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Innovation in the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (Lurie Children's). He is the Heart Center Co-Director of Research and Academic Affairs, Cardiology Inpatient Director and Medical Director of the Regenstein Cardiac Care Unit, and the Co-Director of the NICU-Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program at Lurie Children's. He also leads the Cardiovascular Bridge Programs between Lurie

Children's and Northwestern Medicine. At Northwestern University he serves as the Co-Director of the Neurodevelopmental Core within the Institute for Innovations in Developmental Sciences.

Dr. Marino earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He completed his pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and a combined fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. While at the University of Pennsylvania Dr. Marino completed a Master's of Science degree in Clinical Epidemiology at the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He is presently completing a Master's degree in Business Administration in Healthcare Management at the University of Texas-Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management.

Dr. Marino is an internationally recognized pediatric cardiovascular disease outcomes researcher. Dr. Marino's research interests focus on the impact of surgical and intensive care unit factors on mortality and morbidity, as well as, the impact of neurodevelopmental, psychosocial, and physical morbidities on quality of life, functional status, and behavioral and emotional outcomes in the high-risk complex congenital heart disease population. Dr. Marino's scientific work has been supported through grants from the National Institute of Health, the American Heart Association, the Children's Heart Foundation, and other national foundations. He has published more than 150 peer-review publications and written or edited more than a dozen books and 70 book chapters on pediatric cardiology and general pediatric medicine. He has been invited to give more than 150 international and national lectures and talks.

Dr. Marino is a national leader and advocate for children with congenital and acquired heart disease. He has served as the American Heart Association Chair of the Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young (Young Hearts), the inaugural Co-Chair for the international Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative, and the Chair of the Medical Advisory Board for the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association. He presently serves as the President of the American Heart Association Chicago Metropolitan Board and on the Executive Committee for the Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Marino has been awarded the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association Heart Hero Award, Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative Newburger-Bellinger Award, and the Congenital Heart Foundation Congenital Heart Defect Champion Award.

## **Roberta DeBiasi, MD, MS**



Roberta Lynn DeBiasi, MD, MS is Chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases , Co-Director of the Congenital Zika Program and Co-Lead of the Ebola and Highly Contagious Infectious Disease institutional preparedness at Children’s National Hospital (CNH) in Washington DC. She holds appointments as tenured Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine as well as Principal Investigator in the Center for Translational Research within Children’s Research Institute.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Boston University, she received her Doctorate in Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and completed internship and residency in Pediatrics at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. She completed her fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado/Denver Children’s Hospital and served on the faculty for ten years in Denver, prior to joining Children’s National/GWU in 2005.

Dr. DeBiasi treats normal and immunocompromised children hospitalized with severe infections at Children’s National Hospital. She is designated as a Top Doctor for Northern Virginia and by Washingtonian Magazine. Dr. DeBiasi’s research expertise includes basic science as well as clinical/translational research. She serves as Principal Investigator for research and multiple clinical trials focusing on severe and emerging viral infections. Research awards have included the Infectious Diseases Society of America Young Investigator Award, as well as the John Horsley Prize from UVA. She co-leads the CNHS Ebola and Emerging Infections Task Force, the Acute Flaccid Myelitis Task Force, and the CNHS Congenital Zika Program, interfacing with regional, national and international authorities in these roles. She evaluates and manages pregnant women and infants with Zika exposure and infection, and is performing Zika-focused research in the US and South America.

Dr. DeBiasi has authored over 80 original research, review articles, and book chapters. She greatly enjoys teaching and mentoring graduate and medical students, residents, and fellows in

the classroom, the hospital wards, and in research. She is also actively engaged in continuing medical education for community physicians, outreach to the community, and educating the public via media appearances on NPR radio, local and national newspaper and television.

## **Samir Shah, MD, MSCE**



Samir S. Shah, MD, MSCE, is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He is Chief Metrics Officer and Director of the Division of Hospital Medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he also holds the James M. Ewell Endowed Chair. Clinically, he practices both Pediatric Hospital Medicine and Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

Nationally, he is the new Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Hospital Medicine, the official journal of the >17,000 member Society of Hospital Medicine, and Vice Chair for the Pediatric Research in Inpatient Settings (PRIS) Network, a multicenter, hospital-based research network with >110 hospital members.

Dr. Shah attended medical school at Yale and completed pediatric residency training as well as fellowship training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Academic General Pediatrics at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Shah's research focuses on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of care for hospitalized children with emphasis on common serious infections such as pneumonia and meningitis.

He receives research support from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and the Children's Hospital Association. Dr. Shah is Chair of the National Pneumonia Guidelines Committee, jointly sponsored by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. He has authored more than 300 peer-reviewed research publications and >150 chapters and reviews. In addition, he is editor or co-editor of 12 books in the fields of pediatrics and infectious diseases, including founding editor of *Pediatric Infectious Diseases: Essentials for Practice*, an infectious diseases textbook written for the pediatric generalist, and *The Philadelphia Guide: Inpatient Pediatrics*, the first handbook for the pediatric hospitalist, as well as an Associate Editor for *Comprehensive Pediatric Hospital Medicine* and *Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics*. Dr. Shah has received several prestigious research awards, including the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Young Investigator Award, the Society of Hospital Medicine Excellence in Research Award, the inaugural 2015 Pediatric Hospital Medicine Excellence in Research Award, and the Academic

Pediatric Association's Miller-Sarkin Mentoring Award. In 2019, he received the Master of Hospital Medicine, the Society of Hospital Medicine's highest honor, for his substantive contributions to the development of hospital medicine as an academic discipline.

## **Suzette Oyeku, MD, MPH**



Suzette Oyeku, MD, MPH is Chief of the Division of Academic General Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM). She is also Professor of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Oyeku manages the clinical, research, advocacy and educational missions of the division in addition to being responsible for faculty and staff development. Dr. Oyeku is a general pediatrician with expertise in health services research, implementation science and the use of quality improvement methods to disseminate effective care strategies and improve care and patient outcomes for children with chronic diseases such as sickle cell disease. Dr. Oyeku's research activities are focused on understanding health services utilization patterns and improving the quality of care for children and adolescents with sickle cell disease. Dr. Oyeku also serves as Medical Director for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program National Coordinating Center at the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ). On a regional and national level, Dr. Oyeku has also served on advisory panels and committees focused on sickle cell disease and improving healthcare quality for children and adolescents. She has also served as Treasurer for the Academic Pediatrics Association, a professional society representing 2,000 child health providers in the US.

Dr. Oyeku holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedicine from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at the City College of New York. Dr. Oyeku received her medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency training at the Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital and Boston Medical Center. Dr. Oyeku also completed fellowship training at the Harvard Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship program at Boston Children's Hospital. She received her Master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in clinical effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is an alumna of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program of Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Oyeku is also actively engaged in community education activities and serves as an ordained deacon at Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, NY.