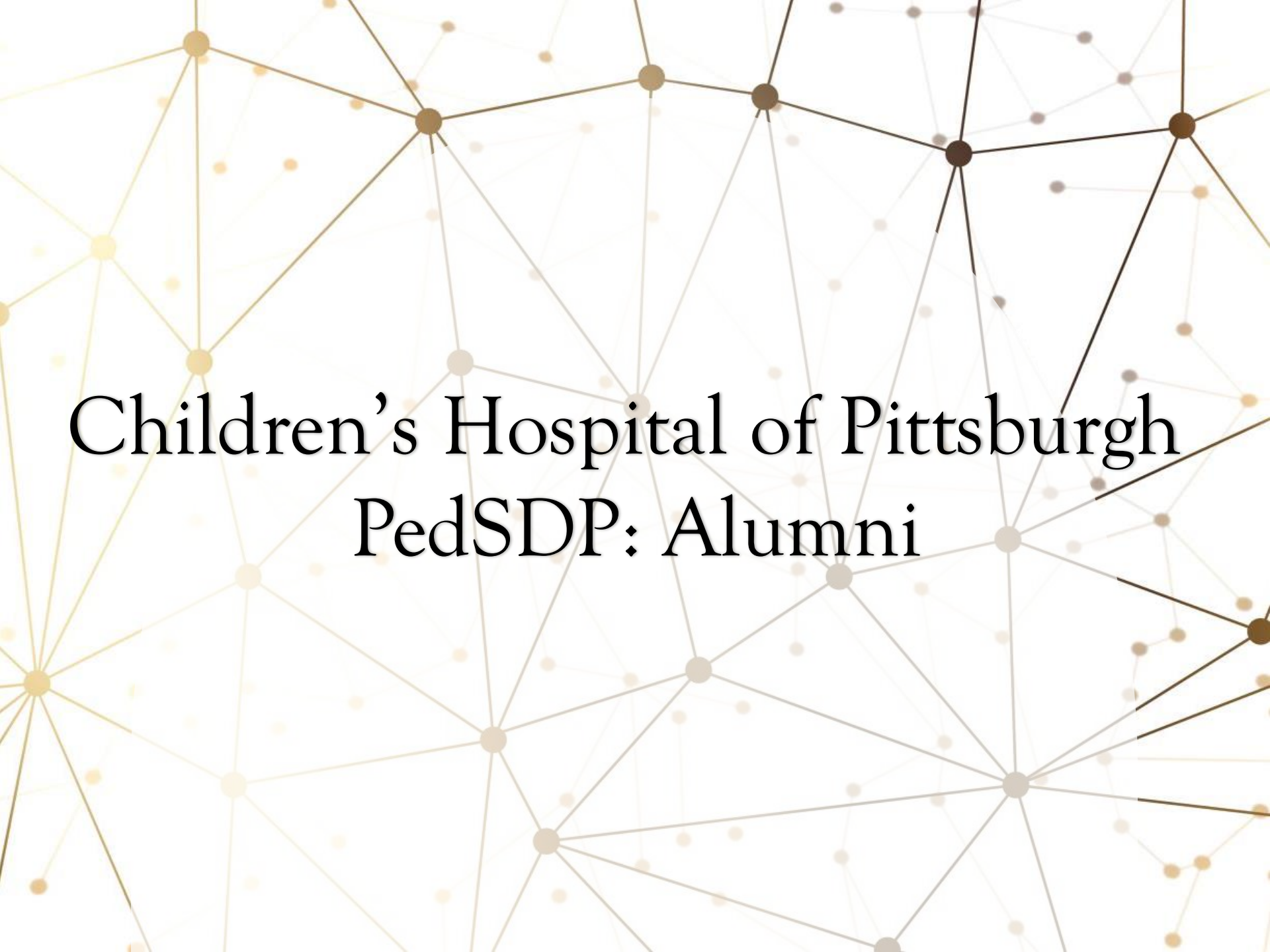


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Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh PedSDP: Alumni

PEDSDP: 2018-2024



ELIF SOYSAL,
MD

- Medical School: Koc University School of Medicine
- Fellowship: Emergency Medicine
- Research Track: Accelerated Research Pathway
- Research Interests: EMR based research, developing clinical prediction rules to identify risk of deterioration in medically complex children.
- Hobbies: Bouldering, hiking, kayaking, jewelry making
- Current Position: Pediatric Emergency Medicine Attending, Children's Hospital of Minnesota

PEDSDP: 2018-2024



JOHN WANG,
MD, PHD

- Undergrad: UC Berkeley
- Medical School: NYU
- Fellowship: Genetics
- Research Track: Accelerated Research Pathway
- Research Interests: Muscular Dystrophy
- Funding: Pediatric Scientist Development Program (AMSPDC)
- Hobbies: Hiking
- Current Position: Medical Genetics Attending, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

PEDSDP: 2017-2023



TAYLOR
EDDENS, MD,
PHD

- Undergrad: Washington and Jefferson College
- Medical School: University of Pittsburgh MSTP
- Fellowship: Allergy & Immunology
- Research Track: Accelerated Research Pathway
- Research Interests: the immunologic connection between viral infections early in life and the subsequent development of asthma.
- Funding while PedSDP: Pediatric Scientist Development Program
- Funding since PedSDP: AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award, NIAID K08
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Allergy and Immunology UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh SOM

PEDSDP: 2017-2023



ALLAN
JOSEPH, MD,
MPH

- Undergrad: University of Notre Dame
- Medical School: Brown University
- Fellowship: Critical Care
- Research Track: Accelerated Research Pathway
- Research Interests: The regionalization of pediatric acute care, spanning the spectrum from prehospital to critical care.
- Funding while PedSDP: T32 NIH Scholar (CCM)
- Hobbies: Cooking, playing sports (tennis, golf), watching sports (college football, tennis, golf), keeping up with a toddler.
- Website: <https://www.allanmjoseph.com/>
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

PEDSDP: 2017-2023



MICHAEL
ZHANG, MD,
PHD

- Undergrad: University of Iowa
- Medical School: University of Iowa
- Fellowship: Allergy & Immunology
- Research Track: Accelerated Research Pathway
- Research Interests: The respiratory effects of e-cigarette exposure in a human subjects cohort.
- Funding while in PedSDP: TL1 Clinical and Translational Science Fellowship through ICRE
- Hobbies: Sports, Working out.
- Current Position: Associate Medical Director, Regeneron

PEDSDP: 2016-2022



MEGAN CULLER
FREEMAN, MD/PHD

- Hometown: Lexington, KY
- Undergrad: University of Kentucky
- Medical School: Vanderbilt University SOM
- Fellowship: Infectious Diseases
- Research: Viruses with neurotropic potential with a current focus on enterovirus D68 (EV-D68), a cause of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) in children.
- Funding in the PedSDP: Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society/St. Jude Research Hospital Fellowship Award in Basic and Translational Science (2019-2022), CTSI Research Across the Lifespan Pilot Award (2019), CTSI COVID-19 Pilot Program Award (2020), I4Kids/RKMF Acute Flaccid Myelitis Pilot Grant (2021-2023)
- Funding since the PedSDP: CHP Scholars/K12 (2022), K08 (2022-27), Children's Trust Young Investigator Award (2023-24), NIH NIAID K08, R21
- Lab: <https://www.mcfreelab.org/>
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Pediatric Infectious Disease, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh/University of Pittsburgh

PEDSDP: 2016-2022



GLENN RAPSINSKI,
MD/PHD

- Hometown: New Kensington, PA
- Undergrad: Saint Vincent College
- Medical School: Lewis Katz SOM at Temple University
- Fellowship: Infectious Diseases
- Research: Understanding how microbes like *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* colonizes the airway people and causes ventilator-associated infections; clinical research on how these infections are managed.
- Funding in the PedSDP: AMSPDC Pediatric Scientist Development Program - 2020-2023
- Funding since the PedSDP: CHP Scholars/K12 (2024), NIH NIAID K08 (2025)
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Pediatric Infectious Disease, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh/University of Pittsburgh

PEDSDP: 2016-2022



CATHERINE H.
POHOLEK, MD, PHD

- Hometown:
- Undergrad: University of Notre Dame
- Medical School: University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Fellowship: Rheumatology
- Research: The Role of Lipid Metabolism and ApoE in lymph nodes stromal cells during immune response
- Funding in the PedSDP: Immunology T32
- Funding since the PedSDP: CHP Scholars/K12 (2022-2024), NIH NIAID K08 (2024)
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Pediatric Rheumatology, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh/University of Pittsburgh

PEDSDP: 2015-2021



ONOME OGHIFOBIBI,
MD, MSC

- Medical School: University of Benin
- Fellowship: Neonatology
- Research: The Mechanisms underpinning cerebral blood flow dysregulation after asphyxial cardiac arrest in neonates
- Funding in the PedSDP: Burroughs Wellcome Fund Physician-Scientist Incubator
- Funding since the PedSDP: Healthy Pregnancy Collaborative, The Pittsburgh Study (<https://thepittsburghstudy.org/>)
- Current Position: Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Director of Advanced Practice Providers Neonatology Fellowship Program

PEDSDP: 2015-2021



JESSIE YESTER,
MD/PHD

- Hometown: Downingtown, PA
- Undergrad: North Carolina State University
- Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University
- Fellowship: Cardiology
- Research: 1) Cardiomyocyte proliferation (ongoing from my cardiology fellowship), 2) utility of using HLA-matched blood products to decrease sensitization in single ventricle patients, and 3) evaluating the immune phenotype in pediatric patients with heart failure
- Funding in the PedSDP: T32
- Funding since the PedSDP: Internal Funding, Baylor and Nationwide
- Current Position: Assistant Professor, Nationwide Children's Hospital; Co-Director, Research Pathway, Pediatric Residency Program