

Michael Levas, MD, MS – Dr. Michael Levas has been with the Medical College of Wisconsin's Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine since 2011. Following graduation from the Medical College of Wisconsin, he completed his pediatric residency and emergency medicine fellowship training in Kansas City, MO. He completed his Masters in Clinical and Translational at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Since joining the faculty at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Dr Levas has been intimately involved with health care disparities, youth violence, and injury prevention policy and research. He is the Medical Director of Project Ujima, one of the premier hospital-based youth violence prevention/intervention programs in the United States. He currently serves as Vice Chair of Diversity in the Department of Pediatrics and as the Associate Director of the Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Gina Lowell, MD, MPH – Gina Lowell MD, MPH is a general academic pediatrician at Rush University Children's Hospital in Chicago with specialty interests in childhood injury, child abuse and neglect, and early relational health. Her injury prevention experience includes longitudinal clinical research and advocacy to examine and prevent microwave-related burn injuries in young children. She is currently engaged in Sudden Unexpected Infant Death prevention research and collaboratives, and serves as PI for the CDC-funded SUID Case Registry for Cook County. As Director of Community Health for Pediatrics she focuses on developing and promoting maternal-child health initiatives that support Chicago's communities through addressing the intersectional impact of generational trauma and the social and structural determinants of health on maternal-child health equity. She completed her MD at Rush Medical College, Pediatric Residency at the University of Chicago, and General Academic Pediatrics Fellowship and MPH at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Lorrie Lynn, MA, CPSTI – Lorrie Lynn is the Manager of Injury Prevention Programs within the Center for Healthier Communities at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. She is the site Coordinator for Injury Free Coalition for Kids and Coordinator for Safe Kids San Diego. These roles dovetail to highlight projects that address the leading causes of injury and death for children 0 to 14 years old in San Diego County. Projects addressing this population include Safe Sleep for Infants, Window falls, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Child Passenger Safety and Teen Safe Driving. Lorrie is also a member of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids Board.

Jennifer E. McCain, MD – Jennifer E. McCain, MD is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UAB where she is a board certified Pediatric Emergency Medicine physician in the Children's of Alabama Emergency Department. She has been the representative from District 3 (the counties directly surrounding Birmingham) to the board of the Alabama Chapter of the AAP for the last seven years and is a voting member of COPEM (Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine) with the national AAP. After 12 years as a general pediatrician, she returned to this academic position where she actively cares for patients in the ED, participates in education of residents and students, and participates in research. Dr. McCain has a specific interest in injury prevention. She has been actively involved in developing relationships in urban Birmingham as well as in rural Alabama counties to address safe sleep for infants.

Michael J. Mello, MD, MPH – Dr. Michael Mello is a board certified emergency medicine physician with over 30 years of clinical experience, a Professor of Emergency Medicine in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Professor of Health Services, Practice and Policy at the Brown University School of Public Health. He is also the Director of the Injury Prevention Center at Rhode

Island Hospital-Hasbro Children's Hospital and the NIH funded center, Rhode Island Hospital Injury Control Center of Biomedical Research Excellence. He has authored more than 150 peer reviewed publications and has led research funded by NIH, CDC, state grants and foundation grants. He is a past board member and president of Injury Free Coalition for Kids.

Marlene Melzer-Lange, MD – Marlene Melzer-Lange is Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and an Attending Physician at the Emergency Department/Trauma Center of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. As a native of Milwaukee, she is interested in promoting safe, injury free neighborhoods for children and families. She is a graduate of Marquette University and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her academic interests include injury prevention, violence prevention, adolescent emergencies and adolescent pregnancy. She is married and has two children.

Thomas Menk, MD – Dr. Thomas Menk, MD is a recent addition to the field of injury prevention. He completed his residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and is currently in his fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Atlanta. Current research projects include examining dog bite injuries during the COVID-19 pandemic at a local and national level as well as examining referral patterns for mTBIs from acute care settings vs clinics.

Kathy W. Monroe, MD, MSQI – Kathy Monroe is Professor of Pediatrics and Division Director for Children's of Alabama Emergency Department. Dr. Monroe serves as principal investigator for Alabama Injury Free Coalition for Kids (IFCK) and has served on the national IFCK Board of Directors and abstract selection/publications committee. She is currently the program chair and President elect for IFCK. Her work in injury prevention has focused on safe teen driving consisting of funded teen driving events and creation of a teen driving toolkit for pediatricians. She secured grant funding for construction of two Allstate Foundation "Little Hands" playgrounds in high-risk areas, participated in multi-center studies on child passenger safety and regularly leads Baby Safety Showers. She has published multiple manuscripts on Teen Driving Behavior, ATV Injuries, Pediatric Burn Injuries and Child Passenger Safety.

Michelle Nichols, CPST-I – Michelle is the Oregon Child Passenger Safety Coordinator and a Health Educator with the Doernbecher Injury Prevention Program at OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Michelle has dedicated her professional focus on pediatric injury prevention along with supporting the development of Child Passenger Safety technicians and instructors in Oregon. She has been a Child Passenger Safety Technician since 2012, and an Instructor since 2018. Michelle presents locally and nationally in areas of injury prevention, child passenger safety, and adaptive needs transportation.

Mackey O'Keefe, BA – Mackey is a Research Fellow at Everytown for Gun Safety. His research focuses on guns in public spaces, firearm suicide prevention, and ghost guns. Mackey has a bachelor of arts degree from Bowdoin College, where he majored in Government and Legal Studies and minored in History, and focused on American politics and the Supreme Court.

Vikki Pennington, LMSW, CCLS, CPST – Vikki has been a child life specialist for over twenty years, obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Human Environmental Science with an emphasis in child development at the University of Arkansas. She received her Masters of Social Work from the University of Houston. Her career as a child life specialist started at Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH), where she completed her internship. With her internship completed, she obtained employment with Texas