

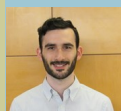
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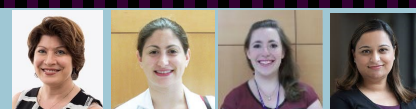
Dr. **Puja Patel** has assumed the duties of Director of Outpatient Services in the Isabelle Rapin Division of Child Neurology of the Saul R. Korey Department of Neurology. In this role, Dr. Patel works with physician and administrative leadership to facilitate effective and efficient neurology outpatient practices to deliver optimal neurological care to our patients. Dr. Patel succeeds Dr. Karen Ballaban-Gil, who has now assumed the role of Associate Director of the Division of Child Neurology.



**Dr. Aparna Polavarapu** is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the Einstein College of Medicine at Montefiore. She received her medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine. She completed her residencies in Pediatrics and Neurology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and completed a fellowship in pediatric epilepsy at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital-A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. She has been added to the faculty of the Montefiore-Einstein Tri-State Rett Syndrome Center at CHAM and her role will be management of epilepsy in patients with Rett syndrome.



**Dr. Daniel (Noam) Lax** is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the Einstein College of Medicine at Montefiore. He completed his undergraduate education at Touro College followed by medical degree program at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed Pediatrics training at CHAM and Child Neurology at Montefiore. He has a strong interest in pediatric headache, rare diseases and medical education. Noam currently serves as a Pediatric Neuro-Hospitalist. He will also be involved in the resident education committee and inpatient quality improvement initiatives in stroke and autoimmune encephalitis.



**The Autoimmune Neurological Disorders Program** at Children's Hospital at Montefiore is a newly developed multidisciplinary team of physicians who help evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients with neurologic autoimmune conditions. The team consists of board-certified child neurologists **Dr. Susan Duberstein**, **Dr. Nagma Dalvi**, and **Dr. Leslie Delfiner**. They combine their subspecialty expertise in neuromuscular disorders, epilepsy, and neuro-oncology to evaluate various immune-modulated conditions, including autoimmune encephalitis, autoimmune epileptic encephalopathy, stiff person syndrome, paraneoplastic disorders, and CNS lupus. They also liaison with adult neuroimmunologist **Dr. Lauren Gluck**, who recently joined the Montefiore faculty as Assistant Professor of Neurology and who adds additional expertise in demyelinating disorders and neurosarcoidosis. The team also works closely with the divisions of Pediatric Rheumatology, Immunology, and Psychiatry to provide a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approaches to these conditions.



On October 3, 2020 **Dr. Leslie Delfiner** was the chair and delivered the keynote address for the national virtual "Best Practice in Neuro-muscular Care" event, a community education event for families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association

On November 12, 2020 **Dr. Nagma Dalvi** gave grand rounds for the Neurology department. The title of her talk was: Did We Hit The Target? The Treatment Landscape for Neurofibromatosis Type 1. She additionally serves as the principle investigator for The ReNeu Study: A Phase 2b Trial of the MEK 1/2 Inhibitor (MEKi) PD-0325901 in Adult and Pediatric Patients with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)-Associated Inoperable Plexiform Neurofibromas (PNs) that are Causing Significant Morbidity. This study is being conducted with the Oncology Department and had a site initiation visit on 12/1/2020.



**Dr. Shlomo Shinnar** presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Judith Hoyer Lecture in Epilepsy at the American Epilepsy Society meeting this year. The title of his talk was "Status Epilepticus: Progress and



**Dr. Solomon Moshe** led the "Together We Walk" virtual walk to support Epilepsy Research at Montefiore/Einstein on 9/13/2020.

In October 2020, **Dr. Elissa Yozawitz** presented grand rounds at New York Presbyterian Queens and at Jacobi Medical Center on Neonatal Seizures.

## Publications

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## Invited Lectures and Posters

Smith M, Facchini R, Weiss E, McGinley J, Masur D (2020, October). Neuropsychological profile of adolescent with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome. Poster accepted for the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), Chicago, IL.

Lax DN, Kenney A, Rubinstein T. Pediatric scurvy: case series and systematic review of individual participant data. Poster presented at: Pediatric Research Day, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; 2020 Jun 17.