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CLINICAL FOCUS

- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Pediatrics - Critical Care
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Physician lead for PICU Local Improvement Team, LPCH, (2016- present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics (2014)
- Board Certification: Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics (2011)
- MD, University of Iowa School of Medicine, Iowa City, IA (2008)
- Residency, Johns Hopkins University - Harriet Lane Pediatric Residency Program, Baltimore, MD , Pediatrics (2011)
- Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University - Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine , Pediatric Critical Care (2014)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research interests focus on using dissemination and implementation science tools to study and enhance care provided to patients in the pediatric ICU. I have a background in human factors research and in implementation science and am also interested in clinical effectiveness and outcomes in the PICU.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **BARRIERS TO SINGLE IRB STUDY INITIATION IN PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE TRIALS**
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- **Management of Bleeding and Thrombotic Complications During Pediatric Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation: The Pediatric Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Anticoagulation Collaborative Consensus Conference.** *Pediatric critical care medicine : a journal of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies*
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