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Dr. Flores is a tenured Associate Professor and Chief of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Pediatrics at McGovern Medical School in Houston, TX. Dr. Flores completed his MD, MPH, and PhD at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry followed by residency (Pediatrics) and fellowship (Infectious Diseases) at Baylor College of Medicine. Through support from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS/St. Jude Fellowship Award in Basic Research) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program) he developed a robust research program in streptococcal pathogenesis during his fellowship and early faculty years. He joined McGovern Medical School and the Department of Pediatrics in 2017. Currently, Dr. Flores' research focuses on the genomic epidemiology and virulence mechanisms of pathogenic streptococci (group A and B streptococci) and is funded by grant awards from the NIH/NIAID. Through his primary research and collaborative efforts, Dr. Flores has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters. In addition to pediatric infectious diseases consultations and research, Dr. Flores also has a strong interest in mentoring trainees and early career physician-scientists aimed at improving workforce diversity in pediatrics and research.