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Hans Kersten graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and completed his residency at St Christopher's Hospital for Children. He is an attending and hospitalist physician at St Christopher's Hospital for Children, the medical director of the multidisciplinary Grow Clinic, and a professor of pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine. He has also tutored at the Center for Evidence-Based Medicine (CEBM) for the workshops on Teaching Evidence-Based Medicine in Oxford, England. He has completed the Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship at Michigan State University, the Academic Pediatric Associations (APA) Educational Scholars Program, the Pediatric Program Director's and Educator's Workshop on Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Workshop on Teaching EBM at the Center for Evidence-Based Medicine in Oxford, England. He has created longitudinal EBM curriculum and led national workshops on the development, implementation, and evaluation of competency-based EBM curricula.

Dr. Kersten founded the Reach Out and Read programs at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children over 10 years ago and is a member of the Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia Advisory Committee. He has led recent efforts for St. Christopher's to become "hunger-free" by screening for food insecurity throughout the hospital, providing resources for families, organizing food drives, improving fresh food access by starting the Farm to Families program at the hospital and the Philly Food Cart in the lobby. He was recognized by the Coalition Against Hunger with the Pat Temple-West Award for innovative efforts toward building a hunger-free community. He has also received the Celebrate Literacy Award from the Delaware County Reading Council, the Vincent Zarro, MD, PhD Community Outreach Award from Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM), has been selected as a "Best Doctors" and recently been elected to DUCOMs Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. He completed the Disparities Leadership Program through Massachusetts General Hospital and won the Best Project Award for his efforts around food insecurity screening and the Farm to Families and FreshRX programs to improve fresh food access by writing prescriptions for produce at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. He was recently a finalist for Health Hero in Philadelphia and was selected into Tenet Healthcare's Hall of Fame as a "hero" for his work addressing food insecurity and other social determinants of health. Recently, he has focused more broadly on health equity. His team was accepted to participate in the Collaborative to Advance Social Health Integration (CASHI) in 2018 to improve the way organizations address SDH and to create a business case for addressing SDH, facilitated the hospital signing of the 123equity pledge, and organized and published the first Health Equity Report for St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.