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Dr. Pannaraj's global research focuses on maternal and infant vaccinations, optimizing vaccination strategies in the community setting, and improving vaccine immunity. She seeks to better understand infant immune development, responses to mucosal vaccination, and the influence of breast milk and gut microbes on immune responses.

Dr. Pannaraj serves as Vice President for the California Immunization Coalition and has been appointed to an American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) expert panel for a Global Immunizations Initiative. She also serves on the AAP Red Book Committee. She is invited to lecture nationally and internationally on vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases, maternal vaccinations, neonatal health and the microbiome.

Dr. Pannaraj completed her Infectious Diseases fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and Master of Public Health at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She finished medical school and residency training in pediatrics at University of California, San Diego. She received her undergraduate degree in Economics and Biology from the University of Chicago.

Outside of work, she and her husband raise 3 very active children. They enjoy soccer, outdoor nature activities, and traveling adventures.

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