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Eric Fleegler, MD, MPH, is a pediatric emergency physician and health services researcher at Boston Children's Hospital and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School. His research and innovation focus on three areas: (1) Firearm injuries with a focus on epidemiology, risk factors and the role of legislation in reducing firearm fatalities; he co-edited the book "Pediatric Firearm Injuries and Fatalities". (2) Development and evaluation of tools to help families with health-related social needs; he developed "HelpSteps", a system for assessment and referral of families to social services which is now the backbone referral system for the United Way/Mass2-1-1 used by over 100,000 people annually. (3) Health inequities at the country and hospital level. He is co-director of the Social Medicine course at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Fleegler's work related to firearm injury prevention has looked in-depth at the role of firearm legislation at the state level and its role in the reduction of firearm fatalities. In particular, his research has evaluated the relationship between the presence of Child Access Prevention laws and lower children firearm fatality rates, removing firearms from people with domestic violence restraining orders and lower domestic violence homicides, and the overall relationship between firearm legislation and lower rates of firearm homicides, suicides and unintentional fatalities. His research has been quoted by President Barack Obama and referenced by the Supreme Court. His work has thoroughly documented the growing disparities in firearm fatalities over the past 30 years and he has spoken at over 40 conferences and institutions across the country on the urgency of addressing the firearm mortality crisis in the U.S.