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Dr. Florin is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He is Director of Research for the Division of Emergency Medicine at Lurie and Director of the Grainger Research Program in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Dr. Florin's research program aims to improve the diagnosis, management, and outcomes of children with respiratory tract infections through clinical and molecular epidemiology and clinical trials. Current work centers on development of risk stratification tools and use of biomarkers to improve outcomes in children with pneumonia at the point-of-care. His work has also centered on resource utilization, variation in care, antimicrobial stewardship, and use of clinical trials to improve treatments for respiratory tract infections in children. Funded continuously by the NIH for the last decade, he is currently PI of an R01 from NHLBI to develop and validate a pediatric pneumonia risk score across 14 pediatric emergency departments. He is co-PI on 2 multinational prospective cohort studies through the Pediatric Emergency Research Network (PERN) - one focused on pneumonia and the other on COVID-19 in children presenting for emergency care. He is a past recipient of the Academic Pediatric Association Young Investigator Award, in addition to research awards from Lurie Children's Hospital, the Sections of Emergency Medicine and Hospital Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics and mentorship awards from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Mentorship of, advocating for, and supporting the early-career pediatrician-scientist is a key professional priority. He currently serves as Strategy and Operations Officer for the Society for Pediatric Research and on the Board of Directors of the Pediatric Academic Societies.