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Dr. Auger is a pediatric hospitalist caring for children who are hospitalized. Her area of research is health policy that impacts children. She studies pediatric hospitalization patterns and why children require hospitalization. She also examines the pediatric discharge process and why children return to the hospital. Even though she only takes care of children when they are hospitalized, she thinks about what the child and family's life look like outside the hospital. She wants to help families deal with the stress of taking care of a sick child, especially as they transition back home.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, she's focusing on the COVID-19 policies that impact children — specifically school closing. They collected and analyzed data on the closures of all schools in the spring of 2020. They examined the association of school closure and COVID-19 case rates and deaths. Their goal is to learn as much about COVID-19 and schools to help children return safely to school.

She's honored to have received the Nemours Child Health Services Research Award in 2016, given by AcademyHealth. This national award recognizes the scientific work of emerging scholars in the field of child health services research. She also received the pediatric Hospital Medicine Outstanding Research Award in 2017, a national award for demonstrating exceptional achievement in pediatric hospital medicine research. Her research is funded through a K08 award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She serves on the editorial board of *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

She has more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, including first-authored works on identifying unplanned readmission. Her research has been published in respected journals, such as the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Pediatrics*, and *Journal of Hospital Medicine*.