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REGISTRATION BROCHURE

November 2-3, 2023

Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs

Begins 1:00 p.m. on 11/2/23

Ends 3:30 p.m. on 11/3/23

The CP State Medical Directors' Council is pleased to present...

**5th Annual Conference on
Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Care for Patients
With Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities (I/DD)**

Designed to Increase Clinical Expertise in Treating People with I/DD

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program has been designed to meet the interest of physicians, dentists, clinicians, therapists, nurses, and administrators who provide services to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities or are interested in doing so.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



RICK GUIDOTTI
Founder
Positive Exposure

Rick founded POSITIVE EXPOSURE after a chance encounter in 1997 with a young lady living with albinism at a bus stop in New York City. As an artist, Rick was taken by her extraordinary beauty. In a quest for a better understanding of albinism, Rick sought out medical textbooks, where he was affronted by the dehumanizing images depicting disease, lacking all humanity. It was this experience which forced Rick to turn his lens from the more traditional ideas of beauty, to the beauty and richness of human diversity. Rick has since spent more than twenty years collaborating internationally with advocacy organizations/NGOs, medical schools, universities, and other educational institutions to effect a sea-change in societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral or intellectual difference.

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Welcome to the 5th Annual Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Conference on the care of patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We are thrilled to welcome you to our first 2-day conference. We look forward to seeing you onsite at the only annual interprofessional conference of its kind in New York where experts in the field of medicine, mental/behavioral and oral health, physical, occupational and speech-language can learn from each other to improve the health of this underserved population.

**Sincerely,
Your Co-Chairs,
Dr. Maria Kansas, MD**

Dr. Vincent Siasoco, MD

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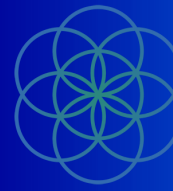
This program is eligible for CEUs provided by the Hudson Valley Community College as an approved provider for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, NYS Education Department's State Board for Social Work and the NYS Education Department's State Board for Nurses, Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants. Please Note - all sessions may not be eligible for all CEUs.



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Additional Continuing Education Credits to be Announced...

GENERAL INFORMATION



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REGISTER EARLY!

WHEN: November 2-3, 2023

WHERE: Embassy Suites
86 Congress Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

COST: Physicians, Dentists, Clinicians, Others
Nurses, Medical & Dental Residents
and Students

Early	After 10/7
\$155.00	\$180.00
\$120.00	\$145.00

REGISTER: Click [HERE](#) to Register *(you can pay by credit card or PayPal)*

DEADLINE: The registration deadline is October 21, 2023. Registrations are being accepted online.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

After October 21, no refunds will be made. However, registrants may send someone else in their place.

PRESENTATIONS/HANDOUTS:

Presentations/Handouts will be posted by the close of business on October 28 on the CP State website (www.cpstate.org).

QUESTIONS? Conference questions may be directed to (518) 436-0178

HOTEL INFORMATION



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86 Congress Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



Room Rate:

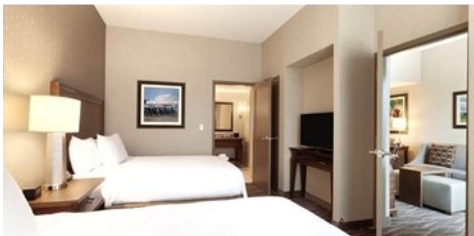
\$169.00 (plus applicable taxes)

(Don't forget a tax-exempt form if applicable)

Cut-Off Date:

**Reservations must be made on or
before OCTOBER 3.**

*(After October 3, reservations will be accepted
subject to availability at the prevailing rate.)*



[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a room at our special rate!

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE SOUTH: Take the NYS Thruway (I-87 North) to Exit 24. Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87 North) to Exit 13N. Turn left off exit. In approximately 4 ½ miles, turn left onto Congress Street. Embassy Suites will be on the left.

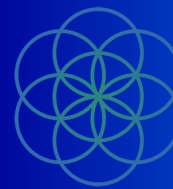
FROM THE NORTH: Take Adirondack Northway (I-87 South) to Exit 13N. Take right at exit. In approximately 4 ½ miles, turn left onto Congress Street. Embassy Suites will be on the left.

FROM THE EAST: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West to NY Thruway. Take Exit B-1 (I-90 Bypass) to I-787 North for approximately 6 miles to Route 7 West for approximately 2 miles to Adirondack Northway (I-87). Take Exit 13N, turn left off exit. In approximately 4 ½ miles, turn left onto Congress Street. Embassy Suites will be on the left.

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DAY 1 SCHEDULE

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1:00—1:15pm

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Mike Alvaro, President & CEO, CP State

Maria Kansas, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Center for Disability Services

Vincent Siasoco, MD, MBA, Medical Director, ADAPT Community Network

1:20—1:50pm

SESSION #1 - KEYNOTE SESSION

Rick Guidotti, Founder, Positive Exposure

Rick will discuss his strategy of promoting a more inclusive world through award winning photography, film and educational programs. The POSITIVE EXPOSURE presentation will begin with the world of fashion photography, exploring cultural perceptions of beauty and the narrow parameters of the beauty standard. The lecture will refocus on negative representation of individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral and intellectual differences in medical training and in public forums around the globe. This journey will provide new opportunities to see beyond disease, beyond diagnosis to the beauty and richness of human diversity.

1:55—3:25pm

SESSION #2 - BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH I/DD: THE CANARY IN THE COALMINE

Samantha Fletcher, Ph.D., MSW, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers - NYS Chapter

Tyler Fletcher

Benjamin Margolis, MD, Senior Psychiatrist and Staff Neurologist, Access: Supports for Living

Jeffery Sealy, Ph.D. Candidate, Director of Psychological Services, Mercy Home for Children

This session will present the lived experience of a Self-advocate who will tell his story of mental healthcare, with further reflections from a psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist who specialize in working with individuals with I/DD. Through this lens, we present the great potential for improvement across the board in healthcare delivery with a clarion call for fundamental cultural competency among anyone who interfaces with individuals with I/DD.

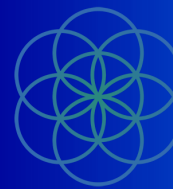
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3:50—4:50pm

SESSION #3 - SMILES UNITED: A VIRTUAL MODEL OF CARE

Raquel Rozdolski, DMD, Director of Anesthesia & Pain Control, Touro College of Dental Medicine at NY Medical College

Susan DiSenso-Browne, DDS, Director of Special Needs, Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine, Touro College of Dental Medicine

Smiles United is a virtual model of care aiming to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities overcome barriers to oral health care. The Touro College of Dental Medicine team aims to diminish the barriers to treatment by virtually connecting group homes and caregivers with their team of compassionate oral health care providers. The model of support, which is funded by grants from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), provides group homes and caregivers with educational video training modules that explain and demonstrate helpful techniques for maintaining the oral health of residents.

This project was supported, in part by grant number 1901NYSCDD, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201 through the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (NYS DDPC). Grantees undertaking projects with government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official ACL policy or the opinions, interpretation, or policy of the NYS DDPC.

4:55—6:10pm

SESSION #4 - SPASTICITY MANAGEMENT: A FOCUS ON ENHANCED FUNCTION, INCREASED INDEPENDENCE, AND PAIN RELIEF

Emmanoyil Vlepakis, MS, SLP, ADAPT Community Network

Brian Clayback, ATP, People First Mobility

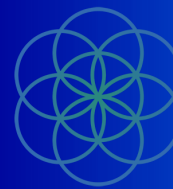
Lisa Passarelli, DPT, Physical Therapist, Elmwood Health Center

Jennifer Miller, MD, Physiatrist, Albany Medical Center

This multi-disciplinary team will provide an overview of the management of spasticity through a variety of means including adaptive equipment, positioning, therapeutic interventions, pharmacological treatments and surgical options. The team will share insights regarding the selection of an intervention or combination of interventions most appropriate for the patient. The impact of spasticity management on pain, swallowing, communication and mobility will be highlighted. Considerations related to contractures and skeletal development will also be shared. The presentation will feature strategies for maximizing patient function and reducing the need for caregiver supports and is relevant to a wide range of medical and clinical practitioners.

DAY 2 SCHEDULE

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7:00—8:30am

BREAKFAST is available in the main dining room for all conference participants

8:30—9:00am

SESSION #5 - KEYNOTE SESSION, DAY 2

Kimberly Hill Ridley, Chief Disability Officer, Office of Governor Kathy Hochul

This session will provide an overview of the new position of Chief Disability Officer in the Governor's office. The session will discuss the mission and vision for this position and current projects for the year ahead. Additionally, it will include information regarding what the CDO Office has been focusing on over the past 18 months and what it has accomplished in the areas of employment, home care, health care, emergency preparedness, housing, transportation, accessibility and ADA compliance across disability sectors, agency communications, and more. Information will also be provided on the dozens of stakeholder relationships that the CDO Office has created and the importance of the collaborations that now exist. In particular, this session will also include information regarding the work the CDO Office has already begun and hopes to continue within the medical field.

9:05—10:20am

SESSION #6 - NUTRITION & OBESITY IN INDIVIDUALS WITH I/DD

Jennifer Lindstrom, MD, Endocrinologist, Albany Medical Center

This session will discuss nutrition and obesity in individuals with I/DD. A focus on the concerns and difficulties in addressing these issues will also be discussed.

10:20—10:40am

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10:45—11:45am

SESSION #7 - WOMEN'S HEALTH

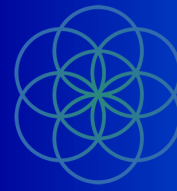
Grace Lau, MD, Gynecologist, NYU Initiative for Women with Disabilities

This session will discuss gynecological care to women with disabilities. Topics in women's health include menstruation, menopause, sexual function and contraception, pelvic pain, and breast health.

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11:45—12:55pm **LUNCH (provided)**

1:00—2:00pm **SESSION #8 - INNOVATIVE CLINIC MODELS**

***Maria Kansas, MD, FAAFP**, Chief Medical Officer, Center for Disability Services*

***Tiffany Pulcino, MD, MPH**, Medical Director of Complex Care Programs,
Rochester Regional Health*

This session explores our imagined practice model that would enhance access, education, sustainability and reduce cost in a challenging and competitive healthcare environment. Center Health Care, a division of the Center for Disability in Albany, New York is partnering with our local medical school, Albany Medical College and its health system, for specialty care providers and future provider education.

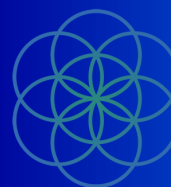
2:05—3:05pm **SESSION #9 - PALLIATIVE CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Kate Neubauer, MD**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, Albany Medical
Center*

This presentation will review what palliative and hospice care are. It will discuss the most common reasons patients with developmental disabilities would benefit from hospice care and how anyone can facilitate hospice referral.

3:05—3:15pm **WRAP-UP & EVALUATIONS**

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BRIAN CLAYBACK



Brian Clayback is a West Seneca, NY, native who has over 25 years of experience in the durable medical equipment field. He serves as the general manager of People First Mobility, which aims to be the go-to business for complex wheelchairs and a variety of other medical equipment needs. Brian has a bachelor's degree from Canisius College and serves on the board of the New York Medical Equipment Providers (NYMEP).



SUSAN DISENSEN-BROWNE, DDS

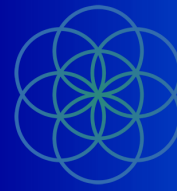


Dr. DiSenso-Browne is Director of Special Needs at Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) at New York Medical College (NYMC). She joined the college in the spring of its opening year as an instructor of gross anatomy and head and neck anatomy for the inaugural class. At the time, she was also practicing at the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD), an article 28 clinic dedicated to providing comprehensive and continued dental care to persons with disabilities and remains in close collaboration. With experience in dental care for patients with intellectual, developmental and acquired disabilities, she developed TCDM's special care dental education program and serves as Course Director of Oral Health Care for Patients with Special Needs Rotation, the result of Dr. DiSenso-Browne's collaborative efforts in establishing an affiliation between TCDM and WIHD. The rotation provides dental students a unique educational experience to work with individuals with developmental disabilities and their dental providers. Dr. DiSenso-Browne sits on the New York Academic Dental Centers (NYSADC) Fellowship Advisory Committee, where she assisted in developing the NYSADC Fellowship and Scholarship Programs to Address Oral Health Disparities, supporting a Fellow at each NYS dental school for training in special care dentistry. She is co-Director of the Special Needs Dentistry Fellowship at TCDM. She also is co-architect and manager of the TCDM Special Care Dentistry Continuing Education Series with support from NYS OPWDD Task Force on Special Dentistry, a free live webinar series for multidisciplinary guest speakers to lecture on various challenges and opportunities in the care of individuals with intellectual, developmental, and acquired disabilities.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities at TCDM, Dr. DiSenso-Browne is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Cell Biology & Anatomy in the School of Medicine at NYMC. Dr. DiSenso-Browne is licensed to practice in the state of New York.

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SAMANTHA FLETCHER, PhD, MSW & TYLER FLETCHER



Since entering the field of social work, Samantha “Sam” Fletcher, Ph.D., MSW, has served in a variety of positions. She was the project coordinator and senior research assistant for the New York State PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Statewide Veteran Peer Support Program evaluation. Then, she served as the Assistant Dean of Academic Programs in the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany where she worked with a diverse team to provide a quality education for social work students. Sam joined the National Association of Social Workers, New York State (NASW-NYS) chapter in September 2019. Along with her colleagues and volunteers, she has worked to create an inclusive chapter that is representative of social workers across the state. The team restructured the chapter’s advocacy structure that is now led by NASW-NYS members; increased continuing education opportunities; transformed the Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative to train thousands of social workers in New York about military culture; created the *This is Social Work* initiative; started multiple special interest groups; and developed multiple racial justice and LGBTQ+ initiatives designed to educate and transform the profession of social work.

Sam and her 22-year-old son, Tyler, have been training social workers as well as medical and mental health graduate students on the lived experience of people with developmental disorders and mental health challenges since 2014. Tyler was adopted at 10 days old. Throughout his life he has maintained a relationship with his birth family. Tyler graduated high school in 2019 and currently works at Stewarts. Tyler is enrolled in the OPWDD self-direction program. He has worked hard to implement a wellness plan that allows him to have a high quality of life while managing symptoms of autism and bi-polar. Part of Tyler’s wellness plan includes sharing his story with peers and providers.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER - DAY 1

RICK GUIDOTTI



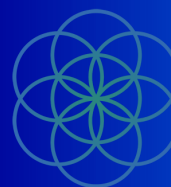
Rick Guidotti, an award winning photographer, worked in NYC, Milan, Paris and London for a variety of high profile clients including Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L’Oreal. His work has been published in newspapers, magazines and journals as diverse as GQ, People, the American Journal of Medical Genetics, The Lancet, Spirituality and Health, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly and LIFE Magazine.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER - DAY 2

KIMBERLY HILL RIDLEY



Kim was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as New York State's first-ever Chief Disability Officer (CDO) on February 14, 2022 - the same day that New York's Office of the Chief Disability Officer was created in law within the Executive Chamber, making it one of the first states in the country to establish such an office. Kim has been charged with advising the Governor and executive staff on policy and budgetary issues as they pertain to disability issues, serving as the state's ADA Coordinator and chairing New York's Most Integrated Services Coordinating Council, which is responsible for the state's Olmstead compliance.

As CDO, Kim and her team spend a significant amount of their time meeting with advocates, people with disabilities and their families, focusing on priority topics such as home care, employment, housing, accessibility and transportation and collaborating with state agencies to reduce the silos that exist within the many existing service delivery systems in New York State.

Prior to joining the Executive Chamber, Kim served as the Principal Analyst for the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on People with Disabilities, which focuses primarily on people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Previously, Kim served as Director of the Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities, which focused on issues pertaining primarily to people with physical and sensory disabilities.

Kim holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and resides in Latham, NY with her husband, Michael, and her two children, Michaela and Alex.



MARIA KANSAS, MD



Dr. Maria Kansas is the Chief Medical Officer for the Center for Disability Services in Albany. She is a board-certified Family Physician since 1989 and specializes in care for individuals and families across the lifespan. She is passionate about caring for the whole person and helping individuals maximize their physical and mental health. Since 2014, Dr. Kansas has brought that passion to the Center for Disability Services' Center Health Care where she serves patients with and without disabilities. Dr. Kansas credits serving individuals with developmental disabilities with teaching her new skills in communication, observation and medical care. Dr. Kansas grew up in the Capital Region graduating from Bethlehem Central High School, Union College in Schenectady and Albany Medical College.



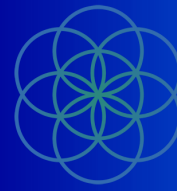
TIFFANY PULCINO, MD, MPH



Dr. Tiffany Pulcino, MD is an internal medicine specialist in Rochester, NY and has 19 years experience. They graduated from University of Kansas/School of Medicine. She is currently the Medical Director of Complex Care Programs at Rochester Regional Health.

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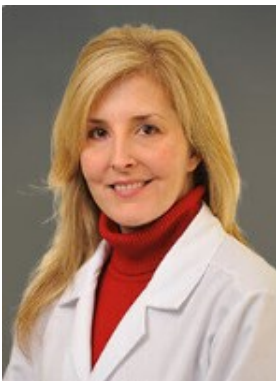
GRACE LAU, MD



Dr. Grace Lau is a board-certified gynecologist and assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York University Langone Medical Center. Dr. Lau has a special interest in medical education and clinical care for women with disabilities. She serves as a gynecologist in a multi-disciplinary clinic at the Initiative for Women with Disabilities at NYU and is a fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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JENNIFER LINDSTROM, MD



Dr. Jennifer Lindstrom is trained in both internal and pediatric medicine, with a special interest in clinical nutrition and obesity. She has previously conducted clinical research on childhood obesity and has an extensive background in lecturing on obesity management and bariatric medicine. She has a passion for teaching, education, and advocacy, having previously participated in international medical missions to supervise pre- and post-operative care for patients with cleft lips/palates in the Dominican Republic. She continues to work with an underserved population in the Capital Region of New York State.

She currently serves as the Medical Director of the Bariatric Surgery Center at Albany Medical Center, where she uses her 23+ years of experience to oversee the treatment of patients seeking bariatric surgery. Dr. Lindstrom and her team at AMC tackle clinical nutrition by assessing their patients' nutritional, psychological, and physical health in order to take a comprehensive approach to evaluating a patient's needs relating to achieving & maintaining a healthy weight long-term.

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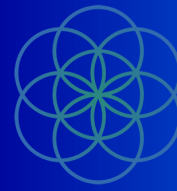
BENJAMIN MARGOLIS, MD



Benjamin Margolis, M.D. is board-certified in neurology and psychiatry, having completed the combined residency program at Brown University. He specializes in the neuropsychiatric care for adults with I/DD in the New York Hudson Valley. He attended medical school at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine after the postbaccalaureate premedical program at Columbia University and holds a BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He serves as a board member of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, as treasurer, and on the Special Olympics NY Advisory Committee for their Strong Minds Program.

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JENNIFER MILLER, MD



Jennifer Earle Miller, MD is a practicing Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician (physiatrist) at Albany Med and an active medical educator developing medical school curricula on disability. She cares for individuals with cerebral palsy and other diagnoses impacting mobility. She is Director of Albany Med's Multidisciplinary Spasticity Clinic. Dr Miller graduated from the combined BS/MD program at RPI and Albany Medical College and trained in her specialty at Harvard Medical School / Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. She lives in Clifton Park with her husband and sons.

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KATE NEUBAUER, MD



Dr. Kate Neubauer is a pediatric palliative medicine physician and hospitalist for children with medical complexity at Albany Medical Center. She works with patients from birth to early 20s facing life-shortening illnesses and chronic, complex health conditions. Dr. Neubauer also treats medically complex children and young adults at St. Margaret's Center, a skilled nursing facility in Albany.

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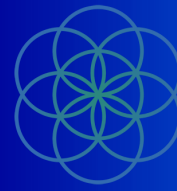
LISA PASSARELLI, DPT



Lisa Passarelli is the Equipment Clinic Coordinator at People Inc., where she excels as a physical therapist that conducts patient mobility and positioning assessments. She is also responsible for developing both their wheelchair clinic and adaptive equipment clinic. Her expertise includes being an Assistive Technology Professional and remains current in her industry as an active member of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). She attributes her continuing successes to her passion for helping people lead healthier, happier lives through analyzing the needs of consumers with disabilities, assisting in the selection of appropriate assistive technology for the consumers' needs, and providing training in the use of the selected devices. Her professional goals include continuing to grow the People Inc. practice to assist her community.

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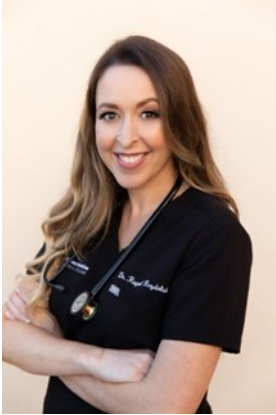
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RAQUEL ROZDOLSKI, DMD



Dr. Raquel Rozdolski is a board-certified dentist anesthesiologist. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine, the Director of Anesthesia and Pain Control and Co-Director of the Special Needs Dentistry Fellowship at the Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM). She also serves as the Course Director for Pain and Anxiety Control and guest lectures in a number of courses at TCDM, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of pain management and medical emergency prevention and management. Additionally, Dr. Rozdolski provides CE lectures to TCDM's faculty and staff on medical emergencies in the dental setting.

Dr. Rozdolski is incredibly active and passionate about organized dentistry and currently serves as the regional Chair of the NYS Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry Committee and serves on the NYS Medicaid Committee. At a local level, she serves on the Board of Governors for the Ninth District Dental Association and is a Delegate for the Ninth District. She is an active member on the OPWDD Task Force for Special Dentistry in NYS. Deeply passionate about bridging the gap in access to care faced by those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), Dr. Rozdolski spearheaded the Smiles United project at TCDM, an innovative virtual model of care which aims to diminish the barriers to treatment individuals with IDD face in their access to care.



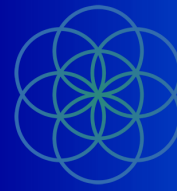
JEFFERY SEALY, MBA/HCM, PhD CANDIDATE



"We make a living by what we get, but we shape our lives by what we give." This quote by Winston Churchill is a phrase that promotes the power of purpose rather than position. Dr. Jeffery Sealy is currently the Director of Psychological Services at Mercy Home. He has worked with people with Intellectual Disabilities for the past 19 years, starting as a direct support professional and now as an administrator. Jeffery has conducted and participated in numerous workshops educating the community about mental health, mental illness, psychiatric disorders, behavior interventions, and intellectual disabilities. He has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from SUNY Old Westbury, a Master's degree in Healthcare Management from the University of Phoenix, and a Doctorate in General Psychology from Capella University. He has been trained as a Council of Quality Leadership (CQL) interviewer, OPWDD Investigator, Positive Behavior Support Trainer, and certified in Mental Health First Aid, a John C. Maxwell Leadership Coach, and in Autism from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). Jeffery is a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE), the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA), the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA), and other fraternal organizations while holding leadership positions, where he has conducted workshops and symposiums on stress management and coping techniques in dealing with the pandemic. He has also published a dissertation on the first responder experience in crisis intervention. Jeffery is also the owner and chief consultant of Psychconnect, LLC, a company that promotes mental health and intellectual disability awareness. He has also published articles on challenging behaviors and interventions.

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VINCENT SIASOCO, MD, MBA



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Emmanoyil Vlepakis is a NYS licensed and ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathologist with over 20 years of clinical experience.

He has contracted with several OPWDD affiliated adult day programs and Article 16 clinics including ADAPT Community Network, (*formally known as UCP of NYC*). Emmanoyil is responsible for assessment and treatment of speech, language and swallowing disorders.

He oversees and manages individuals with dysphagia at various adult day programs/residences in order to ensure the safest mealtime environment. Additionally, he is responsible for training of all new staff on choking prevention and food preparation guidelines as mandated by the OPWDD, as well as training staff on mealtime/feeding protocols. Emmanoyil is a DOH approved, early interventionist and a partner/operator of Compassion Therapeutics OT, PT, SLP based in Nassau County; providing rehab to adult populations throughout the Bronx, Queens, and Nassau County. He completed his Clinical Fellowship Year with Veteran Affairs and worked with veterans at both the Brooklyn VA and St. Albans VA in acute care and long-term care rehab. settings. At the VA, Emmanoyil completed an extensive number of hours performing modified barium swallow studies, FEES and FEESST. Emmanoyil lives in Nassau County and is an active community volunteer with the Albertson Square Civic Association.