

Department of Neonatology

Accomplishments



Cicely Fadel, MD, who in addition to her BIDMC role, is also a Newborn Health Senior Program Officer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, presented at the foundation's Goalkeepers event in September. The event brought together world leaders, influential changemakers, inspiring speakers and performers and highlights progress towards the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals) aimed at ending poverty, fighting inequality and injustice, and fixing climate change by 2030. Dr. Fadel's presentation demonstrated innovations in the administration of surfactant medication through a CPAP machine to improve the inflation of premature babies' lungs that can be performed with minimal training in resource poor countries.

To watch her presentation (with a cameo from Bill Gates to show how easy the new equipment is to use) click this link: [How to help newborn babies struggling to breathe - YouTube](#)

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Yarden Fraiman, MD, MPH, received the 2023 Harvard Medical School Equity Social Justice and Advocacy Award. In a highly competitive selection process, Dr. Fraiman was one of three HMS faculty recognized for their commitment to advancing equity, social justice, and advocacy, and whose efforts have demonstrated specific contributions toward this work.

Dr. Fraiman also received this year's BIDMC Center for Healthcare Delivery Science Innovation Grant. In this work, he will be collaborating with obstetric colleague, Elysia Larson, and L&D nursing leadership to utilize the Healthcare Racial Justice Assessment Tool (HC-RJAT) tool developed for the NICU JUST babies subcommittee. The aim is to use implementation science methodology to expand this work to the Labor and Delivery Service and measure adaptation, acceptability, feasibility, penetration, and impact.

Kristyn Beam, MD, has been accepted as one of 16 participants for the 2023-2024 BILH Physician Leadership Program (PLP). In addition to her substantial leadership in clinical care and in the emerging area of artificial intelligence, Dr. Beam has been instrumental in promoting faculty development and fostering a culture of continuous learning within the Department of Neonatology. During the last year Kristyn worked with Dara Brodsky to create and oversee a novel faculty development program, leading monthly modules and small groups to discuss academic career challenges and encourage self-learning and success within the department.

As a participant in the PLP, over the coming year Kristyn will further develop her leadership skills through individual leadership assessments, group workshops, 1:1 coaching, and project work.