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Rose Johnson was born in Long Branch, New Jersey to bilingual parents who spoke Italian and English. Her interests in health disparities and inequities started in early adulthood with the local Hispanic community. After participating in a hand surgery relief effort, she started a non-profit to raise funding for the transfer of surgical materials to the Hospital Escuela Universitario in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Rose Johnson started working at BIDMC in 2017 after the completion of her third year of medical school. Her non-traditional background and training in public health and Spanish allowed her to contribute using a unique, pluralistic perspective. Her commitment to disparities work continues at BIDMC as she is currently working on a collaborative study with the HEU to evaluate the incidence, personal and societal impact of machete injuries in Honduras with the aim of improving preventative efforts while optimizing reconstructive management. An additional goal of this research is to establish a nationwide care network for these injuries. A central framework of her research is to identify, evaluate, and improve oral, printed, and online health communication and materials across language barriers.



"I am humbled by the abundance of knowledge and experience that the BIDMC community offers. My work reflects the unwavering guidance and personal support of my mentors. A continuing thread in my life has been a commitment to better understand and eliminate barriers to accessing care – linguistic, structural, economic and systematic. I refuse to believe we cannot do better."

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