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Dr. Yuri Agrawal is Associate Professor of Otology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Her clinical practice is focused on the medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the ear and skull base, and includes procedures such as cochlear implant and acoustic neuroma surgery. Dr. Agrawal’s research is focused on the vestibular (inner ear balance system) and aging, and the sequelae of age-related vestibular loss including falls and cognitive decline. Dr. Agrawal is currently funded by a K23 award to study the physiologic changes in vestibular function that occur with aging, and by an R03 award to study vestibular loss and hippocampal structure in older adults. Dr. Agrawal is also a Co-Investigator on a large, multi-center clinical trial on falls prevention funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Dr. Agrawal has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles, and has mentored over 15 post-docs, graduate and medical students and other trainees in her research lab.

Dr. Agrawal is the founder and Co-Medical Director of the Hopkins Multidisciplinary Falls Clinic, which sees ~50 patients per year and includes a trained physical and occupational therapist and consultant physicians from diverse specialties. She chairs her Department’s Professionalism Committee, and is the Associate Program Director of the Neurotology Fellowship. At the national level, Dr. Agrawal is a member of the Education Committee of the American Neurotology Society, and was awarded a Career Development Award in 2012 from the American Otological Society. She is a member of the International Classification of Vestibular Diseases Committee which makes recommendations to the WHO International Classification of Diseases.

Prior to joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 2012, Dr. Agrawal completed her undergraduate studies at Harvard University, medical degree at Yale School of Medicine, residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Neurotology fellowship at Johns Hopkins, followed by a Masters of Public Health from the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Agrawal provides service to the Baltimore community as a Board Member of the House of Ruth Maryland.
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Dr. Jody Hooper is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology. She is the Director of the Legacy Gift Rapid Autopsy Program at Johns Hopkins as well as Director of the Autopsy Service and also serves as the Deputy Director for Quality, Safety, and Service for the Department of Pathology. She was recruited in 2014 specifically as an autopsy pathologist, and she has expertise in anatomic pathology, with a particular interest in rapid autopsy as a tool for cancer research. She received her M.D. from George Washington University and before Pathology training (at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles), she completed five years of service in the United States Navy in a Surgery internship, aboard the USS Comstock where she gained experience as Medical Department head, and at the Naval Air Station in Coronado. She is the creator and former Director of the Legacy Gift Rapid Autopsy Program at Oregon Health & Science University and was an Assistant Professor of Pathology there until relocating to Johns Hopkins. Dr Hooper is also an experienced surgical pathologist and expert in gastrointestinal and liver pathology. Her research focuses on autopsy practice and technique and pre-analytical factors affecting utility of postmortem biospecimens.
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Dr. Deanna Kerrigan is an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has been engaged in public health intervention research with a focus on the study of social and structural factors influencing the adoption of health-promoting behaviors related to HIV prevention and care since 1995. A significant portion of her research has focused on evaluating the role and impact of environmental-structural factors related to HIV outcomes among marginalized groups, including female sex workers, people living with HIV and disadvantaged youth. She recently directed a large-scale, global HIV prevention operations research portfolio funded by USAID, Project Search: Research to Prevention (R2P). She is the Co-Director of the Prevention Core of the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). Her current work focuses on Tanzania, the Dominican Republic, Brazil and Baltimore. She previously served as a Program Officer in the area of Sexuality, Reproductive Health and Rights for the Ford Foundation in Brazil.
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Kate O’Brien, Professor in the Department of International Health and Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), is a pediatric infectious disease physician, epidemiologist and vaccinologist who earned her M.D. at McGill University and her MPH at Johns Hopkins University. Her work domestically and globally has focused on vaccine preventable childhood illnesses including surveillance, epidemiology, and vaccine clinical trials of pneumococcal disease; rotavirus; *Haemophilus influenzae* type b; respiratory syncytial virus and influenza vaccines. She has worked extensively in Africa and Asia, partnering with local scientists to develop rigorous scientific evidence and bring it into the vaccine policy arena, thereby accelerating the use and access to life-saving vaccines for children living in low resource countries and settings.

Her current projects include serving as the principal investigator of the PERCH study, the most comprehensive study of pneumonia etiology among children, conducted in 7 countries in Africa and Asia. She is also leading studies and policy work on new pneumococcal vaccines, optimizing vaccine coverage (comparative study of methods to measure coverage in Pakistan; RCT of conditional cash transfers and text message reminders in Kenya; validating vaccine coverage through serosurveillance), optimizing the approach to pneumococcal vaccine (technical coordination lead for WHO, systematic review of schedule options), supporting rotavirus vaccine introduction in Africa and Asia, measuring the impact of PCV in the routine immunization schedule of Nepal and South Africa, and supporting the Gavi (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization) in its efforts to accelerate new vaccine uptake and optimal use among the world’s poorest countries.

She has been honored with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary’s Distinguished Service Award, the Sabin Vaccine Institute Young Investigator Award, the U.S. Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering (PECASE), and has been inducted into the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame. She serves as a member of the World Health Organization Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization, which sets global policy on vaccines and immunizations.
Monica S. Pearl, MD, DABR is an Associate Professor of Radiology in the Division of Interventional Neuroradiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She earned her medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine and completed her residency in Diagnostic Radiology at George Washington University followed by fellowships in Diagnostic Neuroradiology and Interventional Neuroradiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. Pearl is the Director of the Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology Fellowship, Director of Faculty Experience for the Department of Radiology, and the Director of Pediatric Neurointervention at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Her clinical interests include the diagnosis and treatment of adult and pediatric neurovascular diseases, as well as radiation dose reduction strategies, and innovative endovascular therapies for adult and pediatric tumors of the head, neck, and spine.

Dr. Pearl is a translational researcher, exploring novel methods of intra-arterial drug delivery to the central nervous system. She is the PI for two active clinical trials: Intra-arterial Chemotherapy for the Treatment of Progressive Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Gliomas (DIPG) NCT01688401; and Intra-arterial Chemotherapy for the Treatment of Intraocular Retinoblastoma, NCT01293539. She is the recipient of numerous awards to support her clinical and basic science efforts from diverse sources: The Foundation of the American Society of Neuroradiology, Scholar Award in Neuroradiology Research; Solving Kids’ Cancer; Children’s National Medical Center, Children’s Research Institute; Johns Hopkins Medicine Synergy Discovery Award; and most recently, an NIH R21 award.

She is currently working on creating a Neurointerventional-MRI platform to utilize the inherent strengths of each modality with the ultimate goal of improving drug delivery to the brain and altering outcomes for children with inoperable, fatal brain tumors.
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Maria Portuondo is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of the History of Science and Technology in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. She has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Miami (FL) and worked in electronics manufacturing and computer design for twelve years. As Vice-president of Engineering at a startup corporation she was awarded over 25 US and international design and utility patents. In 1999 she left the computer industry and began work on a PhD in History of Science and Technology at Johns Hopkins. After graduating in 2005 she took a position at the University of Florida (Gainesville) as a tenure-track assistant professor. In 2009 she published her first book based on the dissertation work, *Secret Science: Spanish Cosmography and the New World* (Chicago). The next year it was awarded the John E. Fagg Prize from the American Historical Association recognizing a book on the history of Spain, Latin America or Portugal. Since 2008 she has been at her home department in JHU, earning tenure in 2012. She is currently finishing a book-length monograph on a Spanish polymath of the 16th century and transitioning to a new project on the history of early modern science and technology in the Americas.
Dr. Sadowsky is founder and Clinical Director of the ICSCI at KKI, a program built on the philosophy that functional restoration is possible for a long time after an injury, utilizing structured medico-rehabilitative interventions through activity based restorative therapies (ABRT). She is Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (JHSOM) in Baltimore. She serves as a section editor for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Reports and is a recurrent invited reviewer peer reviewed journals like American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development, Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine, Translational Research. She is a recurrent reviewer for several government and privately funded competitive grant awards for spinal cord injury related research. Dr. Sadowsky has organized numerous courses and seminars, and has been invited to lecture in different universities, and at national and international meetings such as the American Academy of PM&R, American Spinal Cord Injury Association, International Spinal Cord Society, Rare Neuro-immunologic Disorders Symposium, Pediatric Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Conference, Working to Walk Symposium, National Neurotrauma Society. Dr. Sadowsky’s research interests’ center on prevention of complications in patients with paralysis and the efficacy of ABRT in helping individuals with long-term spinal cord injury and paralysis recover sensation, movement and independence. She has published several manuscripts in highly regarded peer reviewed journals and chapters in prominent specialty books.
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As Director of Brain Injury Rehabilitation Programs at Kennedy Krieger, Dr. Suskauer oversees clinical services and provides direct care to children with acquired brain injury of all severities. Under her leadership, the Institute’s Rehabilitation Continuum of Care has expanded to include thriving programs for children with concussions and those with disorders of consciousness.

As Director of the Brain Injury Clinical Research Center at Kennedy Krieger, Dr. Suskauer is the principal investigator on a number of studies. Her research focus is to better understand and improve outcomes after childhood brain injury. She is currently working towards identifying neuroimaging and behavioral biomarkers to assess and understand recovery and long-term outcome. This work will set the stage for trialing interventions to improve outcome after pediatric brain injury.
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Dr. Taylor is currently working on projects on informed consent and central IRBs as well as projects related to the willingness of local health department staff to respond during an emergency and MDR-TB in Southern Africa. In the past she has worked on the recruitment of women, minorities and children in clinical research, the delivery of ancillary care to those participating in public health research and the role of the study partner in the conduct of research with patients with dementia.

Dr. Taylor has served on the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) of the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as well as IRBs in the public and private sector. She is the Director of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research – Research Ethics Consultation Service. Dr. Taylor is the Director of the PhD Program in Bioethics and Health Policy in HPM, leads the Bioethics and Public Health Policy Certificate Program and teaches a course – Ethical Issues in Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care.

Dr. Taylor received her BA from Stanford University, her MPH from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan and her PhD in health policy with a concentration in bioethics from the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Before pursuing her doctoral degree, Dr. Taylor was selected as a Presidential Management Intern in the Department of Health and Human Services and spent two years rotating through AIDS related policy positions at the National AIDS Program Office, National Commission on AIDS, the San Mateo County Health Department and the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. After completing her internship, Dr. Taylor spent two years as Special Assistant to the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.
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