

URJ Camps - COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team

The URJ Camping system has always placed the health and safety of our camp communities at the forefront of our work. As we navigate COVID-19, we have relied upon the wise counsel of five outstanding medical professionals, all of whom are deeply connected with and committed to the success of our camping movement. By their own description, they feel it is their moral imperative to ensure the safe reopening of all our camps this summer. We will continue to follow the science, and follow their recommendations around vaccinations, pre-camp isolation, testing, travel, medical protocols during the summer, and mitigation of virus spread. Meet our team.



Dr. Rich Feifer is president of Genesis Physician Services and chief medical officer at Genesis Health Care, the nation's largest post-acute care provider. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rich co-led the enterprise-wide response. A graduate of Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Rich is a board-certified internist with experience in population health, primary care, and urgent care medicine. He received his Master of Public Health degree in Health Services Management from Columbia University and is currently an assistant clinical professor at the University of Connecticut. Rich and his wife, Marianne, live in the Hartford suburb of Simsbury, Connecticut, where they are active members of the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation. Their kids, Deborah and Sam, spent many summers at Eisner Camp, both as campers and counselors. Rich proudly serves on the Eisner and Crane Lake Advisory Board



Dr. Ken Heinrich received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago, IL, and completed his emergency medicine residency program at the University of Illinois. A board-certified emergency physician, Dr. Heinrich serves as senior vice president and group medical officer for SCP Health, a national health-care management company. Dr. Heinrich has worked in clinical and leadership capacities in many emergency departments across the country. Prior to attending medical school, Ken was the assistant director of Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, WI and NFTY regional director for the Chicago and Northern Regions. Dr. Heinrich was a camper and staff member at OSRUI for over a dozen summers and now serves as medical director for the camp. He is also on the board of governors for Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI). Dr. Heinrich enjoys outdoor activities, sports, and travel. Ken lives in the Chicago area with his wife and three children.





Dr. Mary King is the medical director of the Pediatric Trauma Intensive Care Unit at Harborview Medical Center and an attending physician at both Harborview and Seattle Children’s Hospital. She completed her residency and fellowship training at Seattle Children’s Hospital and earned her Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. King has worked to create a new primary pediatric intensivist service at Harborview that serves as a multi-disciplinary ICU service for children with traumatic diseases. She is focused on improving the intersection between pediatric critical care and community with a special interest in improving pediatric trauma systems and outcomes as well as pediatric disaster preparedness. She serves as a vital liaison to the King County Healthcare Coalition and is actively engaged in improving regional access to pediatric disaster resources. Mary serves as camp doctor and camp mom to the Camp Kalsman community.



Dr. Davia Loren has been serving as the medical director of URJ Camp Kalsman since 2006 and as the medical liaison for the URJ-NFTY USA Camping System since 2016. She is an associate professor of medicine at the University of Washington in the Department of Pediatrics. She maintains board certifications in both General Pediatrics and Neonatology and attends in Newborn ICUs around the Puget Sound area. Her academic interests include: fostering transparency in communications with families, enhancing team performance and operational safety, and supporting parental self-efficacy in the NICU. She is a passionate advocate and ally for gender diversity education and inclusion. Dr. Loren helped develop Camp Kalsman’s gender inclusion program and has presented that work at JCamp180. Dr. Loren also serves on the URJ North American Board and is a member of their Trustees Committee. Davia is deeply connected to the Camp Kalsman community.



Dr. Ed Septimus received his medical degree and postgraduate training in internal medicine and infectious diseases from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Septimus is board-certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. He was vice president of research and infectious diseases at HCA Healthcare until 2018. Prior to HCA, he was the medical director of infectious diseases and occupational health for Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. He has served on the board of directors of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA). He is on the FDA Anti-Infective Drug Advisory Group and is co-chair of the NQF Patient Safety Steering Committee. He holds faculty positions as an adjunct professor at Texas A&M College of Medicine, a senior lecturer in the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and professor, distinguished senior fellow, at the School of Public Health at George Mason University. Ed has been a beloved part of the Greene Family Camp community for decades.

