

URJ Medical Advisory Team (MAT)

The URJ has always placed the health and safety of our camp and program communities at the center of our work. We appreciate the wise counsel of the six outstanding members of this group, all of whom are deeply connected with and committed to the success of our movement, and our youth programs and experiences. The MAT is an advisory body to the URJ staff and program leaders and does not create or enforce protocols. We are grateful for their expert public health leadership and advice. Meet our team:



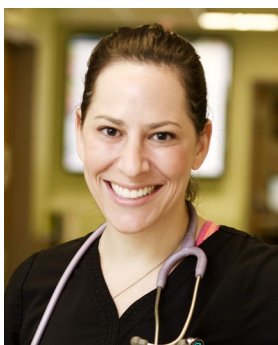
Dr. Rich Feifer is president of Genesis Physician Services and chief medical officer at Genesis Health Care, the nation's largest post-acute care provider. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rich co-led the enterprise-wide response. A graduate of Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania School 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 on faculty 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. Sarah Gard Lazarus, is a pediatric emergency medicine physician with Pediatric Emergency Medicine Associates (PEMA). After pediatric residency and pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at Emory University, she has focused on injury prevention, and is a founding member of Children's Injury Prevention Program (CHIPP). She is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the AAP Council on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention, the co-chair of Safe Sleep for the Georgia chapter of the AAP, and content expert on water and sleep safety for Strong4Life at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She has been the medical director at URJ Camp Coleman since 2022 and is a member of the board of trustees for both Temple Sinai and Springmont Montessori. She also reviews articles for BabyCenter and teaches Pediatric Advanced Life Support. In addition to her volunteer and research interests, she works full time in pediatric emergency rooms at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and WellStar hospitals. Sarah lives in Dunwoody, Georgia with her husband and twin sons.



Dr. Davia Loren has been supporting the URJ Summer Camps Programs for over 15 years, serving as: the medical director of URJ Camp Kalsman from 2006-2022; the medical liaison for the URJ-NFTY USA Camping System from 2016-2019, and; a member of the Medical Advisory Team since its inception in 2020. She is an associate professor of medicine at the University of Washington in the Department of Pediatrics. She is board certified in General Pediatrics and practices at Seattle Children's Hospital in the Division of Adolescent Medicine. She is a passionate advocate and ally for gender diverse youth and teens. Her academic interests include health equity education and advocacy to support improved health care for the LGBTQ+ community. Dr. Loren also serves on the URJ North American Board, the board of Keshet, and is a member of the URJ-RAC Commission on Social Action. Davia is deeply connected to the Camp Kalsman community. She has three children - two of whom have been campers at Camp Kalsman - and lives in Seattle with her wife, Jane.