



Dear Einstein Community:

After an extensive national search, we are very pleased to announce that Jessica Kahn, M.D., M.P.H., has agreed to join Einstein as our new senior associate dean for clinical and translational research and director of the Block Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. She currently serves as co-director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training (CCTST) and professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati and as the founding associate chair of academic affairs and career development at Cincinnati Children's. Dr. Kahn, who emerged as the clear leading candidate during the search process, will begin her new role at Einstein on October 21.

In addition to her current positions, Dr. Kahn has held several other research and academic leadership roles throughout her career. She was principal investigator (PI) of a program that funded 10 U.S. research projects to improve adolescent vaccination, administered through the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM), and served on the Community Practice Leadership Group and the Therapeutic Leadership Group of the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions. She also previously served as the Joseph L. Rauh Chair and director of the division of adolescent and transition medicine and as the research integrity officer at Cincinnati Children's.



Dr. Kahn's research, which has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for over 20 years, focuses on decreasing morbidity and mortality from human papillomavirus (HPV)-associated cancers. Her studies have investigated: attitudes about HPV vaccination among adolescents, parents, and clinicians; clinician recommendations and adolescent uptake of HPV vaccines; epidemiology and risk factors for HPV in adolescents; immunogenicity and efficacy of HPV vaccines in HIV-infected young women and men; the epidemiologic impact of HPV vaccine introduction in communities; and the use of new technologies to improve HPV vaccine uptake.

As an internationally recognized leader in the field, Dr. Kahn has served on the World Health Organization's (WHO) HPV Vaccine Advisory Committee, which created guidance for HPV vaccine implementation globally, and on the WHO Technical Advisory Group for health promotion and health education for cervical cancer prevention and control. She spearheaded the development of and facilitated a global HPV vaccine community of practice, an initiative funded by the WHO. She serves on the International Pediatric Association's Committee on Immunization, leading a subgroup to improve global HPV vaccine uptake. She received SAHM's Outstanding Achievement in Adolescent Health and Medicine Award earlier this year.

Dr. Kahn previously served on the steering committee of the National Network for Immunization Information; the Pertussis Vaccine Working Group of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; the National Advisory Board of the Adolescent and Young Adult Health National Resource Center; and the HPV Vaccine Working Group of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. She also has been deeply involved with her national professional organization, SAHM, serving on its board of directors for 10 years, as SAHM president and chief executive officer, and now as president of the Past Presidents Council.

Dr. Kahn received her M.D. from Harvard Medical School and M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed a residency and chief residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in adolescent and young adult medicine at Boston Children's Hospital before joining Cincinnati Children's and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Kahn to the Einstein community.

Warm Regards,

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