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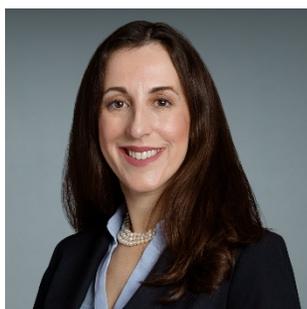
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### New York State Consortium on Long COVID

Thursday, February 3, 2022 | 8:45am – 2:30pm

#### Panelist Bios

##### Panel 1: Research (9:00am – 10:30am)



**Jennifer Frontera, MD**, is a professor in the Department of Neurology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and specializes in vascular neurology and neurocritical care. She graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and completed her neurology residency as well as neurocritical care fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. Her research centers on outcomes among patients with subarachnoid and intracranial hemorrhage, with a recent focus on the neurological impact of COVID-19. She is a member of the World Health Organization Brain Health Neurology and COVID-19 Forum, which seeks to advance knowledge and care of COVID-19 patients with neurological disorders.



**Mady Hornig, MA, MD**, is a physician-scientist and associate professor of epidemiology at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. A College Scholar throughout her AB work at Cornell University, she completed an MA in psychology from the New School for Social Research, an MD from The Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel), psychiatry residency and an NIH research fellowship in Neuropsychopharmacology. Her translational research focuses on how the gut microbiome-immune-brain axis, infection and timing of exposure may influence development of a broad range of neuroimmune conditions, including autism, ADHD, mood and anxiety disorders and mild cognitive impairment/dementia. With the support of NIH, the Hutchins Family Foundation/Chronic Fatigue Initiative, the Korein Family Foundation and other funding organizations, her work is uncovering biomarkers underlying disabling diseases such as ME/CFS, one of the potential sequelae of infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Her current research trajectory examining risk factors for Long COVID and the potential overlap between Long COVID and ME/CFS builds on these prior investigations and has been further deepened by her own 22-month journey as a Long COVID patient.



**Lawrence Purpura, MD, MPH & TM**, is an instructor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at New York Presbyterian (NYP)-Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC). He graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine where he also completed his residency in internal medicine. Afterwards, he was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where work with Ebola survivors in Liberia led to his interest in post-viral sequelae. He then completed his fellowship in infectious disease at NYP-Columbia University Irving Medical Center. His research centers on applied

epidemiology and outbreak response to various infectious diseases ranging from HIV, to Ebola, to post-acute sequelae of COVID-19. He co-leads the COVID-19 Persistence and Immunology Cohort (C-PIC) at Convalescence and leads a long COVID clinic within the Division of Infectious Diseases at NYP-Columbia University Irving Medical Center.



**Akiko Iwasaki, PhD**, is the Waldemar Von Zedtwitz Professor of Immunobiology and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at Yale University, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She received her PhD from the University of Toronto in Canada and her postdoctoral training from the National Institutes of Health. Her research focuses on the mechanisms of immune defense against viruses at the mucosal surfaces. She is the Lead Investigator of the Yale COVID-19 Recovery Study, which aims to determine the changes in immune response of people with long COVID after vaccination. Dr. Iwasaki also leads multiple other studies to interrogate the pathobiology of long COVID, both in patients and using animal

models.



**Michael H. Roehrl, M.D., Ph.D.**, is a physician-scientist, clinically practicing academic pathologist, and director of the Precision Pathology Center at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He graduated from TUM Medical School in Munich, Germany, and received his Ph.D. in biological chemistry from Harvard University. He completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and is board certified in Anatomic Pathology, Laboratory Medicine, and Clinical Informatics. His research lab studies new biomarkers

using integrated proteogenomic approaches. His recent research includes studying the potential autoimmune causes of long COVID and the development of novel proteome-based diagnostic assays. He is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology at Weill Cornell Medicine and the Graduate School of Medical Sciences. He is chair of the pathology pillar of the Human Proteome Organization and the Human Proteome Project.

**Panel moderated by:**



**Eli Rosenberg, PhD**, is Deputy Director for Science, in the Office of Public Health, at the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). He received his PhD in Epidemiology from the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and is an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Albany. Dr. Rosenberg helps to coordinate the scientific program of the Office of Public Health and priority applied public health research. His academic research has

focused on studies to address public health challenges in HIV, sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis, drug-user health, and emerging infectious diseases including COVID-19.

**Panel 2: Clinical Care (11:00am – 12:30pm)**



**Benjamin Abramoff, MD, MS**, is the director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program and the assistant professor of Clinical Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Penn Medicine. He graduated from Ohio State University College of Medicine, completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Emory University, and completed his fellowship in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine at Northwestern University. He is the director of Penn Medicine's Post-COVID Assessment and Recovery Clinic and leads the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's Multi-Disciplinary PASC Collaborative.



**Abigail Chua, MD, MPH**, is a clinical assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine at Stony Brook University Hospital. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and completed her internal medicine residency as well as her pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center. She has worked as a guideline methodologist with the American Thoracic Society and served on their task force for COVID-19. She is a pulmonary medicine expert on the Post-COVID Clinic team at Stony Brook Medicine.



**John Baratta, MD, MBA**, is a clinical assistant professor and medical director of stroke rehabilitation in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He graduated from Wake Forest University and completed his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at University of North Carolina Hospitals. He is the founder and co-director of UNC's COVID Recovery Clinic, implementing multidisciplinary approaches to long COVID patient care.



**Ixsy Ramirez MD, MPH** is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan Medical School and is a faculty member in the Pediatric Post-COVID Syndrome Clinic at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Dr. Ramirez has interests in aerodigestive diseases in children and exercise induced asthma diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Ramirez completed her fellowship training at the University of Michigan.



**Sharagim Kemp, DO**, is a family medicine physician at Nuvance Health in Rhinebeck, New York. She graduated from Kansas City University and completed her residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She is the medical director of Nuvance Health's COVID Recovery Program, which has facilities in Rhinebeck, New York and Norwalk, Connecticut. She is also core clinical faculty for Nuvance Health Family Medicine Residency as well as lead physician for Rhinebeck Primary Care.



**Zijian Chen, MD**, received his medical training at Stony Brook University Medical Center. He then started his internship and residency at St. Vincent's Medical Center. He completed his residency training at Montefiore Medical Center and then served as a post-doc research fellow at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. While there, he specialized in in-vivo glucose clamp procedures and insulin secretion mechanics. Dr. Chen then completed his fellowship in Endocrinology at Beth Israel Medical Center, graduating in 2014.

Dr. Chen is site director for Mount Sinai Beth Israel Division of Endocrinology and currently serves as Medical Director for Ambulatory Specialties as well as the Center for Post Covid Care.



**Sarah J. Ryan, MD**, is an assistant professor of general medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and specializes in primary care and preventative medicine. She graduated from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, completed her internal medicine residency at the Georgetown/Washington Hospital Center, and completed her fellowship in adolescent medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. She is a member of the Columbia Hypertension Center, a multi-disciplinary center of excellence that provides high-quality care and state-of-the-art diagnostic testing for patients with hypertension. In her practice, she cares for patients with a wide spectrum of diseases, including those with long COVID.

**Panel moderated by:**

**Emily Lutterloh, MD, MPH**, attended Indiana University School of Medicine. She completed a combined internal medicine-pediatrics residency in Phoenix, AZ and then an infectious disease fellowship at Brown University and an MPH at Johns Hopkins. She is Board certified in infectious disease and pediatric infectious disease. She was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before joining the New York State Department of Health in 2010, where she currently works as the Director of the Division of Epidemiology.

### Panel 3: Policy/Functional Outcomes (1:00pm – 2:30pm)



**Diana Berrent** is the founder of Survivor Corps, a grassroots movement educating and mobilizing COVID-19 survivors and connecting them with the medical, scientific, and academic research community. She was one of the first people in her area to test positive for COVID-19. While scrambling to get medical information and testing, she became an advocate and activist for herself and others. Now, Survivor Corps has expanded into a community of more than 200,000 people with long COVID and works to advocate for and connect patients to treatment, support clinical studies, and develop diagnostic standards for long COVID.



**Jasmine Harris** is a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law. She graduated from Yale Law School and has worked in both private and public interest law. She is a law and inequality legal scholar with expertise in disability law, antidiscrimination law, and evidence. Her work seeks to address the relationship between law and equality through consulting with federal and state lawmakers and legal advocates on issues of legislative and policy reforms related to disability laws, including the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on long COVID.



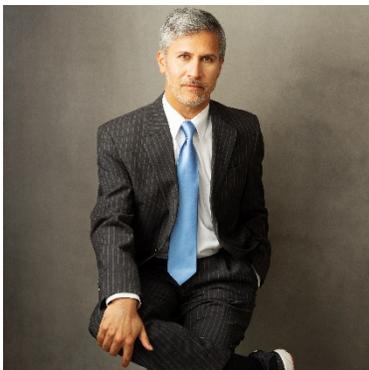
**David Putrino, PT, PhD**, is a physical therapist with a PhD in Neuroscience. He is currently the Director of Rehabilitation Innovation for the Mount Sinai Health System, and an Associate Professor of Rehabilitation and Human Performance at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He develops innovative rehabilitation solutions for adults and children in need of better healthcare accessibility, and in 2019, he was named "Global Australian of the Year" for his contributions to healthcare. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, David has been recognized globally as a leading expert in the assessment, treatment and underlying physiology of Long COVID. His team has managed the care of almost 2000 people with Long COVID and published multiple peer-reviewed scientific papers on the topic.



**Monica Lypson, MD, MHPE**, is the Vice Dean for Education at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is also the Rolf H. Scholdager Professor of Medicine. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Her research interests include resident assessment, historical and contemporary trends in medical education, academic leadership and the under representation of minorities in academic medicine. She is the co-founder and former co-director of the COVID-19 Recovery Clinic at the George Washington University.



**Vincent Marchello, MD**, is the Chief Medical Officer of Fidelis Care. He is Assistant Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate School of Medicine. Dr. Marchello completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Bronx Veterans Administration Medical Center, followed by a two year fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine under Dr. Robert Butler. Dr. Marchello is board-certified in Geriatric Medicine of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABMS), and a Certified Medical Director by the American Medical Directors Association. He is also a Certified Health Insurance Executive (CHIE) having completed a year-long course sponsored by Northwestern University (Chicago) and the American Health Insurance Program (AHIP). He previously served as the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at Brooklyn-based Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS)/Elderplan.



**Sanjiv Shah, MD**, is the Chief Medical Officer of MetroPlus Health. He graduated from the University of Nottingham School of Medicine in the UK, completed his residency at Mount Sinai, and completed his fellowship in infectious diseases at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center. He has over 20 years of experience as a physician leader, managed care executive, and infectious disease specialist.



**Karen Costley-Hoke, MD, MPH**, is a Board-Certified Internist with over 25 years of experience. She attended NYU undergraduate and SUNY – Downstate Medical school. She obtained her Masters of Public Health from Columbia University. She did her residency training in Social Medicine at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. She has served on the board of Phelps Hospital and served as Medical Director of Community Health Centers in Westchester. She has also served as Medical Director of several skilled nursing facilities and worked with individuals with disabilities. Her passion is improving health care for the economically disadvantaged and medically underserved.

She is currently an AVP Medical Director at Healthfirst. She lives in Rockland County with her family.

**Panel moderated by:**

**Johanne E. Morne, MS**, is the Deputy Director for Community Health for the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Office of Public Health (OPH). Ms. Morne serves as the Director for both the AIDS Institute (AI), where she has worked for more than 14 years, and (as of 2021) the Center for Community Health (CCH). Ms. Morne’s leadership has advanced the State’s Ending the Epidemic and Hepatitis C Elimination initiatives. Her leadership led the NYSDOH to sign on to the Undetectable = Untransmittable consensus statement, making the NYSDOH the first state health department to do so.

Throughout the COVID-19 response Ms. Morne has been an essential member of the COVID-19 response leadership team. She has overseen multi-disciplinary teams and statewide initiatives including antibody sampling, community-based pop-up testing, the mass vaccination sites, and the work of the NYS Chamber led Vaccine Equity Taskforce.

The foundation of Ms. Morne’s work prioritizes health equity, social justice and trauma informed care.