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Dr. Barcicowski is a board certified physician in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Brain Injury Medicine. She has a Masters in Medical Nutritional Sciences from Boston University. She obtained her medical degree at University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine. Her residency training was at the University of Pennsylvania, and she completed her fellowship training in brain injury medicine at the University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center in Philadelphia. She currently practices at MossRehab in Philadelphia, PA and is the clinical director of the Stroke Center and Drucker Brain Injury Center. Clinical interests include traumatic brain injury, anoxic brain injury, stroke rehab, and spasticity management and she serves as a consultant for a long term Neurorehabilitation care facility providing clinical care for patients with chronic traumatic brain injury. Current research projects are on stroke rehab and physical activity participation in the moderate TBI population. She also serves as the Associate Program Director of the MossRehab PM&R Residency program. She lives in South New Jersey with her husband and dog. In her free time, she enjoys running, hiking, kayaking and traveling.



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Dr. Jayaram is the Director of Regenerative Medicine at Emory University and Associate Professor at Emory University School of Medicine in the department of orthopedics and PMR, Atlanta GA. As a clinician-scientist, Dr. Jayaram's research program has led to the translation of novel therapeutic targets to scaling pivotal clinical trials in knee osteoarthritis and rotator cuff disease. This work has been published and featured in: *Osteoarthritis Cartilage*, *Human Gene Therapy*, *American Journal of Sports Medicine* and *Washington Post*. His work has been funded by the Department of Defense (DOD), National Institute of Health (NIH) and Industry (FDA/IDE phase-3 trials). Dr. Jayaram completed his Sports Medicine Fellowship at Stanford University after serving as Academic Chief Resident at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Jayaram graduated with the Presidential Award from American University of Antigua School of Medicine.



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Dr. Keramati earned her medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. She completed her Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and Spinal Cord Injury fellowship at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She has been with Sinai Hospital of Baltimore Sinai Rehabilitation Center since 2016 as an outpatient neurophysiatrist and the medical director of the RETURN! brain injury day program. She was Associate Program Director from July 2020 to June 2021 and serves as Program Director of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency program since July 2021.



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Dr. Ma is currently the Division Chief and Medical Director of Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She earned her medical degree at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She completed the National Institutes of Health Clinical Research Training Program, a residency at Northwestern University's Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (now the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab) and a fellowship at Harvard University's Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. She joined the staff at the University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital to lead the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program.





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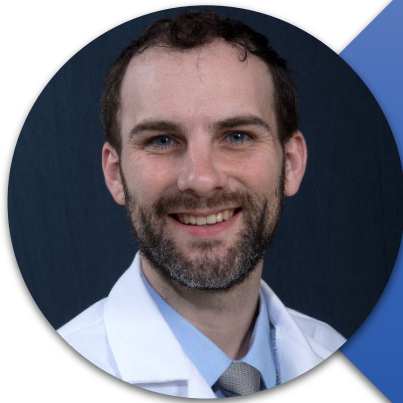
**Michelle Poliak-Tunis, MD**

Dr. Poliak Tunis is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, a position she's held since 2014. She is double board certified, serving as a Diplomat of the American Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and the subspecialty of Pain Medicine. She earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch. She completed her medical internship at The Washington Hospital Center followed by a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she was elected to serve as Chief Resident in 2012-2013. She completed an ACGME accredited fellowship in Pain Medicine at the UCLA / West Los Angeles Veterans Administration program. Beginning in July 2020, Dr. Poliak-Tunis was appointed as University of Wisconsin Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency Program Director and previously served as Associate Program Director of the UW Pain Fellowship. Her primary clinical interests include treating chronic pain disorders leveraging interventional and more holistic treatment modalities. She lives in Madison, WI with her husband and 2 daughters. In her spare time she enjoys travel, photography, personal fitness and fashion.



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#### **James Wilson, DO**

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**Asad Siddiqi, DO**

Dr. Siddiqi is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Dr. Siddiqi went to New York University Langone Medical Center - Rusk Rehabilitation for his PM&R residency. He completed a Primary Care Sports Medicine fellowship at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas/USC-Greenville. He joined the faculty at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons out of fellowship, and maintains an adjunct faculty appointment. He transitioned to Weill Cornell Medical College in 2020. Clinical interests include management of acute and chronic musculoskeletal injury, sports ultrasound, sustainable youth athlete development, and promotion of physical activity and health literacy. He provides medical support for USA Wheelchair Basketball and Paralympic Shooting (where he is lead medical physician), and has been traveling medical staff for USA Basketball and Karate. He serves as medical advisor for CUNY Intercollegiate Adaptive Sports and team physician for Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. Dr. Siddiqi lives in Brooklyn, NY with his wife and two (soon to be three) children, and he can often be found on a basketball court, in a live music venue, or at the Brooklyn Childrens Museum. .

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Dr. Eison is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. She completed her residency at New York Presbyterian - Columbia and Cornell, with her final year as chief resident, and is now the Medical Director of Global Health, Medical Director of HIV Rehabilitation, and the Associate Medical Director of the CUIMC Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. She spends much of her time working with residents, creating and running the global health track for the NYP rehab residency program, as well as a national AAP-endorsed global health rehabilitation curriculum (BRIGHT), and teaching in Columbia's medical school, where she is in the process of creating a novel anti-ableism curriculum. She continues to pursue global health work and research, primarily in Tanzania. Dr. Eison lives in New York City with her spouse, two kids, and two dogs and can often be found chasing said kids around the American Museum of Natural History.

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#### **Christopher McMullen, MD**

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