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Sarah Wood (she/her) is a faculty scholar at PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the division chief of Adolescent Medicine and director of the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center. Prior to assuming her role at Sinai, Dr. Wood was an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine and served as the assistant director of Adolescent HIV Services in CHOP's Craig Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine.

Dr. Wood is an early-stage clinician investigator, implementation scientist, and adolescent medicine and HIV specialist with a career focused on reducing the incidence of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among adolescents and young adults (AYA). Over almost two decades, she has led clinical research exploring the structural and health care-associated determinants of HIV prevention behavior in AYA, and in the clinicians and health systems that serve them. Her secondary research focus uses implementation science to improve the integration of sexual health preventative services into primary care for adolescents.

Dr. Wood's funding success includes grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the Penn Center for AIDS Research, the Penn Mental Health AIDS Research Center and PolicyLab. Her scholarly work blends implementation science and quality improvement methodology based on experience as project leader of an American Board of Pediatrics-endorsed 31-clinic quality improvement initiative to improve STI screening among adolescents. Dr. Wood oversees research efforts at Sinai's Adolescent Health Center, a comprehensive free clinic for AYA. She leads a robust computational science laboratory that uses clinic-derived STI testing data from over 100,000 adolescent STI testing encounters to develop interventions to address gaps in high quality and equitable service delivery.

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