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Alex Fiks is a faculty member at PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), an urban primary care pediatrician at CHOP, director of Clinical Futures at CHOP and an associate professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the director of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS), a national research network, medical director for the Pediatric Research Consortium (PeRC), CHOP's practice-based research network and co-director of the Possibilities Project, an initiative to innovate primary care delivery. Additionally, Dr. Fiks is a founding member of the hospital's Department of Biomedical and Health Informatics.

Board certified in clinical informatics, Dr. Fiks' research is aimed at improving outcomes for ambulatory pediatric patients through practice-based research with a focus on improving health and health care decision-making through health information technology. To achieve these goals, much of Dr. Fiks' research is focused on fostering shared decision making between clinicians and families, especially in the setting of behavioral health conditions. He is also especially interested in how electronic health record data may best be used to improve primary care, medication use and child health more broadly. As Director of AAP PROS, Dr. Fiks has been involved in building the Collaborative Electronic Reporting for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER^2), an electronic health record database designed to support pharmacoepidemiologic and other comparative effectiveness studies that currently includes >2 million U.S. children from across multiple health systems.

Dr. Fiks received his medical degree from Harvard University, and received a Master's of Science in Clinical Epidemiology (MSCE) degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has received additional training in clinical informatics.



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