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Vivek Ashok (he/him) is a faculty scholar at PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and an assistant professor of general and community pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's.

Dr. Ashok's research interests include improving implementation of extreme risk protection orders among physicians, understanding the language surrounding firearm related violence and building a data narrative to disentangle firearm violence from mental illness. Additionally, he is interested in applying restorative justice practices to clinical medicine, and more specifically using restorative frameworks as tools to address racism in pediatric and adolescent ambulatory care settings.

At Rush Medical College in Chicago, Dr. Ashok steered his school’s Student Against Gun Violence organization in which he invited community violence prevention experts to speak to students. He completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh. There, he co-chaired the pediatrics residency advocacy group at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and became an advocacy committee member for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Through these opportunities, he has collaborated with statewide firearm violence prevention organization to pass evidence-based legislation in Pennsylvania.



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