

Albert Einstein College of Medicine



#### Breaking Healthcare Barriers



MDA Care Centers strive to expand access to quality care.

Access to care isn't always a matter of proximity to a high-

quality medical center. In NYC, for example, residents are close to a large number of major healthcare institutions in and around the city.

However, individuals can still experience challenges related to language barriers and economic stressors, such as housing and job concerns. Leslie D. Delfiner, MD, pediatric neurologist and co-director

of the MDA Care Center at Montefiore Medical Center in the

Bronx, says her team strives to provide flexible care that recognizes the impact of those challenges. For example, if a parent cannot take the whole morning off work for their child to see multiple specialists in one visit, they might break the appointment up over two shorter visits. To address language barriers, Montefiore offers phone interpreters and on-site American Sign Language translators for any family who needs them. The Care Center's social worker helps identify families' needs and provide support and ser-vices for patients and families. "We do not force families

to fit into a single model for scheduling and for access to care," says Dr. Delfiner. "It's important to identify the challenges that impact a family's ability to engage in care and address each of those concerns at every visit. Medical appointments can be stressful if a family has trou-

that a parent may lose their job because of time away from work.

ble traveling to visits or is concerned

Sometimes in clinic, we spend a significant amount of time addressing these issues and creating a family-specific care plan that

accommodates their needs."

# Child Neurology News

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# doximity

# The results are in!

According to the doximity residency navigator, three months ago, over 30,000 U.S. physicians participated in a

survey to nominate residency programs that offered the best clinical training across 28 different specialties, including Child Neurology. Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine was rated the best Child Neurology Residency Program in New York and #19 in the country. Congratulations to all who contributed to such a resident friendly highly educational program!

### New Appointments

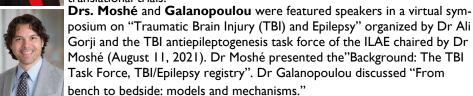


**Dr. Kim O'Neill** has been selected to serve on the Medication Safety Committee from September 7, 2021 to June 30, 2022. **Dr. Rohit Reddy** has been selected to serve on the Moses Division Council from September 2, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



The 2021 NINDS sponsored virtual meetings on "Post-Traumatic Epilepsy: models, common data elements and optimization" were co-chaired by  ${\bf Dr.}$ 

Aristea Galanopoulou. The meetings featured presentations by Dr. Solomon Moshé on "Public Engagement" prepared with Dr. Daniel Correa and by Dr. Aristea Galanopoulou on "Preclinical and translational trials."







13th Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress (AOEC): **Dr Galanopoulou** presented an update on "Biomarker development" in a session on "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and antiepileptogenesis" on June 11, 2021. **Dr. Moshé** presented a didactic lecture titled "Can interictal discharges alter brain function: should they ever be treated?" This was developed with **Dr Polavarapu.** Dr. Moshé also co-chaired a parallel session on Traumatic brain injury TBI and antiepileptogenesis.

#### Publications/Presentations:

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