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CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE TITLES:

Attending Physician, Senior Medical Advisor Public Health Consultant

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EDUCATION

Undergraduate

<i>Year of Degree</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Institution</i>
1993	B.A.	Carleton College, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

Medical School and/or Graduate School

<i>Year of Degree</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Institution</i>
2003	M.P.H.	University of Minnesota School of Public Health
2005	M.D.	University of Minnesota Medical School
2009	F.A.A.P.	American Board of Pediatrics

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

<i>Date</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Institutions</i>
2005-2006	Medicine	Maine Medical Center
2007-2009	Pediatrics	Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

<i>Dates</i>		
9/2008-current	Medical License	Maine, #017899
2016-current	Certified Physician Executive	Am. Assoc. for Physician Leadership

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Date, Title, Department, Institution

2009-2011 Instructor, Pediatrics, University of Vermont
2010-current Assistant Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

2008-2018 Clinician Investigator, Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation, Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Portland ME
2008-current Attending Physician, Department of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center

AWARDS AND HONORS

Date and Organization

2003 Who's Who Among Students In American Universities & Colleges
2005 Resident as Teacher Award, Maine Medical Center
2019 Presidents Award, Maine Public Health Association
2020 Presidents Award, Maine Medical Association
2020 Buzz Fitzgerald Public Service Award, Maine Gun Safety Coalition
2021 Eleanor P. Eells Award for Excellence in Research, American Camp Association
2021 Jack Ehrler Award, Outstanding Contributions to Organized Camping, Maine Medical Association
2021 Community Honor Award, Outstanding Contributions in Support of Camp Experience for all, New England, American Camp Association.
2022 Hedley S. Dimock Award, Significant Contribution to Camping, American Camp Association.

HOSPITAL, MEDICAL SCHOOL, OR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

2001 Chair, Biennial Request Task Force, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, ME
2001-2002 President, Family Medicine Interest Group, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2004 University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corp Implementation Team

2008-2010 Grand Rounds Committee, Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME
2011 Resident Admissions Committee, Maine Medical Center, Portland ME
2011-2014 Member and Chairperson, Internal Review Board, Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough, ME
2015-2023 Journal Club Director, Department of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center, Portland ME.
2018-2023 Trustee, Board of Directors, Mercy Hospital, Portland ME.
2019-2023 Chair, Quality and Professional Affairs Committee, Mercy Hospital, Portland, ME.

OTHER MAJOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

2011-2016 National Children's Study Publications Committee/Writers Group, Alternative Recruitment Study of Enhanced Household Based Recruitment.
2018-2022 Advocacy Chairperson, Maine American Academy of Pediatrics
2019-2022 Vice-President, Maine American Academy of Pediatrics
2017-Current Maine Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors
2022-Current President, Maine American Academy of Pediatrics

TRAINING OF GRADUATE STUDENTS/POST DOCTORAL (list present and past)

2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY

2010-2014 Newborn Teaching Service, Department of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center
2015-2023 Journal Club Director, Department of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center
2016-2017 Preceptor, Maine Track MD Program, Tufts Medical School
2020-current Preceptor, Pediatric Clinic, Maine Medical Center

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Maine American Academy of Pediatrics
Maine Public Health Association
Maine Medical Association
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Physician Leadership
Alliance for Camp Health
American Camp Association

OFFICE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2006-2007 Pediatric Residency Representative, Maine American Academy of Pediatrics
2007 Attendee, AAP Legislative Conference, Washington, DC
2020 Expert Panelist, Environmental Health and Engineering Inc., Camp Field Operations Guide.
2022-current AAP Council on School Health
2022-current AAP Council on Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

OTHER POSITIONS

2002-2003 Researcher, Food Biosecurity, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2007 Doctor-in-Residence, Africamps, Johannesburg, South Africa
2007 Resident Care Provider, Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, Deschappelles, Haiti
2007-2012 Board of Directors, Spurwink Services, Inc, Portland, ME
2007-2009 Board of Directors, Kids Legal Aid of Maine, Portland, ME
2009-2019 General Pediatrician, InterMed Pediatrics, Yarmouth, ME
2013-2018 Chair, Department of Pediatrics, InterMed, P.A., Portland, ME
2007-current Medical Director, Camp Winnebago, Fayette, ME
2009-current Faculty, Expert Online Training
2019-2020 Chair, No on 1 Maine Referendum Campaign
2019-current Board and Co-Founder, Maine Families for Vaccines
2020-2021 Senior Medical Consultant, Environmental Health & Engineering, Inc.
2020-2022 COVID Industry Checklist Taskforce, State of Maine
2020-current Consultant, AmSkier Insurance
2020-current Senior Medical Consultant, American Camp Association.

2021-current Founding Board Member, Safe Communities Coalition
2023-current Senior Medical Advisor, SeriousFun Children's Network

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Vaccine Hesitancy and Refusal
- Camp Medicine & Infectious Disease
- Use of Social Media and Mass Communications in the Research Setting
- Longitudinal Studies of Children's Health

RESEARCH SUPPORT (present and brief summary of past)

Grant Title: National Children's Study

Funding Agency: NICHD-HHSN275200800011C

Amount: \$15,317,959

Period: 09/26/08-09/25/13

Role: Co-Investigator/Clinical Research Coordinator (*indicate P.I.*) John Bancroft, MD

Grant Title: A Qualitative Analysis of Decision-Making in Vaccine-Hesitant Patients

Funding Agency: Maine Medical Center Research Institute Research Grant Program

Amount: \$40,000

Period: 09/01/11-08/31/12

Role: Principal Investigator

Grant Title: Communicating individualized risk information to prostate cancer patients

Funding Agency: Maine Cancer Foundation

Amount: \$9,413

Period: 01/01/11-12/31/11

Role: Co-Investigator (*indicate P.I.*) Paul Han, MD

EDITORIAL BOARDS AND ACTIVITY

- American Journal of Public Health
- Wilderness & Environmental Medicine
- Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. Blaisdell LL, Chace R, Hallagan LD, Clark DE. A Half Century of Burn Epidemiology and Burn Care in a Rural State. *J Burn Care Res.* 2011 Nov 10. [Epub ahead of print]
2. Blaisdell LL, Hayman JA, Moran AM. Infliximab Treatment for Pediatric Refractory Kawasaki Disease. *Pediatr Cardiol.* 2011 Oct;32(7):1023-7. Epub 2011 Jul 20
3. Robinson S, Averhoff F, Kiel J, Blaisdell L, Haber M, Sites A, Copeland D. Pandemic influenza A in residential summer camps – Maine, 2009. *Pediatr Infect Dis J.*
4. Blaisdell LL, Vosmus R, Engel K, Gilbert P, Rogers V, Chilmonczyk B. Effectiveness of a Population-Based Asthma Program in Children: 9 Year Data Review. American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2009 Annual Meeting; Miami Beach, FL. November 5-10, 2009.
5. Barham A BJ, Farina-Henry E, Gagnon P, Blaisdell LL, Bancroft J. Maine Study Center: Benefits and Lessons of Multi-Method Community Engagement. In; February 24, 2011.
6. Farina-Henry E, Waterston LB, & Blaisdell LL. Social Media Use in Research: Engaging Communities in Cohort Studies to Support Recruitment and Retention. *JMIR Res Protoc.* 2015 Jul 22;4(3).
7. Blaisdell LL, Gutheil C, Hootsmans NA, & Han, PK. Unknown Risks: Parental Hesitation about Vaccination. *Med Dec Making.* October 27, 2015.
8. Blaisdell LL et al. The National Children's Study: Early Recruitment Outcomes Using an Enhanced Household-Based Approach. *Pediatrics.* 2016 Jun; 137(Suppl 4): S219–S230.
9. Blaisdell LL, Cohn W, Pavell JR, Rubin DS, Vergales JE. Preventing and Mitigating SARS-CoV-2 Transmission — Four Overnight Camps, Maine, June–August 2020. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* ePub: 26 August 2020.
10. Suh HH, Meehan J, Blaisdell LL, et al. Non-pharmaceutical interventions and COVID-19 cases in US summer camps: results from an American Camp Association survey *J Epidemiol Community Health* 2022;76:327-334.

11. Testing and Nonpharmaceutical Interventions for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 in 20 US Overnight Camps in Summer 2021. Blaisdell LL, Rising J, van Zyl A, Finn J, Vergeles J. Public Health Rep. 2022 Jul 20. DOI DOI: [10.1177/00333549221110288](https://doi.org/10.1177/00333549221110288)

Invited lectures

1. [Blaisdell LL](#), Lilienthal, A. *Camp Winnebago and H1N1 Preparedness*. Maine H1N1 Influenza Preparedness Summit. Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Augusta, ME. August 20, 2009.
2. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Ambulatory Pediatric Burn Management and Research*. Maine American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Conference. Portland ME. November, 2009.
3. [Blaisdell LL](#). *The Hygiene Hypothesis: Are Our Children Too Clean?* The Owen Wells Annual Pediatric Conference at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. Portland, ME. November, 2010.
4. [Blaisdell LL](#), Begley J. *How do we start understanding perplexing environmental children's health exposures?* The National Children's Study? In: Maine Public Health Association. Portland, ME. October 18, 2011.
5. [Blaisdell LL](#), *Web & Social Media Strategies in the National Children's Study*. NCS Steering Committee Meeting. Bethesda, MD. February 14, 2012.
6. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Vaccine Hesitancy: The Role of Perceived Risk & Ambiguity*. Grand Rounds, Department of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center, Portland ME. April, 23, 2014
7. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Immunology and Vaccine Hesitancy: The Role of Risk and Ambiguity*. Annual Biology Lecture at University of Maine Augusta. March 25, 2015.
8. [Blaisdell LL](#). *The Study of Vaccine Hesitancy through Focus Group Methodology*. Maine Medical Center Research Institute Qualitative Research Interest Group. Portland, ME. April 23, 2014.
9. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Mission Moment*, Maine Health Board of Directors. February 5, 2015
10. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Social Media Use to Support Recruitment and Retention in Research*. Tufts CTSI Translational Research Day. Boston, MA. November 10th, 2015.
11. [Blaisdell LL](#), Lilienthal, AL. Maine Youth Camping Association Education Committee Invited Lecture . *"Lyme, Lice and Things that Bite: How to Communicate with Parents and Use Best Protective Measures for Campers"*. April 2017.
12. [Blaisdell LL](#). *"Just Little Old Me; Stepping Into the Role of An Advocate"*. Maine American Academy of Pediatrics Conference, May 2019.
13. [Blaisdell LL](#), Smith ES. *"Camps: Infectious disease prevention, surveillance and reporting."* Maine Summer Camps, September 2019.
14. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Vaccine Hesitation: Legislative Actions to Shore Up Community Immunity*. New Jersey Immunization Network, September 2019.
15. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Vaccine Hesitation: Legislative Actions to Shore Up Community Immunity*. Minnesota American Academy of Pediatrics, November 2019.
16. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Camping & Coronavirus*. American Camp Association of New England (March 2020). Maine Summer Camps & Maine Camp Experience (April 2020).
17. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Vaccine Hesitancy: In and Out of the Exam Room*. Maine Osteopathic Association. (Feb 2020, June 2020)
18. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Maine's Vaccine Law: What Pediatricians Need To Know*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Maine Medical Center, June 1, 2021.
19. [Blaisdell LL](#). *COVID-19 and Camping: Testing and Vaccination*, American Camp Association, February 4, 2021
20. [Blaisdell LL](#), Gaslin T. *COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Update*, Association of Camp Nurses, March 21, 2021
21. [Blaisdell LL](#). *COVID-19 Vaccines: Hesitancy, Myths, Mandates & How to Talk to Parents*, American Camp Association, February 9, 2022
22. [Blaisdell LL](#). *Here We Go Again With COVID: What's the Same & What's Different*, American Camp Association, February 10, 2022
23. [Blaisdell LL](#), Gaslin T. *COVID-19 & Camp 2022; Vaccination, Testing & Operational Planning*, Association of Camp Nurses, January 28, 2022