Bio – Jessica Herstek, MD



Biographical Sketch:

Jessica Herstek is a practicing pediatric hospitalist who joined Children's National Hospital in 2012 and was appointed its Chief Medical Informatics Officer in December 2019. Dr. Herstek has over a decade of experience in the practice of clinical informatics, integrating medical and technological expertise to improve the hospital experience and care for patients, families, and providers. She has a proven track record of collaborative and creative problem-solving and has been a tireless advocate for physicians and other clinical staff in information technology advancement.

Dr. Herstek trained in pediatrics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, where she was mentored in the emerging field of clinical informatics. She earned board certification in Clinical Informatics by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in 2017. Leveraging her previous role as Medical Director of Inpatient Informatics, she partnered with The Bear Institute for Pediatric Health Innovation to develop novel solutions to patient safety and provider workflow challenges. Dr. Herstek has regional and national leadership and advocacy experience and was recently appointed to the DC Health Information Exchange Policy Board by Mayor Muriel Bowser.

Dr. Herstek grew up in Washington, DC and studied computer science engineering and robotics at the University of Pennsylvania. She attended medical school at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society for her record of excellence in compassionate clinical care.