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Maya Ragavan, MD, MPH, MS, is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh and is a general pediatrician and health services researcher. She received her medical degree from Northwestern University, completed pediatric residency from Stanford University, and a general academic pediatric fellowship from Boston Medical Center.

Her research has three broad foci: (1) understanding cultural and structural protective and risk factors impacting intimate partner violence and adolescent relationship abuse prevention; (2) examining how best to support families in pediatric primary care settings who have experienced partner violence; and (3) developing best practices for equitable inclusion of non-English speaking communities into research. She uses a community-based participatory research approach, with inclusion of community partners as research co-creators. She has over 30 peer-reviewed publications and has spoken widely on these topics.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been involved with community-partnered vaccine equity work in Pittsburgh. She is passionate about incorporating advocacy and health equity into medication education, recently winning an advocacy award from the pediatric residents at her institution. She enjoys mentoring medical students, graduate students, and pediatric residents who are interested in community-based research. She is also a general pediatrician and volunteers with the Salud Para Niños program, which is a bilingual and bicultural pediatric medical home in Pittsburgh. She is deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of the inaugural fellowship class.

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