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Dr. Eric Fleegler is a pediatric emergency physician, Director of the Sedation Service, and a health services researcher. His work throughout his career has focused broadly on issues of health equity and social justice. His early work involved identification of unmet social needs and the development of HelpSteps – a website and app that helps connect families to social services throughout Massachusetts. HelpSteps has become the referral system for Mass-211/United Way and the Boston Public Health Commission and is used by over 50,000 families a year.

He is a nationally recognized expert in firearm injury prevention research, provides topical lectures across the country, and will soon publish “Pediatric Firearm Injuries and Fatalities: The Provider’s Guide to Policies and Approaches to Harm Prevention”, co-edited with Dr. Lois Lee. He also continues to study disparities in health outcomes and evaluate interventions to improve equitable health care provision. At the national level he has helped lead studies of the relationship between neighborhood poverty and fatalities from unintentional injuries, child abuse, suicide and firearms. At the institutional level he has focused on disparities in pain management. He is the co-director of the “Introduction to Social Medicine” course at Harvard Medical School.