



Speaker Biographies
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Emily Baker is a licensed clinical social worker at the Connecticut Bleeding Disorders Center (UConn Health) in Farmington, Connecticut. Emily graduated from the University of Connecticut with a master's degree in social work and a concentration in individual, groups, and families. Emily has been employed with the treatment center for 2 years. In her current role, she also works with the adult sickle cell population at the New England Sickle Cell Institute. Emily's role within the center is to provide patients with psychosocial support whether it be mental health needs, developing self-care skills, or identifying barriers to treatment adherence. Emily's goal is to assist in improving the health and quality of life for all patients receiving care at the Connecticut Bleeding Disorders Center.

Emily Bisson, APRN, CPNP, is a nurse practitioner and the Hemophilia Treatment Center Manager at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Prior to this role, Emily served as the associate director of the Hemophilia Treatment Center at Connecticut Children's in Hartford. Emily is a long-time volunteer for NEHA and has served on the Family Camp Committee and Medical Team for nearly a decade. She also serves on several committees for national organizations supporting the bleeding disorders community, including the National Hemophilia Foundation's Nursing Working Group.

Jacqueline Bottacari, LCSW II is the clinical social worker at the Yale Center for Bleeding and Clotting Disorders. She is trained in cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing. Since transitioning into her role more than a year ago, Jacqueline has started a psychotherapy group for adolescent girls with bleeding disorders, a quarterly newsletter for patients, and helped establish a national coalition (The Bleeding Disorders Substance Use and Mental Health Access Coalition) where they advocate for health equity for individuals with bleeding disorders and subsequent behavioral health diagnoses equal access to residential treatment. Jacqueline's passion is advocating for health equity for patients with chronic health conditions and providing clinical therapeutic care.

Melanie Duclos, LCSW, is a social worker in the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Melanie has been working with children and families at CT Children's for over 20 years. Melanie provides advice, support and resources to individuals and families with bleeding and clotting disorders from diagnosis into young adulthood.



Jen Feldman, MSN, RN started her nursing career as a staff nurse at Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield, MA for 15 years before taking over as the nurse coordinator for the pediatric and adult hemophilia clinics at Umass Memorial Medical Center. Jen's bachelors degree in nursing is from Elms College and her masters in nursing is from American International College, and she's been a nurse for 20 years, specializing in pediatric and adolescents.

Claire Fry is a speaking coach, a corporate trainer and a veteran voice actor. She has voiced thousands of projects for companies like Google, Anthem and Cisco, and her belief is that the essentials of voice training for actors – training in quality, connection and authenticity – should be taught to everyone in every profession where communication matters. She has brought Vocal Confidence training to students at Stanford, top executives at Fortune 500 companies, and client-facing teams at Google, HubSpot, and organizations across multiple industries from nonprofits to tech to healthcare.

Steve Maguire, M.Ed., is a teacher, professional speaker, author, award-winning educator, husband, and father of four. He has been training and facilitating since 2004 and has presented to thousands of groups across the United States since then. His sessions are known for a high level of engagement, humor, and practical takeaways.

Patrick ("Pat") Mancini is a volunteer, community advocate, artist and Healthcare Information Technology Solution Architect. Pat served nearly twenty years as board member, Chairman and President of NEHA and served on the NHF board of directors from 2019-2021. Pat brings his solution architecture expertise relevant drug discovery, real world evidence, cognitive computing and artificial intelligence to develop and innovate on new and disruptive technologies for life sciences, payors, providers and hospitals worldwide.

Dr. Laura McKay is a pediatric hematologist/oncologist at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and director of the Hemostasis and Thrombosis program. She completed her medical school and pediatric residency training at the University of Connecticut and Hematology/Oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her husband and two young children.

Kevin Mills is molecular biologist whose career has focused on basic and translational research at the intersection of hematology, immunology, and oncology. Most recently Dr. Mills was the Chief Scientific Officer for the National Hemophilia Foundation, where he spearheaded the development of a National Research Blueprint for people with bleeding disorders and led the reinvigorated research mission of the organization. Prior to NHF Dr. Mills was the co-founder and chief scientific officer for Cyteir Therapeutics, the chief scientific officer at Civetta



Therapeutics, and Associate Professor and Cancer Center associate director at the Jackson Laboratory.

Stephanie Prozora, MD is the Pediatric Medical Director of the Yale Hemophilia Treatment Center. She attended medical school at the University of Buffalo in New York and completed her pediatric residency and hematology/oncology fellowship at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Prozora's clinical expertise is in the diagnosis and management of children with bleeding and clotting disorders. She also has expertise in the management of vascular anomalies. Her primary interest is improving the quality of care for all patients with bleeding and clotting disorders through clinical research, program development, and quality improvement initiatives.

Cathy Rosenfield, MD is a retired Pediatric hematologist/oncologist. She practiced for over thirty years at Tufts Children's Hospital in Boston. She directed the center's program for individuals with bleeding disorders. Over the years, she has been a strong advocate for NEHA. Upon retiring, she decided to continue to support patients and their families in the bleeding disorders community by joining the NEHA Board of Directors. Her experience working with individuals and their families with bleeding disorders gives her a unique perspective, and vast knowledge of the physical, emotional and social aspects of their care.

Kim Schafer, RN-C, MSN, FNP is a Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Resource Nurse at UC Davis Hemophilia Treatment Center in Sacramento, CT. She has worked at the HTC for more than 20 years. Kim holds a Master of Science degree in nursing from Sacred Heart University in CT and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Samuel Merritt College of Nursing in CA. She is a long-time volunteer for her local camp for kids with bleeding disorders in Northern CA and serves on the board of directors for the Central CA Hemophilia Foundation.

Dr. Tammueella Singleton is chief of pediatric hematology and director of the Hemophilia Treatment Center at Mississippi Center for Advanced Medicine (MCAM) and Louisiana Center for Advanced Medicine (LCAM). She received her medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed a clinical fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology in a combined program at Johns Hopkins University and the National Cancer Institute and a clinical fellowship in adult and pediatric hemostasis and thrombosis at Tulane University School of Medicine. She is currently an investigator for several gene transfer clinical trials in patients with hemophilia A or hemophilia B. Dr. Singleton is co-chair of the National Hemophilia Foundation Inhibitor Summit Steering Committee and the American Society of Hematology representative to the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Practice Committee.