

Candidate for Director
Melissa E Glassman, MD MPH IBCLC FABM

**Current Position**

Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics; Medical Director, Newborn Clinic; Medical Director, New York Presbyterian Hospital Outpatient Breastfeeding Support Program
Columbia University
New York, New York, United States

Primary Specialty

Pediatrics

Education

- 2007 – MPH, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, New York, United States
- 2000 – MD, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, United States
- 1996 – BS, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, United States

Qualifications**ABM Involvement**

- Abstract Review Committee, Chair (2022 – present), Co-Chair (2021 – 2022), Member (2016 – 2021)
- Annual Conference Planning Committee, Member, 2022 – present
- Annual Conference Speaker, Session Presenter, 2023
- Annual Conference Poster Presenter, 2015, 2021, 2022
- Publications
 - First Author, Original Research published in the *Journal of Breastfeeding Medicine*, Glassman ME, Sarakki AP, Katz-Feigenbaum D, Zitaner J, Thind P, Stockwell MS. *The Use of a Medical Center-Based Outpatient Breastfeeding Support Program with Telelactation to Provide Ongoing Breastfeeding Support to a Diverse Patient Population. Breastfeed Med.* 2023;18(5):362-369. doi:10.1089/bfm.2022.0264
 - First Author, Original Research published in the *Journal of Breastfeeding Medicine*, Glassman ME, McKearney K, Saslaw M, Sirota DR. *Impact of breastfeeding Self-efficacy and Sociocultural Factors on Early Breastfeeding in an Urban, Predominantly Dominican community. Breastfeed Med.* 2014;9(6):301–307.

Other Breastfeeding Medicine Leadership

- Chapter Breastfeeding Coordinator, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) New York Chapter 3, AAP, 2023 – present

- Author, textbook chapter, 10th Edition of *Lawrence's Breastfeeding: A Guide for the Medical Profession*, 2025
- Presenter, LILAC (Lessons in Lactation Advanced Curriculum) Fellowship, University of Rochester, Division of Breastfeeding & Lactation Medicine, 2023, 2025
- Subject Matter Expert (exam development), North American Board of Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine (NABBLM), 2023
- Presenter, New York State Breastfeeding Coalition Annual Meeting, 2016, 2024
- Presenter, Specialty Updates for the General Pediatrician Continuing Medical Education Virtual Conference, Columbia University, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Department of Pediatrics, 2021
- Member, Abstract Review Committee, AAP Section on Breastfeeding, National Conference and Exhibition, 2014 – 2017

Other Professional Leadership

- Member of the Ambulatory Care Network (ACN) Baby Friendly Hospital Committee, NYP/CUIMC (2023 – present)
- Research Mentor for NYP/CUIMC Resident Scholarly Projects, NYP/CUIMC (2010, 2015–2017, 2021–2022, 2023–present)
- Member of the Core Leadership Team of the Breastfeeding Hospital Collaborative, NYP/CUIMC (2017 – present)
- Founding medical director of the Outpatient Breastfeeding Support Program and Telelactation Service, NYP/CUIMC (2017 – present)
- Clinic Preceptor, Pediatric Residency Program, NYP/CUIMC (2012 – present)
- Founding medical director of the NYP ACN Newborn Clinic, NYP/CUIMC (2009–present)
- Founder of NYP COVID Nursery Follow-Up Clinic, NYP/CUIMC (2020 – 2024)
- Chair, Breast Pump Subcommittee, Core Leadership Team of Breastfeeding Hospital Collaborative, NYP/CUIMC (2018)
- Participant, Dept of Pediatrics and OBGYN Faculty Leadership Academy, NYP/CUIMC (2021)
- Poster author, AAP, PAS National Conferences (2011 – 2023)
- Manuscript author, Various peer-reviewed journals (2014 – 2023)

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Member, Annual Benefit Planning and Fundraising Committee, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, New York, New York, 2024 – Present
- At-Large Member, Executive Committee, Association of Yale Alumni in Medicine (AYAM), 2019 – 2023
- Volunteer, Yale School of Medicine Prospective Student Calling Campaign, Spring 2025

Candidate Statement

I am an academic general pediatrician, lactation consultant, and breastfeeding and lactation medicine specialist at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York City. I have dedicated my career to improving access to timely, high-quality pediatric and breastfeeding and lactation support to all patients, particularly those from low-income and underrepresented communities. As a leader at my institution, I pride myself on teamwork and collaboration. This has enabled me to successfully

develop and implement large-scale programs, including an outpatient Newborn Clinic, Outpatient Breastfeeding Support Program, and Telelactation Service at my medical center.

I have been a member of ABM since 2015 and a Fellow since 2022. Through ABM, I discovered a community of like-minded physicians, dedicated to one another and to the mission of advancing breastfeeding and lactation research, education, and patient care. I am seeking a Board position in order to give back to the organization that has provided me with so much. I have been a member of the abstract review committee since 2016, and for the past 3 years, its Chair and also a member of the conference planning committee. I understand firsthand the value of coming together at the annual conference. If elected to the Board, ensuring accessibility, responsiveness to members, and a global focus both at the conference and in the organization at large are goals of mine. I will bring innovation, creativity, and collaboration to all the critical endeavors the Board seeks to accomplish.