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The HAP Foundation welcomes Dr. Elisha D. Waldman, MD as Board of Trustee

[The HAP Foundation](#) inducted five new members into its Board of Trustees including Dr. Elisha D. Waldman, MD. The HAP Foundation, an independent nonprofit, provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice, palliative care, grief, and serious illness for children and adults. With the addition of these leaders, The HAP Foundation aims to leverage their knowledge and experience within their specialties to expand its reach. Dr. Waldman is a former resident of Fairfield, CT.

“The HAP Foundation’s Board of Trustees remain committed through their strength, history, and keen vision for the future. Dr. Waldman’s passion for pediatric palliative care, advocacy, and palliative care education make him a fitting addition to the Board of Trustees,” said Joseph Matty, President “I am confident of his impact and look forward to working with him as The HAP Foundation continues to grow.”

Dr. Waldman Biography:

Dr. Waldman serves as a pediatric palliative care physician at Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Prior to this, he served as medical director of pediatric palliative care at Columbia University Medical Center in New York and has worked at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. There, he was responsible for the pediatric sarcoma service, and later helped develop pediatric palliative care services for the greater Jerusalem area.

He completed his general Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center and Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He completed an additional fellowship in Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Medicine at Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Children’s Hospital Boston.

Dr. Waldman has interests in many areas including spiritual needs of children facing life-limiting illness, palliative care for children with cancer, program development, and palliative care in the setting of limited resources, in the context of humanitarian crises.

Dr. Waldman is active in the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.



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He is the co-editor of and contributor to the recently released Field Manual for Palliative Care in Humanitarian Crises (Oxford U Press, 2020). He has published in medical journals and national media outlets and is the author of the nonfiction book, *This Narrow Space*.

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About The HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice and palliative care for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life.

