

Member of the Month

Lauren Satchell

Interviewed and written by Hillary Hei

Role: Infection Prevention Supervisor, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Years of IP-related service: 8 years



Fun Facts

Hometown: Philly born and raised

Pet: 1 cat, Popcorn

Favorite food: Dessert. I love apple pie.

Go-to song: Anything by OutKast or Kendrick Lamar

First job: Cashier at Kmart

Can't live without: Football

Next travel destination: Jamaica

Recent Favorite Read: The Vanishing Half

Interests when not parenting: Riding my bike, learning the difference between a cross hook and jab (I just recently got a heavy bag!), trying out paint by numbers and puzzles.

Fun fact about me: One of my pinkies is way smaller than the other one.



Current Role: Lauren supervises and supports a team of Infection Prevention Associates (IPAs) whose responsibilities include data management and analysis, regulatory reporting, collaborating with health departments, and acting as a liaison between the IPC and data analytics departments. As the CHOP enterprise expands, this team ensures data quality, optimization, and IPC-specific analytics.

Background: Lauren has a background in bench science working on Type 2 diabetes. She then transitioned to the role of disease intervention specialist at the Montgomery County Office of Public Health. When she saw an IPA-like position open for CHOP, she was excited for the opportunity to blend her critical thinking skills with continuous learning. While at this role, she also attained her Master in Public Health in Epidemiology.

Why she loves her role: "My proudest accomplishment was being promoted to a supervisor and being able to support my team. I love to watch their growth and development and champion their successes."

Her favorite resources: Healthcare informatics journals! She likes to look at different approaches for data validation, data governance structure, how data is used, and new data collection tools.



Lauren's small yet mighty team: Cecilia Harris and Daphne Werz

What Lauren hopes for the future: Lauren's strategy for the team includes future projects such as creating an automatic and standardized workflow for SSI notifications, using the electronic medical record (EMR) for syndromic surveillance, and incorporating predictive analytics to alert clinicians for potential acquisition of certain infections.

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"Behind everything is data, and data is integral for the future of our profession."