

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Karen Boretsky did her initial medical training in Pittsburgh followed by a fellowship in pediatric anesthesia and pediatric critical care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In 2010, after additional subspecialized training in regional anesthesia techniques at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, she created and directed an Acute Interventional Perioperative Pain Service at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. In Pittsburgh, her service consulted on perioperative pain management for over 1500 children annually. In the fall of 2012, after relocation to Boston with appointments to the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and the medical staff of the Boston Children's Hospital, she became the Director of the Regional Anesthesia Program and undertook a major restructuring of that Program. The Boston program currently provides more than 2000 peripheral nerve blocks per year of which about a third are continuous catheters.

Her research interests have primarily revolved, and continue to, around evaluating the role of regional anesthesia techniques in the management of pain and recovery in infants and children. Dr. Boretsky has authored articles on novel regional anesthesia techniques and has been invited to present lectures on this topic at national and international conferences. She is passionate about finding better ways to minimize pain and improve safety using regional anesthesia in pediatric patients and loves sharing her ideas with other enthusiasts.