

The Pediatric Research Cores Highlight (PeRCH) is a feature showcasing specialized services that support child health researchers at Emory University, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and their partner institutions.

STAFFING UPDATES



Adriana Norris, PhD

Adriana Norris joined the Pediatric/Winship Flow Cytometry Core as a **Flow Cytometry Technologist** in June 2026. Prior to this role, she completed her postdoctoral fellowship in May 2026, where she was co-mentored by Dr.

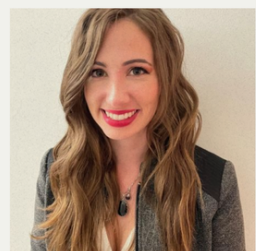
Stefan Sarafianos and Dr. Lefteris Michailidis at Emory University School of Medicine. During her postdoc, she conducted research on HIV and HBV co-infection using primary cell culture models. Adriana earned her PhD from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, where she thrived despite not being a fan of country music. In her free time, she enjoys DJing, doing hot pilates, and spending time with her cat, Squeak, and her husband, Ryan.



Igor Albizua, PhD

Igor Albizua joined the Pediatric/Winship Flow Cytometry Core as a **Flow Cytometry Technologist Sr.** in June 2024 and this year was promoted to **Supervisor**. Prior to working at the Flow Cytometry Core, he was an Instructor at the Department of Human

Genetics at Emory University where he worked with Dr. Steve Warren and Dr. Stephanie Sherman. Igor is originally from the Basque Country and he misses the ocean the most. He lives with his wife Misha, his daughter Nua and 2 cats (Floy and Jewels) and 2 dogs (Shynce and Elurra). In his free time, he likes to swim or ride his motorcycle.



Mary Anne Geryak, MS

Mary Anne Geryak has been with Emory for 8 years and is now taking over the **Pediatric Cores Marketing** responsibilities. We would like to thank Megan Stewart for her hard work and dedication in this role as she transitions to other assignments. Mary Anne is a Program Manager for the Center for Childhood Infections and Vaccines (CCIV) and the Heart Research Outreach (HeRO) Program. She also manages the Pediatric Research Operations social media pages. Mary Anne enjoys spending free time with her husband, Ren, and their two children, Julia (2) and Jacob (4 months), crafting, and playing tennis.

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