



Robert Sege, MD, PhD is an attending Pediatrician at Tufts Children's Hospital and a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine, where he directs the Center for Community-Engaged Medicine.

He grew up in the suburbs of Washington, DC, where he developed a lasting interest in science. He went on to pursue a major in Biology at Yale College, and then to attend medical school and graduate school at Harvard Medical School and MIT, respectively. During his time as an MD-PhD student, he published the key findings of his graduate thesis and met and married his wife, Karen Victor.

During his residency in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital, he changed career goals, driven by the realization that child health is affected as deeply by social and cultural factors as it is by biology. He and Karen also had their first child, and Bob ended up on the writing team for his first American Academy of Pediatrics' policy statement, on parenting leave for pediatric residents.

After completing his residency, he joined the faculty at Tufts Medical Center, where he became chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. He received a career development award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, launching his academic career in the prevention of violence and abuse. After 17 years, he was recruited to Boston Medical Center, where he led the Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics.

His career then took him to Health Resources in Action, where he led The Medical Foundation. As a funder, he was struck by several issues related to the research workforce, including disparities in funding of early career scientists based on gender, and on the lack of diversity among senior-level biomedical researchers. Using Medical Foundation data, he developed responses to this issues.

In 2018, Bob returned to Tufts Medical Center, where he now leads the Center for Community-Engaged Medicine. In that capacity, he and Urban College jointly created the RAMP (Research Apprenticeship Multicultural Partnership) program, to train community members for positions in clinical research. He also works to challenge traditional approaches to human services with the Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences framework. His team at Tufts Medical Center is leading a transformation in care, promoting provider-client partnerships based on trust and collaborative problem-solving.

Dr. Sege is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington, is part of the Leadership Action Team for Massachusetts Essentials for Childhood Team, and serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Children's Trust and Prevent Child Abuse America. He received the 2019 Ray E. Helfer award from the Alliance of Children's Trusts and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has served on national committees for the American Academy of Pediatrics and has now been lead author on several important AAP policies. His extensive speaking and publication list include contributions to the prevention and treatment of child maltreatment and youth violence. Bob lives in the Boston area, where he and his wife Karen have raised three young adult children.