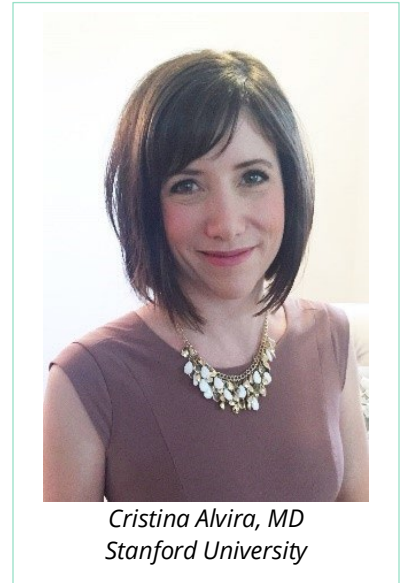




The Society for Pediatric Research Announces Dr. Cristina Alvira as 2022 President-elect

HOUSTON, March 1, 2022 – The [Society for Pediatric Research \(SPR\)](#) is pleased to announce Cristina Alvira, MD, as the society's new President-elect for the 2022-2023 term. Dr. Alvira will take office as President-elect on June 1, 2022. She will be the President of SPR from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024.

Dr. Alvira is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University and leads an NIH-funded research program that investigates the molecular mechanisms regulating postnatal lung growth, repair and regeneration using genetic gain and loss of function, single cell transcriptomics and advanced imaging. Devoted to physician-scientist development, Dr. Alvira also directs the Stanford Department of Pediatrics Physician Scientist Bridge to K Program, an innovative program designed to launch the careers of Early-Stage Investigators.



*Cristina Alvira, MD
Stanford University*

An active member of SPR since 2011, Dr. Alvira has served as Council Member and Chair of the Young Investigator Coaching Program, and currently serves as a Cohort Leader for the Grant Writing 101 Workshop Program. As a Hispanic woman competing in basic research, Dr. Alvira believes in the unique power of physician-scientists, and the impact of inspiring trainees to pursue discovery at every career stage and from every background. As SPR President, Dr. Alvira will prioritize efforts to enhance the physician-scientist pipeline by implementing initiatives to inspire and support trainees interested in discovery, and broadly promote diversity within pediatric academic medicine.

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