

Lauren A. Smith, MD, MPH
Biographical Sketch
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Lauren A. Smith, MD, MPH, is the Medical Director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health where she works closely with the Commissioner to establish and implement departmental priorities. She is an Associate Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. She serves as a pediatric hospitalist at Boston Medical Center where she was the Medical Director of the Pediatric Inpatient Unit for 4 years. Dr. Smith's research career has focused on the implication of public policies for child health and childhood health disparities. She has authored two recent reports on the impact of affordable housing and energy costs on child health and well being as examples of the effects of public policy on health. She recently served as a W.T. Grant Health Policy Fellow in the office of House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi and as a member of the Massachusetts Commission to End Racial Disparities in Health.