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Wendy S. Vargas, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and an Attending Neurologist at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital – Columbia University Medical Center where she cares for adults and

children and with multiple sclerosis (MS) and related neuro-immunological disorders. Dr. Vargas is board-certified in Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology. She is one of a small number of pediatric neurologists with subspecialty training in MS and other demyelinating diseases of the central nervous system. She is the Program Leader for the Pediatric MS and Neuroimmunology Program at the Columbia University Medical Center.

Dr. Vargas matriculated an undergraduate degree from Cornell University, followed by a medical degree from the State University of New York -

Downstate College of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency training at Children's Hospital in Boston. Following her residency, Dr. Vargas completed a Pediatric Neurology Fellowship at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/ Weill Cornell Medical Center, followed by a second Fellowship in MS and other Demyelinating Diseases at the Weill Cornell MS Center, working with adult and pediatric patients.

Her research focuses on educational attainment and functional outcomes in children and young adults with MS, including an understanding of the neural basis of cognitive dysfunction. Dr. Vargas is a member of the International Pediatric MS Study Group, and has presented her research at national and international conferences focusing on MS. She is actively involved in clinical trials of new medications in MS, and has published research articles related to brain MRI and cognition in adults with MS.