

Margaret M. McGovern, MD, PhD
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Margaret M. McGovern, MD, PhD, is professor of pediatrics and physician-in-chief at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. She provides leadership for the clinical, research and educational missions of one of Stony Brook Medicine's largest academic departments and also has the distinction of serving as the inaugural Knapp Chair in Pediatrics, made possible through the generosity of the Knapp Swezey, Island Outreach and Gardener foundations.

Dr. McGovern has been instrumental in the development of Stony Brook Children's from its inception in 2010, including the establishment of new clinical programs and the recruitment of nearly 80 pediatric specialists. She has set in motion a strategic vision for the children's health program that supports its three missions — providing expert clinical care, educating the next generation and fostering an environment that encourages innovative research.

An internationally renowned clinical geneticist, Dr. McGovern has a long-standing research interest in the inborn errors of metabolism, and has conducted NIH-funded research directed at the development of new therapies for these rare diseases. As an authority on quality assurance in molecular genetic testing, Dr. McGovern has served on prominent national committees, including the Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendment Committee, the Food and Drug Administration Molecular and Clinical Genetics Devices Panel and the Veterans Administration Expert Panel on Genetics and Genomics. Her interest in medical education included serving as the program director for the first medical genetics residency in the country and as the program director for the NIH-funded master's in clinical research at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. McGovern is a Distinguished Alumna of Stony Brook University and earned her medical and doctoral degrees at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary society, followed by residency and fellowship training at Mount Sinai Hospital.

