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Dr. Bazalakova is a board-certified sleep neurologist, who completed her MD PhD training at Vanderbilt University, Neurology residency at Mass General Brigham, and Sleep fellowship at the BIDMC, Boston. As faculty at the University of Wisconsin Madison, she is dedicated to expanding our understanding of the pathophysiological mechanisms of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), and the corresponding diverse phenotypes that may render individual patients susceptible to specific downstream consequences of OSA. In other words, she aims to elucidate a biomarker for OSA, that can lead to predictive personalized sleep medicine care. Specifically, Dr. Bazalakova is committed to the study of OSA in pregnancy, given that women are especially affected by the current limited AHI/REI desaturation-based metrics of OSA, with the goal of improving pregnancy outcomes and

population health.