

**Assistant Professor of Pediatrics**WVU Children's Hospital



Age: 37

**D**r. Lisa Costello is a dedicated pediatrician at WVU Children's Hospital and an assistant professor in the WVU School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics.

She is the immediate past president of both the West Virginia State Medical Association and the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Costello has pioneered several statewide initiatives, including the Physician LEADS program and the #LETSGO gratitude project.

As the medical lead for the WV Joint Interagency Task Force's Joint Information Center, she has been instrumental in communicating scientifically sound COVID-19 prevention and treatment information.

Dr. Costello's leadership extends to her role as a board member of the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), where she helps make critical decisions impacting health care access for thousands of children. She is a passionate advocate for strong public health policies, providing expert testimony on childhood immunizations to the state legislature.

Her contributions have earned her numerous accolades, including the 2022 AAP Early Career Physicians Leadership in Advocacy Award, the 2022 Immunization Innovation Award from the West Virginia Immunization Network, and the 2024 Downtown PKB Person of the Year. She also received the U.S. Army Civilian Commendation Medal for her outstanding service during the COVID-19 response.

Dr. Costello's commitment to her community is evident through her volunteer work at WVU Medicine Children's Kids Fair, fundraising for the Great Strides Cystic Fibrosis Walk, and her involvement with her local Catholic parish. A proud Mountaineer, she grew up in Weirton and earned three degrees from WVU. Her tireless advocacy for child and public health has made a significant impact on the lives of many in West Virginia and beyond, highlighting her as a distinguished leader in her field.