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Prior to focusing his professional interest in Staten Island, Dr. Kirane completed medical school and his psychiatric residency at UT Southwestern, in Dallas, Texas. In addition, he completed a fellowship in brain imaging with emphasis on learning and memory in schizophrenia. This experience highlighted for him that high quality patient care must be rooted in rigorous science. From this foundation in clinical and basic science, Dr. Kirane pursued a fellowship in addiction psychiatry at New York University. Subsequently, he turned his focus to one of the frontlines of New York City's drug epidemic and led the SIUH's addiction services since 2013.