

Elizabeth Kiefer, MD, MPH

Elizabeth Kiefer, MD, MPH, is a board-certified Internal Medicine physician and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Kiefer married a local boy she met at college and although both of her sons were born in New York City, the family calls Hawaii home after moving to Honolulu in 2013. Born and raised on the East Coast, Dr. Kiefer earned a bachelor's degree in

biology at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. She then returned to Connecticut to attend her state medical school, UCONN. Dr. Kiefer completed a medicine residency at The Mount Sinai Hospital, followed by a fellowship at Columbia University where she earned her master's degree in Epidemiology and Public Health. Dr. Kiefer has always been involved in academic medicine and was on faculty teaching medical students and residents at Montefiore Medical Center, Columbia University, and The Mount Sinai Hospital, all in New York City. She was awarded grants from the American Heart Association, National Institutes of Health, and Centers for AIDS Research. She has researched women's health, HIV, and hepatitis C virus in the US and in Rwanda, and has practiced as a primary care and HIV physician.

In 2018, after Hurricane Lane just missed Hawaii, Dr. Kiefer had a wakeup call. She enrolled in a climate and health program at Yale University and has been educating physicians and students ever since. Dr. Kiefer helped to create a Hawaii Climate Change and Health Working Group to inform, educate, and improve health policy around these issues. She loves to hike, travel, and surf with her family!