## Project Title
An Intersectoral Approach to Study Built Environment Factors Affecting Postpartum Depression and Children’s Health

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## Brief Description of Research Project
Aim 1: Examine the association between built environment and PPD and develop a PPD risk model.

Aim 2: Interview clinicians on the utility of the PPD risk model on maternal and children’s outcomes.

Aim 3: Identify effects of built environment factors associated with PPD and children’s allergic diseases.

Research outcomes in the form of a PPD risk prediction model are expected to be submitted as provisional patent through Cornell University’s Center for Technology Licensing. In addition, research outcomes will be published as journal publications, and communicated to clinicians at Weill Cornell Medicine’s clinics as patient and provider education pamphlets and flyers.

We aim to identify built environment related factors that affect PPD, and indirectly, children’s health, that may facilitate strategies to better protect maternal and children’s health. By working with a local clinic, we expect our study findings to be
translated into patentable risk reduction algorithms that incorporate clinical and environmental factors to assist in routine maternal and children’s health care.

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<th>Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)</th>
<th>We have developed a machine learning algorithm to predict the risk of PPD as part of Aim 1. In Aim 2, we interviewed clinicians including OBGYN and pediatrician clinicians on the use of social determinants of health in their routine care of patients. In Aim 3, we have created a dataset on neighborhood built environment in NY, NJ, CT, and PA by 11-digit census tracts.</th>
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| Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated) | Publication in Journal of Affective Disorder (Selected as Editor’s Choice)  
Invitation for presentation at  
- Epic Corporation  
- Reliable Health  
- Hospital Association of New York State  
- Ground Rounds at Weill Cornell Medicine  
- Perinatal Mental Health SIG  
- Machine Learning in Medicine Intercampus Symposium  
Provisional Patent Application on risk model (D8781-02-PC) through the Center for Technology Licensing at Cornell University (CTL) |
| Web Links |  
- Reports  
- Project website  
[http://ctech.cee.cornell.edu/final-project-reports/](http://ctech.cee.cornell.edu/final-project-reports/) |