I am an integrative physiologist who studies how nerves control inflammation.

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About my research:
Hypertension (or high blood pressure) is thought to be caused, in part, by inflammation in the kidney. The nervous system controls inflammation, so we are testing whether boosting nerve control of inflammation can be protective in hypertension.

My most exciting discovery:
Inflammation in the kidney plays a role in the development of hypertension.

I knew I wanted to be a scientist when...
my uncle instilled an inquisitive nature in me at a young age that helped me to become attracted to science. Research became life for me and I continue to enjoy finding answers and being a lifelong learner.