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- Trainees & Faculty Scholarship
- E-Recognitions
- CME News
- Scholarship Week
- Orientation & Onboarding



From the Editor

Medical Education Celebrates the Class of 2023 Graduation & Welcomes New Classes of Trainees



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This July issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* can be affectionately considered “**The Celebration Issue**”. This issue highlights events and achievements from the months of June & July. This is a special time in the medical education calendar that is bitter sweet. On one hand, it is a time where we celebrate the graduation of our residents and fellows and the completion of this chapter of their training & on the other hand, we bid farewell to graduating trainees who have called Nicklaus Children’s Hospital their educational and professional home for the past one, two, or three years or more. This is also a time where we celebrate the on-boarding and welcoming of new classes of residents and fellows in various programs and specialties to the Nicklaus Children’s Medical Education family.

In this issue of *Milestones in Medical Education*, we continue to highlight the many milestones achieved in the past two months by our faculty and trainees:

- ◆ Trainees continue to receive e-Recognitions from patients, colleagues, and staff for their dedication and professionalism
- ◆ The NCH trainees and faculty continue to disseminate their scholarly work in print and on national stages as presentations
- ◆ The Annual Scholarship week was held in early June with great success
- ◆ Graduation events were held and graduates were celebrated by NCH, Faculty, friends, and families

◆ The Medical Education Department welcomes new fellowship program coordinators

As we launch a new academic year, we are looking forward to our continued commitment to academic excellence, continued growth of our programs and family, and continuing our educational mission to provide our trainees with the best training experience in a supportive and nurturing learning environment. I look forward to continuing to share the great achievements of our trainees and faculty I future issues of *Milestones in Medical Education*. Happy reading.

Rani S. Gereige, MD, MPH,
FAAP - DIO

Milestones in Faculty Development

Compliance Corner - What to Know About Copy & Paste (Cloning)

This article provides guidance for appropriate use of copy and paste (cloning) functions in the Electronic Health Record (EHR).

Cloning refers to copying and pasting notes from one patient visit/encounter to another without updating the information. It enables users to select information from one source and replicate it in another location. A cloned note refers to an entry in the EHR that is worded the exact same way or is very similar to previous entries. This may also be referred to as “cut and paste” or “carried forward.” A cloned note can be useful for the continuity of patient history, especially the elements that do not change.

Although these methods of documentation are acceptable, it is not expected that the same patient would have the same problem, symptoms, and requires the same treatment on every encounter. ***The medical record must contain documentation showing the differences and the needs of the patient for each visit or encounter. Simply changing the date on the EHR without reflecting what occurred during the actual visit is not acceptable (CMS-Dec.2015).***

Dangers of Cloning Notes

When clinicians and other providers copy and paste information but fail to update it or ensure accuracy, inaccurate information may cause

data integrity issues, compromise patient safety, and/or result in regulatory concerns over the accuracy and medical necessity of billed services.

Outdated or incorrect information to be carried over without being noticed creates contradictions in the medical record as new information is added during a patient encounter. For example, carried over documentation of review of systems may state “all systems have been reviewed and are negative” for a patient who presents with fever, cough and sore throat.

Furthermore, submitting a claim for payment based on inaccurate cloned documentation misrepresents the medical necessity of the service and may result in billing a higher level of service.

What the Government Say about Cloning

Although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) does not have a national policy on the use of shortcuts (e.g., templates, copy and paste functions), the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) addressed the issue of cloning in 2012. The notice underscored the government’s resolve to ensure payment accuracy and to prevent and prosecute health care fraud. ***“A patient’s care information must be verified individually to ensure accuracy: it cannot be cut and pasted from a different record of the patient, which risks medical errors as well as overpayments.”***

Guidance for Appropriate Use of Cloning

- ◆ Cloned information must be reconfirmed and revised, as necessary, by the clinician or other provider cloning the note.
- ◆ The EHR must contain documentation showing the differences and the needs of the patient for each visit/encounter.
- ◆ Only copy necessary information and discretion must be used to ensure that cloned information reflects actual services performed or rendered during the current visit/encounter.
- ◆ Documentation that may be appropriate to clone *upon review and verification*:
 - Allergies
 - Historical procedures and surgeries
 - Developmental history
 - Immunizations
 - Past, family, and/or social history
 - Dates of scheduled appointments and procedures

Clinicians and other providers are ultimately responsible for ensuring that cloned information is updated and accurately describes the services or activities performed during the current visit/encounter.

Resources:

[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Electronic Health Records Providers](#)

Compliance Contact Information

We are here to help!

Main Line: 786-624-3838

E-mail: Compliance@NicklausHealth.Org

Anonymous Hotline: 1-888-323-6248

Anonymous Online Reporting:

www.mycompliancereport.com/MCR

(Access ID: MCHB)



Milestones in Trainees & Faculty Scholarly Activities

NCH Trainees, Alumni, & Faculty Continue to Disseminate Their Scholarly Work in Print and on National Stages

Dr. Kevin Rodriguez (Class of 2022 Pediatric Dentistry Residency) along with his co-authors Drs Arevalo, Thakkar-Samtani, Aponte-Rodriguez, and Drukteinis were notified that their manuscript titled: **“Dental Providers’ Familiarity and Attitudes About Alternative Payment Mechanisms in Value-Based Care. *General Dentistry*”** was accepted for publication in the Journal of General Dentistry. Congratulations!!!

Dr. Rani Gereige (Exec Dir of Med Ed & DIO) published two pieces in June 2023:

1. A commentary for the **75th Anniversary of *Pediatrics*** (the AAP Journal) on behalf of the AAP Committee on Continuing Medical Education (COCME) whereby we were asked to look at 75 years of *Pediatrics* published articles and pick three articles (one from a different era) that resonates with CME/CPD and Education and serve as a seminal article. Dr. Gereige reviewed with a co-member of COCME an article from the period of 1948 to 1973. The commentary from the COCME committee that he chairs is published in *Pediatrics*. See the link: <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/resources/24689/commentary-from-the-aap-committee-on-continuing-autologincheck=redirected>
2. A companion to the *Pediatrics in Review* Article pub-

lished with Drs Miranda and Arevalo (published in June 2023 issue of *Pediatrics in Review*), Dr. Gereige was asked to write a blog post to accompany the article. The blogpost is titled: **“Oral Health Inequities in Children: The Case for Public Health Measures”** and can be accessed at: <https://publications.aap.org/journal-blogs/blog/24676/Oral-Health-Inequities-in-Children-The-Case-for-ga=2.156935803.1967162.0.1686846573-1211256293.1670623409>

Drs. Mario Reyes & Veronica Etinger (PHM) & Co-authors published their manuscript titled: **“Pediatric Respiratory Illnesses: An Update on Achievable Benchmarks of Care”** in the July 2023 issue of *Pediatrics*. Congratulations!!

Dr. Enrique Konstat Korzeny (PGY2) was notified that his abstract was accepted for poster presentation at the AAP Florida Chapter Future of Pediatric Practice 2023 Conference in Orlando in September. Congratulations!!

Drs Meghana Nadiger (Alumnus), Sendi, Martinez, and Totapally were notified that their manuscript titled: **“Epidemiology and clinical features of human metapneumovirus and respiratory syncytial viral infections in children”** was accepted for publication in the November

2023 issue of the *Pediatric Infectious Diseases Journal*. Congratulations!

Drs. Proano (Alumnus), Martinez, Sendi, and Totapally were notified that their manuscript titled: **“Characteristics and Outcomes of Children with Cerebral Sinus Venous Thrombosis”** was published in the *Neurocritical Care* journal. Congratulations!!

Dr. Totapally was notified that his manuscript titled: **“Neonates with an Extremely Prolonged Length of Stay: An Analysis of Kids Inpatient Database”** was accepted for publication in *Journal of Newborn*. Congratulations!

Drs. Laor (Alumnus), Sendi, Martinez, and Totapally were notified that their manuscript titled: **“Epidemiology and Outcomes of Cerebral Edema in Hospitalized Children”** was accepted for publication in *Pediatric Neurology*. Congratulations!!!

The August 2023 issue of *Pediatrics in Review* features two review articles on **“Concerning Newborn Rashes and Developmental Abnormalities”** (Parts I & II) by our own **Drs Ana Duarte, Alejandra Frauenfelder, and Ana Graneliro**. It also features an Index of Suspicion Case on **“Bullous Skin Lesions in a 14-year-old Girl”** by **Drs Stephanie Montarroyos, Amanda Wedelich, and Melissa Clemente**. Congratulations to all.



Milestones in National Committee Appointments

Dr. Gereige Appointed to an ABP National Committee

On July 12 2023; **Dr. Rani Gereige (Exec Dir of Med Ed & DIO)** was appointed to the **American Board of Pediatrics Education & Training Committee** for 6-year term beginning January 1; 2024.

The Education and Training Committee advises and assists the board on initiatives related to the education and training of pediatricians across the continuum from medical school throughout practice. They prepare & revise materials on resident & fellow evaluation and assessment and will assist the continual development of the tracking & evaluation system. They promote communication between the ABP, APPD, COMSEP, and CoPS and addresses issues of interest to all organizations.



Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Erik Brown, MD (Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellow Grad)

Dr. Erik Brown received an e-Recognition from Oldine Pierre, 5T Clinical Coordinator for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. Pierre commented: *"I would like to recognize Dr. Brown for coming from home to come and assess the arm of a patient who was transferred from the ICU. Thank you Dr. Brown for going the extra mile to ensure everything is well with your patient. I really appreciate your quick response. Thank you for providing excellent care to your patients"*. Congratulations Erik on your display of the iCRE-ATE NCHS Values.



Becky Li, MD (PGY2)

Dr. Becky Li received a recognition from Gabriela Lins, DO (PGY3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"Becky did an excellent job during her clinic day/3S with one of the medical students. Gianna, the medical student, stated Becky made sure she was constantly working with the team and seeing patients. Becky went out of her way to ensure that Gianna was seeing core cases necessary for her rotation. Gianna stated she was always happy to be paired with Becky*

because she felt like she learned a lot and had excellent experiences. Overall, Gianna appreciated her willingness to teach and made her feel like a valuable part of the team. Great job Becky!". Congratulations Becky for a job well-done!!!



Braden Olsen, MD (PGY3)

Dr. Braden Olsen received an e-Recognition from Gabriela Lins, DO (PGY3) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"Braden did a fantastic job in the PCC today! He saw the greatest volume of patients while still providing excellent teaching to the medical students who were in clinic. Way to go Braden! Keep up the excellent work and commitment to teaching!"*. Congratulations Braden!!!



Stephanie Blount, DO (PGY2)

Dr. Stephanie Blount received a recognition from Jeffry Biehler, MD (Chair of Pediatrics). Dr. Biehler commented: *"I was asked to deal with a patient complaint related to a child's care on the inpatient service. The family was concerned about the communication between the medical service and the parents. This matter is now resolved. During the resolution process, the mother made a comment about Dr. Stephany Blount. The mother told me that Dr. Blount was "the only person who communicated with the family." She was very complimentary about this resident's professionalism and empathy. I am recognizing Dr. Blount and thank-*

ing her for the care she provided to this family in crisis". Congratulations Stephanie.



Alejandra Frauenfelder Sanchez, MD (Chief Resident)

Dr. Alejandra Frauenfelder Sanchez received an e-recognition from Enrique Konstat Korzenny, MD (PGY2) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Korzenny commented: *"Alejandra was a magnificent team leader during our 3S rotation. She always had a calm approach to her residents and kept things under control. Whenever we had the opportunity, we had educational time and she was able to teach us her knowledge. As a team leader, she made us feel calm and sure about our management. It was a pleasure to be a part of her team"*. Congratulations Alejandra.



Maricarmen Dionisio Santos, MD (Graduate)

Dr. Maricarmen Dionisio Santos received an e-recognition from Mary Mack, PharmD for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Mack commented: *"Thank you for being an excellent team leader last month! You were a phenomenal and hard working resident. Always cool under pressure :)"*. Congratulations Maricarmen.



Louis Durkac, MD (PGY3)

Dr. Louis Durkac received an e-recognition from Gabriela Lins, DO (PGY3) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"Louis was a true team player in the PCC today!"*

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions (Cont'ed)

He saw the most patients and did so with the greatest attitude while also taking the time to teach the medical students. Keep up the excellent work Louis!"
 Congratulations Louis on a job well done!!



Erileen Garcia Roldan, MD (Graduate)

Dr. Erileen Garcia Roldan received an e-recognition from Enrique Konstat Korzenny, MD (PGY2) for her **Excellent Performance**.
 Dr. Korzenny commented: *"Closing the year with Leena as our team leader was amazing. She guided us through the management of our patient always taking into account our clinical input. I am sure she will perform excellently at her new place and will place a high standard for NCH residents"*.
 Congratulations Erileen.

Silvia Escudero, MD (PGY2)



Dr. Silvia Escudero received an e-recognition from Marry Mack, PharmD for her **Excellent Performance**.

Dr. Mack commented: *"Caro always went the extra mile for her patients-no matter how complex. She was a role model for her class. She challenged our team because she made sure to think outside of the box when it came to diagnosis (think: ammonia). Thank you for all that you do for our kiddos :)"*
 Congratulations Silvia!!



Melanie Hew, MD (PGY2)

Laura Maza Portuondo, MD (PGY2)



Devarshi Desai, DO (PGY3)

Stephanie Mangels, MD (PGY3)



Andres Rodriguez, MD (PGY3)

Drs. Melanie Hew, Laura Maza Portuondo, Devarshi Desai, Stephanie Mangels, and Andres Rodriguez were recognized by Dr. Bala Totapally, PICU Attending as a PICU team. Dr. Totapally commented: *"I want to commend the group of residents who are rotating through the PICU during this block. This group of residents is one of the fantastic groups of residents I have seen in recent time. I would love to have any one of them in our unit at any time!! This has been a very difficult block even for a seasoned physicians let alone for residents. With high census, high acuity and more than usual number of deaths, they kept their wits and provided the support we need to take care of the sick children. On an occasion, the rounds went longer than I would have liked but they kept their smiles and usual exuberance. We couldn't have asked for a better group of residents for a tumultuous block! Please convey my thanks and our sincere appreciation for what they do"*.
 Congratulations team on a job well-done!!!

Milestones in GMEC Trainees Representation

Do You Know Your Peer-Selected GMEC Trainees Reps?

PGY1 Reps:

- ◆ Samantha Shear, DO
- ◆ Janelle Torres, DO
- ◆ Santiago Campos, MD

Pediatric Dental Residents Rep:

- ◆ Fitz Brooks, DMD

Year 1 Fellows Reps:

- ◆ Stephanie San Martin, MD - PHM Fellow
- ◆ Callie Alt, MD - PEM Fellow

The newly elected reps will join the existing PGY2 and PGY3 Reps and the continuing Fellows Reps. Congratulations!!!

The following trainees were peer-voted to serve as Reps on Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC). The following trainees will join the existing Reps representing their class:

The poster is for a 'FELLOWS' RESEARCH TRAINING MINICOURSE (A Research Bootcamp)' presented by Nicklaus Children's Hospital. It is a two-day event: Part I on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 (8:00am-12:00pm) and Part II on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 (1:00pm-5:00pm). The location is NCHS Corporate 4th Floor Computer Lab, 5301 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami, FL 33126. The poster includes logos for Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Research Institute, and mentions 'MANDATORY IN-PERSON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR ALL NEW FELLOWS'. It also features icons for 'data', 'Institutional Board (IRB)', and 'BOOT CAMP'. A note at the bottom states: 'All Residents, Current Fellows, Senior Residents, Mentors, and Program Directors are welcome to attend virtually. (Detailed Agenda to Follow)'. A Zoom link is provided for virtual attendance.

Milestones in Scholarly Activities

Nicklaus Children's Hospital 14th Annual Scholarship Week - A Success!!

The 2023 **14th Annual scholarship week** was held **May 30 - June 2 2023**. Fifty eight (58) abstracts were submitted this year:

◆ **20 Abstracts in Original**

Research (7 by Fellows, 12 by Residents [Medical, Dental and Pharmacy], and 1 by Nursing)

◆ **25 Abstracts in Case Reports** (7 by Fellows and 18

by Residents)

◆ **13 Abstracts in Quality Improvement** (2 by Fellows, 5 by Residents, and 6 by Nursing)

Below is the abstract listing:



Underlined Author: Denotes a "Trainee"
* - Denotes a Presenting Author

CASE REPORTS (25 Submissions)

RESIDENTS:

"BIOSIMILARS: SIMILAR BUT NOT THE SAME - CASE OF WORSENING CROHN'S DISEASE"

Majluta A*, Zaidi Z, Felipez L

"RETROPERITONEAL EMBRYONAL RHABDOMYOSARCOMA PRESENTING WITH ABDOMINAL DISTENTION AND PROJECTILE VOMITING"

Majluta A*, Lopez Gonzalez MS, Gonzalez-Vallina R

"Case Report of Hepatoblastoma in Infant with Heterotaxy Polysplenia Syndrome and Congenital Heart Disease"

Aldawsari K*, Pabon C, Alonzo A, Mangels S, De Angulo G

"IMMUNOTHERAPY RESPONSE IN A PATIENT WITH XERODERMA PIGMENTOSA AND UNRESECTABLE METASTATIC MELANOMA"

Parra del Riego A*, De Angulo G

"Ouchhh, it hurts! A case report of an 11-year-old female with spontaneous tumor rupture secondary to Wilms Tumor"

Rios Melendez S*, Hundzinski C, Pabon C, Gonzalez K, Mattos C, De Angulo G

"How did that get there? A Case series of Metastatic Vulvar Crohn's disease"

Rios Melendez S*, Zaidi Z, Medina A, Felipez L

"METASTATIC NEUROBLASTOMA TO THE JAW WITH SPONTANEOUS HISTOLOGICAL MATURATION"

Parra del Riego A*, Gonzalez K, De Angulo G

"BIALLELIC BRCA2 AND BLM GENE MUTATION IN A SHH MEDULLOSBLASTOMA WITH SEVERE CHEMOTHERAPY TOXICITY"

Parra del Riego A*, Niazi T, Hall M, Galvez R, Maher OM

"Colicky abdominal pain in an 11-year-old male, could it be gastric carcinoma?"

Rios Melendez S*, Majluta A, Pabon C, Lopez Gonzalez MS, Daghistani D, Brathwaite C, Muniz Crim A

"FEEDING IRRITABILITY AND GROWTH FALTERING IS NOT ALWAYS A STRAIGHTFORWARD DIAGNOSIS: TWO CASES OF SHWACHMAN-DIAMOND SYNDROME"

Majluta A*, Rios Melendez S, Gonzalez-Vallina R, Hassor S

"Successful Treatment of Dumping Syndrome with Diazoxide in an Infant with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome"

Aldawsari K*, Beckett O, Pagan P

"Infective Intracardiac Lesion in the Setting of Mycobacterium Franklinii Bacteremia Identified by Free-Cell DNA in a Child with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Potential New Foe in Intracardiac Infection"

Aldawsari K*, Dedic E, Olsen B, Abdella H, Khan D, Cotilla M

“Presentation of congenital soft-tissue sarcomas: A single institution experience”

Parra Del Riego A*, Olsen B, Gonzalez K, Pabon C, Chamyán G, Fader M

“A Case of Mistaken Identity: Hodgkin Lymphoma Presenting like a Complicated Pneumonia”

Arrate ME*, Olsen B, Meneses Paz JC

“Deep Vein Thrombosis as a Complication of Traditional Cupping Therapy”

Waheed I*, Creech J, Cohen N

“Contralateral eye palsy: an unusual presentation of Gradenigo Syndrome”

Li B*, Maddox B, Ye Tay J, Kowalsky S, De La Vega C

“Acute Psychosis: A Giant Problem”

Lins G*, Navarro R

“A Rare presentation of Vasculitis in an infant”

Lins G*, Ortiz Flores N

FELLOWS***“A Nightmare on MontelukaStreet”***

Graneiro A*,

“Decreasing IgG Trough Levels In A Patient With Bruton’s Agammaglobulinemia: A Cause For Investigation”

Graneiro A*, Fallatah E, Hernandez-Trujillo V, Calderon J

“Non-resolving pneumonia: what are we missing?”

Byrne A*, Franyie-Ladd B

“A progressive diaper rash: medical neglect or infantile hemangioma?”

Byrne A*, Etinger V, Reyes C

“Premedication Regimen For The Prevention Of Adverse Reactions Associated With Therapeutic Plasma Exchange”

Lairer S*, Vasquez B, Dimov V

“A Patient With Hypogammaglobulinemia and Bi-allelic Mutations in the RNU4ATAC Gene”

Lairer S*, Rodriguez Barreto AM, Hernandez-Trujillo V, Calderon J

“NOT EVERYTHING IN UC IS PSC”

Lopez Gonzalez MS*, Felipez L

ORIGINAL RESEARCH
(20 Submissions)**RESIDENTS*****“Improving the knowledge and confidence of pediatric Emergency Department Personnel in the management of dental emergencies- Preliminary Assessment of a dental workshop”.***

Shamsian J*, Miranda P, Chattopadhyay A

“Teledentistry Trends in Pediatric Patients between 2019 and 2020”

Martinez, A*

“ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD CANCER DISPARITIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES: A PRE-EXISTING PROBLEM”

Parra del Riego A*, De Angulo G

“Presentation of congenital soft-tissue sarcomas: A single institution experience.”

Parra del Riego A*, Gonzalez K, Olsen B, Pabon C, Fader M

“Establishment of Acute Myocarditis Data Registry at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital: A Descriptive Analysis”

Aldawsari K*, Mattos C, Abdulkarim M, Lopez M

“Comparing the Efficacy of Oral Hydroxyzine, Midazolam and Diazepam when Administered to Pediatric Patients Undergoing Dental Sedation”

Tover S*, Meincken M, Chattopadhyay A

“Predictors and Expenditures of Repeat Dental Treatment Under General Anesthesia”

Beaudoin DA*, Saverin M, Arevalo O, Chattopadhyay A

Milestones in Scholarly Activities

“Evaluation of Octreotide Safety and Efficacy for Chylothorax in Pediatric Patients”

Akinsanya O*, Gao T, Tomas N, Sotto I, Lee H

“Incidence of behavioral adverse effects with brivaracetam in children and adolescents: A retrospective study”

Gutierrez K*, Mack M, Lee H, Sotto I, Tomas N

“Evaluations of Clinical and Bacteriological Outcomes of Vancomycin AUC/MIC Monitoring in Pediatric Patients Treated for Organisms other than Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)” Kennedy K*, Calderon R, Lee H, Tomas N, Gao Y, Cardenas G

“Targeted Therapy in Pediatric CNS Tumors - A Single Institution Experience”

Olsen B*, Gonzalez K, Parra Del Riego A, Torres M, Pabon C, Maher OM, Niazi T, Ragheb J, Hall M, Khatib Z

“Oral Health Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Haitian Families”

May D*, Lolo P

FELLOWS

“SIRS as a Predictor of Bacteremia in Patients with Central Lines”

Martin F*, Maniaci V, Lowe D, Lozano JM, Arrate M

“IS COVID-19 ASSOCIATED WITH VIRAL-INDUCED PEDIATRIC ASTHMA EXACERBATIONS?”

Montarroyos S*, Alsulami S, Clemente M, Cardenas G

“Classification of SARS-CoV-2 Pediatric Hospitalizations: Delta vs Omicron Variant”

Montarroyos S*, Franyie-Ladd B, Mestre M, Cardenas G

“Food for Salud: Implementing Hospital-wide Food Insecurity Screening at a Free-standing Children’s Hospital”

Byrne A*, Cardenas G, DeGennaro S, Santa O, Katz JN, Perdomo J

“Learning Early About Peanut Allergy (LEAP) Guidelines and Food Allergy Prevalence in a Hispanic Population”

Lairet S*, Cardenas G, Calderon J, Hernandez-Trujillo V

“TACROLIMUS AS BRIDGE THERAPY FOR VEDOLIZUMAB AND USTEKINUMAB IN PEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE: EXPERIENCE AND OUTCOMES IN A TERTIARY CENTER IN SOUTH FLORIDA”

Lopez Gonzalez MS*, Zaidi Z, Perez C, Muniz Crim A, Caicedo Oquendo L, Felipez L

“Team Sports Pride: How sexual orientation modifies team sports participation as a protective factor against suicidal behaviors and sadness in adolescents”

Thompson JM*, Lozano JM, Lage O, Castro G, Rodriguez de la Vega P, Gereige RS

NURSING

“Death ritual practices after child death reported by parents from multi-ethnic groups”

Roche R, Hidalgo I, Brooten D, Youngblut J

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT **(13 Submissions)**

RESIDENTS:

“Implementation of Breastfeeding Curriculum into Pediatric Residency Training”

Frauenfelder A*, Garcia Roldan E, Creech J, Gines P, Navarro R, Ferreyra G, Payson A, Behnam-Terneus M, Elias M

“Improving the Methods for Identifying and Managing Childhood Obesity in the Primary Care Setting By Implementing a Standardized Evidence-based Approach”

Jackson N*, Coriat J, Glenn Lecea E, Aguilar D, Dionisio Santos M

“Quality Improvement Project to Improve Emergency Department and Urgent Care Follow Up of Primary Care Patients in the Medical Home”

Arrate M*, Durkac L, Echanove V, Waheed I, Suaris M, Perdomo J

“Addressing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Sickle Cell Disease Patients”

Torres M*, Montano A, Tamayo W, Alsulami S, Pefkarou A

“Use of Betahydroxybuturate in DKA Management”

Lins G*, Creech J, Elias M, Desai D, Durkac L, Martin F, Murray C

FELLOWS**“Improving the Transition of Care in Patients Discharged from the Hospital with Asthma Exacerbations”** Montarroyos

SS*, Reyes M, Etinger V, Donham W, Echeverry S, Sarik D, Marmanillo J

“INCREASING EARLY HOSPITAL DISCHARGES: A SUCCESSFUL CASE OF HEALTHY COMPETITION”

Dickinson M*, Clemente M, Frauenfelder A, Mestre M, Etinger V

NURSING**“The Role of Pediatric Patient Education on Nurse-Perceived Medical Traumatic Stress on a Surgical Unit”**

Poyen A*, Roche R, Sarik D

“Improving Diabetes Knowledge in Adolescents Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Endocrinology” Verme J*, Grana-

dos A, Carrillo A, Pagan P, Solano N

“Trotting the Trach Trail- A Pathway Home”

Bandin A*, Santiago L

“A Smile a Day Keeps a Patient's Concern Away”

Antich A*

“It's H U D D L E Time! A Sepsis Team Based Approach”

Bandin A*, Gomez D

“What's The Clue? An Innovative Approach to Sepsis Education”

Bandin A*

Milestones in Medical Education Staff Recruitment**Medical Education Department Welcomes New Fellowship Coordinators**

The Department of Medical Education is pleased to welcome four new fellowship coordinators who joined the Medical Education team in late 2022 and 2023. The Department extends a warm welcome to:

- ◆ **Jacqueline Vassallo**
- ◆ **Nancy Vega**
- ◆ **Gloria Montecelo**
- ◆ **Sary Soler**

This brings the GME Coordinator to a total of 8 FTEs to support the administrative work of the Sponsoring Institution & its accredited training programs as shown below. Welcome to the Medical Education Family!!!! Glad to have you join us!!!

GME Coordinator	Program(s)
Ana Otero, C-TAGME	Sponsoring Institution GME
Alina Gonzalez, C-TAGME	Pediatric Residency Program
Galia Huerta, C-TAGME	Pediatric Residency Program
Brandy Bluett, C-TAGME	Adolescent Med, Allergy-Immunology, PICU, Pediatric Radiology, Neurocritical Care
Jacqueline Vassallo	Pediatric Hematology-Oncology; Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Nancy Vega	Pediatric GI, Clinical Neurophysiology, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Gloria Montecelo	Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Pediatric Cardiology, CICU
Sary Soler	Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Urology, Craniofacial Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Pediatric Ortho Spine

Milestones in National Recognition

Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Ranked Among “Best Children’s Hospitals”



Five Nicklaus Children’s Hospital specialty programs are again identified among the nation’s best by **U.S. News & World Report** in its **2023-24 “Best Children’s Hospitals”** survey results, posted online today. What’s more, no other pediatric hospital in South Florida has more ranked programs!

Nicklaus Children’s is recognized as follows:

- ◆ **Cardiology & Heart Surgery**, #37 (*Only ranked program in South Florida.*)
- ◆ **Neonatology**, #45 (*Only ranked program in South Florida.*)
- ◆ **Neurology & Neurosurgery**, #22 (*No other program in Florida is ranked higher.*)
- ◆ **Orthopedics**, #31 (*No other program in Florida is ranked higher.*)
- ◆ **Pulmonology**, #48 (*Only ranked program in South Florida.*)

Nearly 200 hospitals participate in the annual survey. The methodology is based on clinical outcomes such as patient survival, infection rates and complications; the level and quality of hospital resources directly related to patient care such as staffing, technology and special services; delivery of healthcare programs that prevent infections and adherence to best practices; and expert opinion among pediatric specialists and subspecialists.

Milestones in CME News

The Pediatric Board Review Course - A Success!

The 26th Annual General Pediatric Review and Self-Assessment was held May 19-21 2023 at NCHS Corporate Building. In addition to our NCH PGY3 class, attendees included residents from three different residency programs and few practicing physicians. Sessions were recorded and access provided virtually after the course. Sessions included didactic sessions, ARS, and Visual diagnosis.



Milestones in Trainees Orientation & Onboarding

NCH & Medical Education Welcome New Classes of Trainees

On June 12 2023; the NCH & its Medical Education Department welcomed the PGY1 Class of Pediatric and Pediatric Dentistry Residents. A two weeks orientation was held.

On July 5-7 2023; the Department welcomed the new class of incoming fellows in various specialties who will call NCH home for the next 1, 2, or 3 years of training. Below

is a group photo of the incoming fellows.



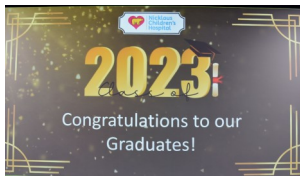
Milestones in Graduation Celebration

NCH Bids Farewell & Celebrates its Class of 2023

On June 16 2023; NCH & its Department of Medical Education celebrated the graduation of its Class of 2023 of residents and fellows. **Sixty six** graduates in

General Pediatrics, Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Subspecialties, Psychology, & Pharmacy were celebrated that evening along with their friends and families. **Dr. Moira Szilagyi**;

Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics was the keynote speaker for Grand Round and the graduation ceremony. Congratulations to all the graduates who now join our Alumni Network!



Graduation Address on Behalf of Fellows by Dr. Stephen Girgis

Anyone who has been alive for longer than even five minutes probably realizes this world is changing and it's changing fast. Blackberry phones don't exist (unless you're Monica our newly graduated surgeon with literally the last remaining one), you don't have to wait a week to see the next episode of your favorite show and all of us graduating probably won't be able to afford a house, so hope all you parents out there are ok with us moving in again... you haven't gotten rid of us just yet. And now there's robots, or more specifically artificial intelligence, and it seems to be everywhere. This entire speech was actually written by ChatGPT... ok that's a lie, because it'd probably be a lot better than what I wrote.

But what keeps getting repeated over and over again is that artificial intelligence is going to replace our jobs, and soon- especially you radiology, you better watch out. But this idea has been floating around in my head for the last few weeks. Thinking now that I finally have a chance to practice medicine as an attending and I'm being kicked out by a computer?? But I think we all have job security and let me tell you why.

Artificial intelligence is probably just as smart, if not smarter than all of us. Convinced of your job security yet? But that's just the thing. It's artificial intelligence. Not artificial compassion. Artificial pain, empathy, innovation, love. It's only one aspect of the likely hundred layers of the job we do on a daily basis. It hasn't felt the pain or fatigue our

patients have felt, or can sympathize with the disbelief of a parent that the diagnosis their child just received is true. It hasn't felt the joy of cancer remission or a successful surgery.

More so, as complex as medicine has become, it falls short of the intricacy and mystery of the human body. The certainty of the inevitable that will come to all of us one day is not and can not be thwarted by a computer - and so while we aim, we fight to give those we care for every last second- it is so they may experience what is to be human, to be held, be moved by music, to go on one more trip, to smile. To let each breath in and out declare they are a unique and loved creation.

There is a line from a song I love and it's short, but it is beautiful- "how rare and beautiful it is to even exist." The patient, the person before us who we treat is an unrepeatable individual who will never be again - the events that have shaped them are not contained in any body of data. A disease and the ability to treat it is replicable to an extent, however the person who we are charged with caring for is everything but. And so without understanding that no body of data could hold the subtitles of what makes them who they are, we can never adequately care for our patient's in all aspects.

Let me share with you a story. When I was a young 2nd year resident, I picked up caring for a patient just for one day- Michael. He was about 10 years old and had a terminal cancer. Things weren't looking too bright. Statistics would tell me to optimize his pain regimen, be sure he was without nausea

and ensure his family he would be comfortable as his last days approached. I walked in his room, knowing well that his prognosis offered him no reason to smile. His face was puffy from the multiple courses of steroids and he barely looked up as I began assessing him. I asked him how he was and he barely muffed up a response. I saw that he had the Barcelona soccer game on and I asked if he was a Barcelona fan. He said he was, and a big Messi fan. I then asked if he was excited for the El Clasico game that was coming up in a few weeks. Aware of what was to come, he said he wasn't quite sure if he'd see the game. I realized the insensitivity of my question and realized he was right, he probably wouldn't. But in that moment, he stirred not my intelligence, but my heart. Intelligence had nothing more to offer him. But I as his doctor, as a human who can feel, understood that there were intangible aspects of the boy before me that could never be contained in a chart. And so I got back to my desk, and emailed the random info@barcelona.com Michael's story to see if they could give him just a hint of joy, maybe a video call or something of the sort - it was a shot in the dark. A day later, I got back a request for the hospital mailing address so they could send a package to Michael- I was thinking by the time a package arrived from Barcelona that he would be gone.

I got a call just one day later that there was a package in the resident's office. It was an overnight package from Spain. In that box was a #10 jersey, Messi's jersey. And on it was written an autograph by the

legend himself "For Michael." Touched by his story, Messi had gotten a jersey to a boy thousands of miles away. I brought it to his room and the joy on that little boy's face is something that no medication could ever offer. Though he never saw the game, he knew he was still part of this world. That he was cared for. That illness could only affect who he was to a degree, only his body, but that what truly made Michael who he was left untouched.

This job is about so much more than surgeries, medications or vital signs. And so with that, I say that as we embark on our jobs as attendings, do what AI can never do- utilize your knowledge of what it means to be human and integrate that into your day to day practice. Have compassion, have empathy. See from another's perspective. Be a part of your community. Start a nonprofit. Stay an extra few minutes in the room to get to know the non-medical aspects of your patients. Draw on the years of committed training and learning of medicine, but do not forget the individual encounters and experiences that no journal article or book could ever hold. Pause every now and then and think **not** about how you do what you do, but why you do it. Ensure your job security- be real.

Except for you radiology, you're out of a job.

Thank you.



Medical Education Birthdays

July	
Breyonna Maddox	3
Agustina Reca	5
Guilherme Santos Piedade	5
Devarshi Desai	10
Jessie Limonta	11
Fitz Brooks	13
Victoria Waskiel	21
Alaina Durkac	22
Nolan Nielsen	25
Matthew Federici	25
Maria Arrate	25
Maria Rodriguez	27
Sean Allgood	28



August	
Natalie Flexman	1
Caleb Murray	4
Khalifah Aldawsari	6
Pamela Castillo Rocha	6
Katherine Sanchez	12
Richard Ramirez	23
Donovan Dowers	26
Laura Maza Portuondo	27
Kate Dulitz	28
Almaha Alshehri	29
Estera Tamas	30
Maria Godoy	31



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