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From the Editor

A Light at the End of the Tunnel - New Academic Year is on the Way, New Hopes, and New Trainees

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This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* Newsletter highlights the continued achievements of the trainees and faculty of the Department of Medical Education despite the challenging times that we are in. As we prepare for winding down an academic year, this issue highlights the following milestones:

- ◆ Continued commitment to excellence in teamwork and patient care as evidenced by the large number of e-recognitions received by trainees from parents/ patients; faculty, peers, and hospital staff
- ◆ Continued commitment to excellence in academic pursuit as evidenced by the number of scholarly activities including poster presentations and peer-reviewed publications
- ◆ Continued commitment of the department to recruit the

best and the brightest to be part of the NCHS family. This issue features the incoming Pediatric and Dental Residents as well as the incoming pediatric subspecialty fellows

This time of the year is certainly one of the busiest times of the academic year in Graduate Medical Education. As we prepare to bid farewell to a class of trainees, welcome a new class and promote the continuing classes. From preparations to graduation, scholarship week, and orientation, the next two months will be filled with important milestones, celebrations, and events.

At this time, as we continue with our mostly virtual meetings and conferences, there is a light at the end of the tunnel that we can see thanks to advancements in science, evidence-based

medicine, and the great rate of vaccination amongst our trainees. As the guidelines now started including children over 12 years of age to be eligible to be vaccinated, we have seen a great acceptance of this new recommendation by our youngsters and their parents. Science is the only way for us to continue to get closer to some sense of normalcy and hopefully a normal in-person school year in the next fall. If there is one thing this pandemic had taught us, it is the power of science, public health measures, and the fact that we are stronger together when we all think of the benefit for the community, the masses, in a socially responsible manner. We look to a new academic year with great hope and optimism.

Rani S Gereige, MD, MPH,
FAAP - DIO

Milestones in Faculty Development

Article Review - Virtual Meetings Best Practices

The following is a review of an article with the following reference:

Rubinger L, Gazendam A, Ekhtiari S, Nucci N, Payne A, Johal H, Khanduja V, Bhandari M. **Maximizing Virtual Meetings and Conferences: A Review of Best Practices.** *International Orthopaedics* – Published Online: 23 May 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00264-020-04615-9>.

This article is a scoping review of peer-reviewed literature, grey literature, and lay literature resulting into a compilation of best practices for maximizing virtual meetings and conferences. Criteria for selection of the articles were based on being supported by the literature, being integral to driving change, and reflect the full continuum of virtual meetings.

The authors came up with the following 4 phases of the meeting cycle (PrePARE):

- **Pre-planning**
- **Planning**
- **Accomplishing** conference goals through execution and gauging
- **Response and Engaging** the target audience for future cycles

Pre-PARE

Pre-Planning considerations: These considerations include gathering an **organizing committee** with multiple stakeholders keeping in mind the target audience. The authors recommend assigning an **“accessibility chair”** who oversees the best practices of auditory, visual, economic, and technical accessibility given the target audience. In the pre-planning stage, a decision should be made about the **type / format of the meeting** to achieve learning & engagement of the audience (Conventional, full virtual, hybrid, or asynchronous).

Planning considerations:

This phase is the most cumbersome phase of the cycle and includes both small and large decisions. In this phase, it is important to establish an individualized, robust, and secure **registration process**. The scheduling should pay close attention to time zones, scheduling breaks, and the **duration and density** of the content released. The virtual nature of the meeting allows attracting **high quality speakers**. Consideration should be given to providing speakers with **standardized slideshow template, technology specifications, and speaker preparation document** (provided in the supplemental material). Software and hardware recommendations should also be provided to attendees to maximize connectivity. (Sample attendee recommendation document checklist is provided). The planners should also have a **robust technical support** for both attendees and speakers/moderators who would test a **dry-run** with them prior to the meeting. Depending on the event type, the platform is used to maximize engagement based on the plan and the capability of the platform (e.g. small group sessions, ...). The **monetization and marketing recommendations** would take advantage of the virtual nature of the meeting to make it accessible and easy for the speakers and moderators to advertise their participa-

tion. In addition, the same rules related to industry sponsorships apply same as a live meeting.

Accomplish considerations:

It is important in virtual meetings to designate a **host and a moderator** for every session. The host typically has technical responsibilities during the session. Use the features of the platform to foster desired engagement such as polling, surveys, whiteboards, breakout rooms, etc.. Be prepared for **technical issues and disruptions** and provide moderators, hosts, and attendees with technical support numbers. Also provide hosts and moderators with **guidelines in the event of disruptions**. Pre-recording sessions is one way to avoid live-virtual disruptions. Obtain consent from the speakers to share post-event takeaway material and/or post content.

Response and Engage considerations:

This is the phase where the planners assess the virtual conference and use the data to invest in continuous growth and improvement of the conference in the next cycle. This phase includes gathering evaluation data, analyzing the data, being transparent and sharing the data and analysis with all stakeholders, and using the data for research and /or future planning.

Article Review and Tip Sheet below by Rani Gereige, MD, MPH



Fig. 1 The four phases of the conference/meeting cycling

“PrePARE” for Virtual Meetings



Milestones in Faculty Development - Compliance Corner

Protenus is Almost Here!



Ethics and Compliance, in partnership with IT, is excited to announce the launch of a new patient monitoring platform. **Protenus** is a state of the art data monitoring tool developed and deployed at Johns Hopkins and in place at Yale, Duke, University of Pennsylvania Health System, UNC Medical Center, and University of Miami Health System, among others. The implementation of procedures to regularly review records of information system activity such as audit logs, access reports, and security incident tracking reports has been a point of emphasis for the Office of Civil Rights when conducting audits and investigations. Protenus helps health systems maintain the integrity

of their data by monitoring all accesses to health data, understanding the clinical context necessary to differentiate normal from anomalous behavior, and accurately flagging threats, resulting in reduced overall risk to health care organizations and their patients.

Protenus leverages artificial intelligence and machine learning to audit every medical record access to identify patient privacy violations, stop potential hacking activity and ensure that NCHS systems are being used in a responsible manner. It can also reduce operational risk by flagging employee theft of narcotics, perform contact tracing and more. This platform will ensure that everyone who has access to patient data is using that access appropriately, and ultimately help keep health data secure.

We are excited to add Protenus as one of the front line data protection systems at NCHS to allow insight into

how the EHR is being used, identify potential risks, and stop threats before they become a breach. Our primary goal is to ensure that all users are only using the EHR for a legitimate business purpose: treatment, payment, and health care operations. The Ethics and Compliance department will manage Protenus and investigate suspicious activity relating to the electronic health record. The IT and Ethics and Compliance department are currently in the implementation process and expect to go-live in the next couple of months.

For questions or concerns contact the Ethics and Compliance department @ **786.624.3838** or via email at Ethics.Compliance@nicklaushealth.org. For additional information and resources visit us on our [portal page](#).

Stay tuned for more information and tips as NCHS prepares to implement Protenus soon!

Milestones in Clinical Teaching Award

NCH Trainee & NCH Faculty Recipients of the FIU Clinical

Teaching Awards

Each year the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine seeks nominations from medical students for the **Resident / Fellow & the Faculty Clinical Teaching Awards** for trainees and faculty among all FIU affiliated institutions.

It is with great pride to be informed that **Dr. Jennifer Thompson, MD (PL3)** was the recipient of the 2021 Resident/Fellow Clinical Teaching Award by the FIU COM. *This award recognizes a resident or fellow who ex-*

celled in teaching in the clinical setting, is a role model as a physician and educator, is available to students, and who cultivates lifelong learning.

Dr. Ziad Khatib (Peds Heme-Onc) was the recipient of the Excellence in Clinical Teaching in Pediatric Award by FIU COM. *This award recognizes a clinician educator who excels in clinical teaching in Pediatrics, is a role model as a physician and educator, is available to students, who cultivates lifelong learning, and is community-*

based faculty at FIU HWCOC. Congratulations to Drs Khatib and Thompson on this well-deserved award!!!



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Milestones in CME News

Registration is Opened for the 2021 Virtual GPRSA

The **2021 Virtual 24th Annual General Pediatric Review and Self-Assessment (GPRSA)**



will launch on **May 20th 2021**. The Course is a comprehensive review of General and subspecialty pediatrics. The following are the features of this year's course:

- ◆ Excellent board pass rate of previous attendees
- ◆ Over 120 questions using online pre and post-assessment
- ◆ Virtual platform, self-paced, and self-directed learning
- ◆ 24 virtual sessions covering all core pediatric topics
- ◆ Marathon in Visual Diagnosis with Dr. Basil Zitelli
- ◆ Post-test of MOC questions with immediate feedback and pearls on each question (2 attempts)
- ◆ 26 CME Hours and ABP 26 MOC part 2 Points
- ◆ Access to PDFs and speakers handouts

Milestones in Accreditation

The Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Receives Continued Accreditation

The NCH Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program is accredited by the **Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)**. With the COVID-19 disruption, CODA-Accredited programs had to submit a report describ-

ing how the program handled the interruption of education for the Class of 2021 due to COVID-19 and what mitigation measures were taken by the program. On May 12 2021, Dr. Oscar Arevalo was notified by

CODA that his submitted report was Approved by the Commission and the program was granted continued **"approval without reporting requirements"**. Congratulations to Dr. Arevalo and his team!!!

Milestones in Faculty & Trainees' Publications

NCH Trainees, Alumni, & Faculty Continue to Contribute to the Published Literature

The manuscript titled: **"Risk of Serious Bacterial Infections in Young Febrile Infants with COVID-19"** authored by: **Payson A**; Etinger V; **Napky P**; **Montarroyos S**; **Ruiz-Castaneda A**; and Mestre M was published in *Pediatric Emergency Care*. April 2021; 37(4) 232-236. Congratulations!!

Dr. Bala Totapally (PICU Fellowship Director) was notified that his manuscript titled: **"Identification of MIS-C Classes and Development of Hyperinflammation Score in**

Pediatric COVID-19" was accepted for publication in *Journal of Pediatric Intensive Care*. Congratulations!!!

Dr. Manette Ness-Cochinwala (PICU Fellow) was notified that her manuscript titled: **"Characteristics and Outcomes of Children with Necrotizing Pneumonia"** was accepted for publication in *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*. Congratulations!!!

Dr. Luis Caicedo (Peds GI fellowship Director) and **Dr. Maria Lopez (PL3)** published

their manuscript titled: **"Chilaiditi Syndrome in Pediatric Patients: Symptomatic Hepatodiaphragmatic Interposition of Colon: A Case Report and review of Literature"** in *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics*. Congratulations!!

Dr. Rani Gereige (Director of Medical Education & DIO) published a *Pediatric in Review* Blog titled: **"It's a Small World After All!!"**. April 15th; 2021. <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/04/15/small-world-pedsinreview>



Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



**Antonia
Rovira, MD
(PL1)**

Dr. Antonia Rovira received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Oranit Shaked for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *"I'd like to recognize Antonia for her hard work in handling the large volume of patients in the ED. She demonstrates knowledge that is far superior to most interns that have rotated through the ED. Additionally, her willingness to help is much appreciated"*. Congratulations Antonia on a job well-done!



**Brittany
Plescher, MD
(PICU Fellow)**

Dr. Brittany Plescher received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Adriana Lopez, Pediatric Social Worker for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Lopez commented: *"I want to recognize Brittany for doing an outstanding job with probably the toughest of situations for a physician. Brittany had to give a parent the news of a very grim prognosis for her child. Brittany was transparent and realistic in a very professional and empathetic way and never compromised the reality of the unfortunate situation. I commend her for this. We need more of this so parents are not given a false sense of hope. I was very proud to stand by Brittany tonight"*. Congratu-

lations Brittany on a job well done!



**Meghana
Nadiger, MD
(PICU Fellow)**

Dr. Meghana Nadiger received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Ms Larissa De Alencar; RN ICU for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms. De Alencar commented: *"Thank you Dr. Nadiger for always being so easy to talk to. Thank you for listening to my concerns and taking the time to come to the bedside to trouble shoot with me and figure out a way to make our patients more comfortable. I love that you always take the time to go over the plan and expectations for the night with me, especially when we have a busy patient like we did last night. Its always a pleasure working with you!"*. Congratulations Meghana!



**Rodrigo Cav-
alcante, MD
(PL2)**

Dr. Rodrigo Cavalcante received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms. Lyndsey Carter, RN 6T for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms Carter commented: *"WOW!! Rodrigo is such an amazing resident! We have a few really sick kids on the floor tonight and Rodrigo has been extremely attentive and caring. His decision making was quick, appropriate, confident, and humble. It is not often that we experience residents who*

are able to react in such a way when our patients are decompensating. He demonstrates leadership, teamwork, and appreciates our suggestions when caring for our patients. Way to go Rodrigo! We love having you". Congratulations Rodrigo!



**Sara Tano, MD
(PEM Fellow)**

Dr. Sara Tano received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. John Dunlop (ED Attending) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Dunlop commented: *"Dr. Tano, always an asset to the emergency department, went the extra mile on a recent evening shift and stayed late to take care of sick patients and help the team"*. Congratulations Sara!!!



**Nataly
Sanchez
Solano, MD
(PL3)**

Dr. Nataly Sanchez Solano received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"To date, you are one of the best PL-3s we have had on the floor. You always made an effort to teach despite how busy the floor was. I will never forget the day you taught the interns about oxygenation in one of the empty patient rooms. You were so organized and are greatly appreciated"*. Congratulations Nataly!!!



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Belen Bermudez Chicango, MD (PL3)

Dr. Belen Chicango received a recognition from Dr. Ellie Rakovchik; PEM attending. Dr. Rakovchik commented: ***"I was immensely impressed at the progress she has made since intern year. In my opinion, she skillfully mastered her clinical skills and approach to the pediatric ED patient and the ED pace"***. Congratulations Belen!!



Maricarmen Dionisio-Santos, MD (PL1)



Dr. Maricarmen Dionisio-Santos received a recognition from a mother of one of the patients she cared for in the hospital. The mother commented: ***"Dr. Dionisio-Santos has made us feel like we've been in such good hands while being admitted. She is always willing to listen to our concerns and help offer solutions. She is extremely personable and truly cares about patients. We were so happy to be in her care and have nothing but great things to say about her"***. Congratulations Maricarmen on a job well done!



Jonathan Creech, MD (PL1)

Dr. Jonathan Creech received an acknowledgement and recognition from the mother of one of the patients he cared for. The mother commented: ***"... having him gave me the most wonderful peace of mind. He is a fantastic doctor and will do very well beyond his residency"***. Congratulations Jonathan!!!

In addition Both Drs. Maricarmen Dionisio-Santos & Jonathan Creech received wonderful comments from a patient in the PressGaney March Survey. The parent commented: ***"Residents Dr. Dionisio-Santos and Dr. Creech were wonderful. They had so much patience and you could tell they really cared about their patients"***. Congratulations Maricarmen and Jonathan!!!!

Ricardo Vega Auz, MD (PL1)



Dr. Ricardo Vega Auz received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Serena Prado RN Float for his display of the value of **Improving Quality**. Ms Prado commented: ***"I just wanted to take a moment to thank Dr.Vega Auz for helping ease my patients mothers concern on their plan of care. He went above and beyond in explaining a medication to the family, the side effects, long term monitoring plan, and things her daughter may notice. I am grateful that before his sign out he took the time to help this mom to understand her daughters medication regimen. He took the initiative to explain everything to the***

mom on short notice. The mom appreciated his efforts and so did I". Congratulations Ricky. Keep up the good work!!!



Freddy Martin, MD (PL3)

Dr. Freddy Martin received two NCHS-way e-Recognitions:

◆ The first is from Ms Yadira Catalan; RN 5T for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms Catalan commented: ***"I would like to recognize Dr. Martin for his excellent bedside manners, empathy, and advocacy. He is always approachable and very helpful. Dr. Martin advocates for his patients and family members and uses all the resources available to provide the best possible care. I have seen how he loves his job and it is a pleasure to work alongside him. Thank you for all you do"***.

◆ The second e-Recognition was from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: ***"Freddy you are an exemplary resident. Having you as a team leader was a joy. You were organized, gave the residents autonomy, and took the initiative to do a bunch of teaching. I can't wait to see you in the ED as a fellow. You will be missed!"***.

Congratulations Freddy. Keep up the good work!!!

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Melanie Suaris, MD (PL3)

Dr. Melanie Suaris received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Grisel Cepeda; UR RN for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Cepeda commented: *“A true Medical Hero Thank you for what you do every day for the patients and family in the most difficult times. You are a great PICU team member”*. Congratulations !!!



Stephanie Padron, MD (PL3)

Dr. Stephanie Padron received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Grisel Cepeda; UR RN for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Cepeda commented: *“A true Medical Hero Thank you for what you do every day for the patients and family in the most difficult times. You are a great PICU team member”*. Congratulations !!!



Melissa Castro Rivadeneira, MD (PL1)

Dr. Melissa Castro Rivadeneira received Two NCHS-way e-Recognitions:

- ◆ The first e-Recognition was from Ms Ruth Palacios; RN 3E for her display of the **NCHS Values**.

Ms Palacios commented: *“I would like to recognize Dr. Castro for collaborating with the nurses while always having a positive attitude. She has shown empathy towards her patients and cares deeply for her work. thank you so much for all you do”*.

- ◆ The second e-Recognition was from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: *“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Castro Rivadeneira during her 3S rotation. As a TL during the rotation I worked closely with Melissa and I wanted to recognize her exemplary bedside manners and her everyday dedication to patient care. During a 4 weeks rotation Melissa continued to have a positive demeanor despite daily clinical challenges. Moreover, Melissa welcomed learning opportunities with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, she was also of a great assist to the medical team and always offered to help others. I believe that Melissa is advancing successively in her medical training and will be of great benefit to her patients, medical team and the institution”*.

Congratulations Melissa on a job well done!!!



Ashish Saini, MD (PL2)

Dr. Ashish Saini received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Luisa Angel; CICU APRN for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms Angel commented: *“I would like to recognize Ashish for his performance during his Cardiology floor rotation. He excelled for being a hard worker, dedicated to the patients and took full ownership of the floor. He was thorough, pro-active and motivated. It was a pleasure having him in our floor and working with him”*. Congratulations Ashish on a job well done!!!



Patricia Jimenez Rivero, DO (PL2)

Dr. Patricia Jimenez Rivero received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Ms Luisa Angel; CICU APRN for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Angel commented: *“I would like to recognize Patricia for her performance during his Cardiology floor rotation. She was in charge of a very complex and difficult case and did a great job preparing that family for discharge. She was a hard worker, dedicated to the patients and took full ownership of the floor. She always had a pleasant disposition, was interested in learning and really made the effort to make the most of her rotation. It was a pleasure working beside her during her rotation on our floor”*. Congratulations!!!



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Nicole Jackson, MD (PL1)

Dr. Amanda Wedelich received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: *“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Jackson during her 3S rotation. As a TL during the rotation I worked closely with Nicole and I wanted to recognize her exemplary patient care and her every day dedication. Moreover, during a recent code we had in the floor, Nicole was able to recognize a decompensating patient early and she was able to alert the medical team, Nicole displayed a great amount of skills where she was at the bedside assessing the patient, communicating with the medical team while keeping focused and calm during every step. I believe that Nicole is advancing successively in her medical training and will be of great benefit to her patients, medical team and the institution”*. Congratulations Nicole!!!

Amanda Wedelich, MD (PL1)



Dr. Amanda Wedelich received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for

her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: *“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Wedelich during her 3S rotation. As a TL during the rotation I worked closely with Amanda and I wanted to recognize her exemplary bedside manners and her dedication to patient care. Moreover, during a recent code we had in the floor, Amanda displayed great amount of skills where she was at the bedside assessing the patient, communicating with the medical team while keeping focused and calm during every step. I believe that Amanda is advancing successively in her medical training and will be of a great benefit to her patients, medical team and the institution”*. Congratulations Amanda!!!

Zara Zaidi, DO (PL1)



Dr. Zara Zaidi received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: *“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Zaidi during her 3S rotation. As a TL during the rotation I worked closely with Zara and I wanted to recognize her exemplary bedside manners and her dedication to patient care. Moreover, Zara was a great team player and showed leadership skills when needed. During Zara's week of night shifts, I received daily positive feedback from overnight medical staff regarding Zara excellent performance, bedside man-*

ners and dedication. I believe that Zara is advancing successively in her medical training and will be of great benefit to her patients, medical team and the institution”. Congratulations Zara!!



Wendy Tamayo, MD (PL1)

Dr. Wendy Tamayo received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: *“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Tamayo during her 3S rotation. As a TL during the rotation I worked closely with Wendy and I wanted to recognize her exemplary bedside manners and her dedication to patient care. Moreover, Wendy showed a great amount of dedication to her patients and welcomed the clinical challenges. Wendy was able to bring up concerns when needed and showed clinical curiosity and enthusiasm. I believe that Wendy is advancing successively in her medical training and will be of great benefit to her patients, medical team and the institution”*. Congratulations Wendy!!!

Sobia Naeem, DO (PEM Fellow)



Dr. Sobia Naeem received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Oranit Shaked; (PEM Attending) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *“I am so proud of Sobia's performance in all aspects of*



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her fellowship training but especially in managing critically ill children. She is an astute clinician, hard working, smart, professional and an incredible team player. I look forward to having her as my colleague upon completion of her fellowship training. She will be an asset to our institution". Congratulations on a job well done!!!



Roxana Navarro, MD (PL1)

Dr. Roxana Navarro received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Abdulmajeed Alruwaili (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Alruwaili commented: **"I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. Navarro during**

her rotation in 3S. As a TL during the 3S rotation I worked closely with Roxana and I wanted to take the opportunity here to recognize her every day excellent performance despite the clinical challenges. I believe Roxana will continue to progress and grow more and will be a great help to her patients". Congratulations Roxana!!!

Milestones in Class of 2021 Graduation Planning

2021 Immediate Past-President of AAP to Give the Class of 2021 Virtual Graduation Keynote Address & Grand Round



Sara "Sally" H. Goza, MD, FAAP, is the immediate past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) after serving her term as the 2020 AAP president.

Dr. Goza is a general pediatrician and has had the privilege of taking care of children in her hometown of Fayetteville, Ga., for over 30 years. She is a managing partner in First Georgia Physicians Group. After graduating from Rhodes College, Dr Goza attended

Medical College of Georgia for her medical degree. Her internship and residency were at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dr Goza is on the Community Physicians Advisory Board for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

She has been involved with the AAP Georgia Chapter for over 20 years, including serving on the Board of Directors, Medicaid Task Force and as chapter president. She currently is on the legislative committee, the fall planning group and the Board of the Pediatric Foundation of Georgia.

Dr. Goza was on the National Nominating Committee and was District X representative to the Board of Directors. While on the board, she was

chair of oversight committees to practice, marketing/sales, strategic planning and finance. She was selected by her colleagues as the first at-large representative to the executive committee. She was the chair of the For Our Future Campaign Steering Committee.

Dr. Goza was involved in the Hub and Spoke quality improvement initiative and the development of the current AAP strategic plan. She represented the Academy at the Council for Medical Specialty Societies.

Dr. Goza is active in her community having served on the boards for Girl Scouts, Promise Place (domestic violence) and the Joseph Sams School for children with special needs.

NCH GME to Celebrate the Class of 2021 Graduation

NCH Department of Medical Education is pleased to hold a virtual celebration for the graduation of the Class of 2021 Residents and Fellows on June 11th 2021. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Milestones in Future Chief Residents Selection

NCH Residency Selects the 2022-2023 Chief Residents



Stephanie San Martin, MD

On **April 26th 2021**; the Pediatric Residency Program announced the selection of the **2022-2023 Chief Residents** from a list of competitive applicants: **Drs Stephanie San Martin & Giancarlo Giovannini** were selected. Congratulations!!!



Giancarlo Giovannini, MD

Milestones in New Incoming Trainees

NCH GME Prepares to Welcome New Classes of Trainees

NCH GME Department is pleased to welcome a new class of Pediatric Residents & Subspecialty Fellows who will begin their training in July 2021.

INCOMING RESIDENTS - CLASS OF 2024

Name	Medical School
Daniela Albors-Agullo, MD	Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Khalifah Aldawsari, MD	King Saud University Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Andrea Alonzo, MD	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Florida
Maria Arrate, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Evelina Dedic, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Devarshi Desai, DO	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine, Alabama
Alaina Durkac, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Louis Durkac, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Veronica Echanove Iturralde, MD	Universidad de Monterrey Facultad de Medicina, Mexico
Alia Elnaji, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Andrew Garcia, MD	University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas
Keishla González Sánchez, MD	San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Dianelis Hernandez, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida
Courtney Hundzinski, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Aldo Majluta Yeb, MD	Universidad Iberoamericana School of Medicine, Dominican Republic
Stephanie Mangels, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida
Claudia Mattos, DO	Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, New Jersey
Lorein Moya Rodriguez, MD	Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Braden Olsen, MD	Creighton University School of Medicine, Phoenix Regional Campus, Nebraska
Camila Pabon, MD	Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Angela, Parra del Riego, MD	Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC) Escuela de Medicina, Peru
Agustina Reca, MD	Universidad de Buenos Aires Facultad de Medicina, Argentina
Sandra Rios Melendez, MD	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Andres Rodriguez, MD	Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, Pennsylvania
Gretel Rodriguez, DO	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Auburn Campus, Alabama
Sandra Siatkowski, MD	Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, South Carolina
Gabriela Teixeira-Bell, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ifrah Waheed, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida



Welcomes Pediatric Residents

Class of
2024



Daniela Albors-Agullo, MD
Ponce Health Sciences University
School of Medicine,
Puerto Rico



Khalifah Aldawsari, MD
King Saud University - Riyadh,
Saudi Arabia (SACH Track)



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Daniella Alicia Beaudoin, DDS	Louisiana State University School of Dentistry
Andrew Ray Martinez, DDS	University of Texas School of Dentistry
Dionne Jasmin May, DMD	Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Jennifer Shamsian, DDS	New Your University, College of Dentistry
Sam Hunter Tover, DMD	Jersey Shore University Medical Center

INCOMING FELLOWS

Incoming Fellow	Medical School	Current Training
Adolescent Medicine		
Jennifer Thompson, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Allergy-Immunology		
Stephania Laird, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Pediatric Cardiology		
Najveen Alvi, MD	Aga Khan University Medical College, Pakistan	Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY
Jenna Lynn Schermerhorn, DO	Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, IA	University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT
Pediatric Gastroenterology		
Maria Susan Lopez Gonzalez, MD	Universidad del Azuay Facultad de Medicina, Ecuador	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Craniofacial Plastic Surgery		
Pedro Salomao Piccinini, MD	Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) - Porto Alegre, RS - Brazil	Hospital São Lucas - Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)/ Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery - Porto Alegre, RS - Brazil
Pediatric Critical Care Medicine		
Camila De Avila, MD	Universidad del Norte Programa de Medicina, Colombia	East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
Kate Dulitz, MD	St. George's University, Grenada	St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, NJ
Caleb Murray, DO	Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine	University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL
Pediatric Hospital Medicine		
Stephanie Montarroyos, DO	Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Davie, FL	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry		
Jorge Jorge, MD	Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica	Larkin Community Hospital
Sabih Iqbal, MD	American University of Integrative Sciences School of Medicine, Barbados	Larkin Community Hospital
Clinical Neurophysiology		
Carlos Castillo, MD	Universidad Latina de Panama, Panama City, Panama	Lincoln Medical Center, Weil Cornell, Bronx NY (Pediatric Residency) Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC (Child Neurology)
Brittney Jones, MD	Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC	University of Alabama, Birmingham (Pediatric Residency) University of Alabama, Birmingham (Child Neurology)
Dayra Licier, MD	Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine, Bayamon, PR	Hospital Episcopal San Lucas, Ponce, PR (Pediatric Residency) Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA (Child Neurology)
Cardiac Intensive Care		
Saif Ali Shankir Aljemali, MD	University of Baghdad, Iraq	St. Joseph's University, NJ (Peds Residency) Rush University, Chicago, IL (Peds Cardiology Fellowship)
Pediatric Surgery		
Monica Chow, MD	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, NJ	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson, NJ
Pediatric Emergency Medicine		
Freddy Martin, MD	New York Medical College, NY	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Alexis Kowalski (Rudd), MD	Tulane University School of Medicine	Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, CT
Pediatric Radiology		
Stacey MacKenzie, MD	St. George's University, Grenada	Orange Park Medical Center & Harlem Hospital, NY

Milestones in Residents, Fellows, & Faculty's Scholarly Activities

NCH Trainees & Faculty Showcase their Work Nationally

A Strong Presence for NCH Trainees & Mentors at Virtual ASPHO Meeting

Despite most meetings going virtual this year, Nicklaus Children's Hospital faculty, trainees, and Alumni will have a strong presence at the **2021 Annual Meeting for the American Society for Pediatric Hematology-Oncology (ASPHO)**. The following abstracts were presented as poster presentations:

- ◆ **O'Farrell C, Napky Raudales P, Riera Canales C, Colon Guzman S, Eidson Fader M.** "RECURRENT NON-IMMUNE HEMOLYTIC CRISES AND SPLENO-MEGALY: HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT ALPS?"
- ◆ **Smith J, Maher O, Galvez Silva J, Khatib Z.** "COMPLETE RESPONSE OF THERAPY RELATED MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME TO ALISERT-IB".
- ◆ **O'Farrell C, Riera Canales C, Giovannini Sanguinetti G, Cavalcante R, De Angulo G.** "HIDDEN LYMPHOMA: VANISHING BILE DUCT SYNDROME PRECEDING HODGKIN RELAPSE BY 10 MONTHS"
- ◆ **O'Farrell C, Riera Canales C, Mandel G, Eidson Fader M.** "PEXIDARTINIB FOR UNRESECTABLE DIFFUSE TENOSYNOVIAL GIANT CELL TUMOR IN CHILDREN: A CASE REPORT"
- ◆ **Shariati F, Napky Raudales P, De Angulo G, Barry R, Sanchez E.** "UNDER THE RED SEA OF SYNOVIAL SARCOMA: CASE OF A PRIMARY SYNOVIAL SARCOMA PRESENTING AS A HEMOTHORAX".
- ◆ **Napky Raudales P, Barry R, Shariati F, Sanchez E, Fonseca A, Niazi T, Maher O, Khatib Z.** "ACUTE PSYCHOSIS AS AN INITIAL MANIFESTATION OF A PINEAL GERMINOMA IN AN ADOLESCENT MALE".
- ◆ **Napky Raudales P, Barry R, Dantas M, Fader M.** "MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: JUVENILE XANTHOGRANULOMA IN A CHILD WITH HYPERLIPIDEMIA AND BICYTOPENIA"
- ◆ **Riera Canales C, O'Farrell C, Mandel G, Abdella G.** "LATE RELAPSE IN WILMS TUMOR: DOES INTENSE CHEMOTHERAPY IMPROVE SURVIVAL?"
- ◆ **Mandel G, Riera Canales C, O'farrell C, Fader M.** "METHOTREXATE USE IN END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE: A CASE REPORT"
- ◆ **Mandel G, Riera Canales C, Pelaez L, O'farrell C, Fader M, Hogan A.** "ALL THAT GROWS ISN'T MALIGNANT: THE HIBERNOMA".

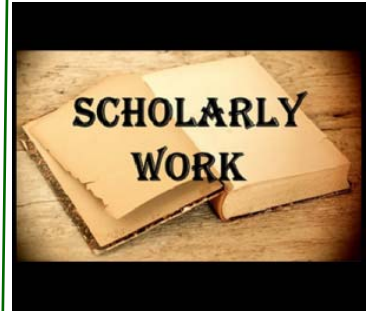
Congratulations to trainees presenters and the faculty mentors.

NCH Trainees & Mentors Participate in the 2021 Virtual ACMG Meeting

NCH trainees participated as presenters in the 2021 Virtual meeting for the American College of Medical Genetics by presenting the following two posters:

- ◆ **Aquino Crisanto L, Napky Raudales PJ; Girgis S, Jayakar P.** "Complex combined Trisomy 14 and 21 Mosaicism and Multisystem Involvement in a Newborn".
- ◆ **Saini A, Kana SL, Visona C, Diaz A, Jayakar P.** "Hypermethioninemia due to Adenosine Kinase Deficiency: Novel Mutations in ADK Gene diagnosed by Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS)"

Congratulations!!!!



Milestones in Medical Education Staff Recognitions

Medical Education Staff Recognitions

Congratulations to **Ms Gabriela Martinez (CME Specialist)** on receiving an e-Recognition from Dr. Rani Gereige for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Gereige commented: "I like to recognize Gabriela for going over and beyond to make sure that

our very first virtual PPGC is uneventful... the course was a success thanks to her dedication, communication, and engagement. She is responsible, dependable, and a team player. She is also resourceful, innovative and creative. While this is within

the scope of her work, she put in numerous amounts of long hours (after hours) in preparing for the course from recording, video editing, web design, tech support, etc... she is a great asset to the department and her efforts are greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you !!!"



Save the Date

The 2021 Virtual 12th Annual Scholarship Week Week May 31-June 4th 2021

*** Original Research * Case Reports * QI Projects ***



Medical Education Birthdays

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Melissa Castro Rivadeneira	10
Leanna Laor	11
Giselle Fontela	12
Gelareh Aryafar	16
Daniel McGraw	16
Stephanie San Martin	17
Gabriel Mandel	19
Farimah Shariati	21
Diana Belen Bermudez Chicango	21
Sara Tano	21
Karen Petit	23
Veronica Figueredo	24
Ana Luiza Graneiro	26



June	
Eduardo Acosta	6
Sanja Dzelebdzic	8
Sebastian Proano Coello	8
Amanda Cruz-Deweese	14
Adam Beaton	23
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Adam Stathas	27
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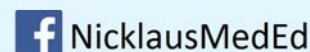
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