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From the Editor

A Farewell & a Welcome (The Celebration Issue)

This **July** issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* highlights the milestones that occurred in the past two months. As you all know, in Medical Education, the months of May, June, and July are busy times as we close out an academic year and prepare to welcome a new one. It is a time of celebrations and true Milestones. This is the time we celebrate the graduating class of our trainees for achieving a milestone in their professional journey and we welcome a new group of trainees who are embarking on their professional path by joining our NCHS family.

The end of the academic year, while it is marked by celebrations, it is also a bitter sweet time. Saying goodbye to friends, colleagues, and trainees who are continuing their journey and leaving for new pastures is never an easy task.

As we prepare to welcome a new academic year, we reflect on the progress made since this time last year and how far we came along especially in dealing with the pandemic. It gives me **hope** being able to highlight that:

- ◆ Almost **98%** of our trainees and almost **100%** of our

incoming trainees are vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus

- ◆ **Vaccines and testing** are widely available compared to the same time last year
- ◆ We held our **Annual Scholarship Week** and despite the pandemic, we had an increase in the number of abstract submitted this year to 74 abstracts
- ◆ **The graduation of the Class of 2021**; while not the way we typically held it; we were able to allow two guests per graduate to join us in person (something that could not be done last year)
- ◆ Our residents and fellows' **orientations** were held fully in-person

This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* highlights the various events that took place in the past two months:

- ◆ Our trainees, including new PGY1s; continue to receive e-recognition and compliments for their performances

- ◆ Trainees and faculty continue to disseminate their scholarly work in peer-reviewed print and on the national stages
- ◆ Trainees participate in community / advocacy event around COVID-19 vaccination
- ◆ Graduation of the Class of 2021
- ◆ Welcoming a new class of residents and fellows for the first time to the campus; all of whom were interviewed virtually.
- ◆ The virtual General Pediatrics Review and Self-Assessment Course was launched in May 2021 and will be opened on iLearn until December 2021
- ◆ We are proud of the NCH USNWR ranking achievement

I hope you enjoy reading this issue that is filled with hope, new beginnings, and celebrations of achievements and milestones. Happy reading!!

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FAAP - DIO

Milestones in Residents and Fellows' Graduation Celebrations

NCHS & Medical Education Hold the Class of 2021 Graduation Celebration



On Friday **June 11th 2021**; the NCH Department of Medical Education held its Commencement Exercises for the **Class of 2021** Residents and Subspecialty Fellows. A total of **61 trainees** graduated that day. The day started with Virtual Grand Round delivered by **Dr. Sally Goza**; Immediate Past-President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her topic title was **"Meeting**

the Moment: Achieving Optimal Health for All Children". This was followed by two diploma ceremonies: (1) The first diploma ceremony was for Subspecialty Fellows, Dental Residents, Pharmacy Interns and Fellows (31) and (2) The second diploma ceremony was for the Pediatric Residents and Chief Residents (30).

This year the diploma ceremonies occurred in the Main Auditorium, with face mask, and social distancing. However, graduates were able to bring this year two guests each. The ceremonies were transmitted live via YouTube live.

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2021, their families & faculty members!!!



Milestones in Faculty Development

Annual Program Evaluations: An Opportunity for Improvement & MOC Part 4 Points

It is the time of the year where all training programs hold their Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) meetings, come up with action plans based on feedback, draft their Annual Program Evaluation (APE) reports, and report on the action plans progress throughout the year.

Roles and Responsibilities of the PEC members

Description of the PEC:

PEC members are appointed by the Program Director. The PEC must be composed of at least **TWO program faculty** members and should include **at least ONE trainee**. PEC members may be the same or different from the members of the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC). Smaller programs in which there might be years when no residents are enrolled must have a PEC that still should meet annually to evaluate and improve the program. The PEC in such a year would be comprised only of at least faculty members. **An absence of any actively enrolled trainees is the only acceptable reason why the PEC would not include a trainee.**

Roles and Responsibilities of PEC Members:

PEC members should actively participate in:

Planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating educational activities of the program

Reviewing and making recommendations for revision of competency-based curriculum goals and objectives

Addressing areas of non-compliance with ACGME standards

Reviewing the program annually using evaluations of faculty, residents, and others, as specified below.

The program must monitor and

track each of the following four areas:

- ◆ Resident performance
- ◆ Faculty development
- ◆ Graduate performance: Including performance of program graduates on the certification examination
- ◆ Program quality

Trainees and faculty must have the opportunity to evaluate the program confidentially and in writing at least annually. The program must use the results of residents' and faculty members' assessments of the program together with other program evaluation results to improve the program.

Review the progress on the previous year's action plan (s).

A program may decide for its PEC to participate in more activities than these listed above.

PEC is to "actively participate," but that it is not responsible for solving all problems on its own. The PEC may work with the GMEC, the designated institutional official (DIO), department leaders, or the program director as part of its work.

The Annual Program Evaluation (APE):

The program, through the PEC, must document formal, systematic evaluation of the curriculum at least annually, and is responsible for rendering a written and Annual Program Evaluation (APE).

The PEC must prepare and document in the APE a written plan of action to document initiatives to improve performance in one or more of the four areas listed above as well as delineate how they will be measured and monitored.

The action plan should be reviewed and approved by the teaching faculty and documented in meeting minutes.

The Goal of the PEC:

The goal is to try to improve the educational program every year. While the PEC has to meet at least annually, it can certainly meet more often.

While one of its responsibilities is to address areas of non-compliance with minimum ACGME standards, the PEC can certainly improve the program to go beyond the minimum.

PEC & APEs and the Link to ABP MOC Part 4 Points

The Action Plans of the APE are a result of the PEC work. Measures to meet the action plans are meant to lead to program improvement. The PEC could meet more frequently than once per year to get a follow-up on the action plans.

This exercise should be looked at as a QI project. If the action plans that are designed can be linked to process or outcome measures that can be tracked, the project could be written and submitted to the Institutional Portfolio program to submit to ABP for approval for MOC4 points. This is a great opportunity for faculty, program directors, and trainees for the following reasons:

1. This will foster Team-Based engagement in the interventions proposed for each of the action plans
2. All stakeholders (Including PDs, APDs, Faculty, and Trainees) could be eligible to claim MOC4 points
3. For trainees interested in Medical Education, this could be a great opportunity to lead a project and learn Medical Education QI by implementing a new curriculum or rotation
4. The program can have multiple MOC4-qualifying projects depending on the number of action plans the program has (each could be a QI project) and they all can be a scholarly activity if disseminated.



Milestones in Scholarly Activities

The 2021 Virtual 12th Annual Scholarship Week - A Success!!

The Nicklaus Children's Hospital Departments of Medical Education & Nursing, in collaboration with the Nicklaus Children's Research Institute held its **2021 Virtual 12th Annual Scholarship Week** from May 31st to June 4th 2021. The event this year had a total of **74 abstracts** submitted in one of the following three categories:

I- ORIGINAL RESEARCH (21 Abstracts)

⇒ 11 from Pediatric, Dental, & Pharmacy Residents

⇒ 7 from Fellows

II- CASE REPORTS (40 Abstracts)

⇒ 36 from Residents

⇒ 4 from Fellows

III- QI PROJECTS (13 Abstracts)

⇒ 8 from Residents

⇒ 3 from Nursing

Submitted abstracts were peer-reviewed by clinical and research faculty members and

anonymously scored. Winning abstracts in each of the three categories presented their abstracts as a podium presentation during Grand Round on June 4th 2021 (With CME Credit). All others presented their abstracts as virtual posters at a scheduled time over the week. Congratulations to all authors, co-authors, faculty mentors and to the winning abstracts. Below is a detailed listing of the abstracts (1st and 2nd place winners are tagged)



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

I- RESIDENTS ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #1: Lopez Gonzalez MS*; Fonseca AG; Colon Guzman S; Castro Rivadeneira M; Felipez LM; Caicedo Oquendo LF. "Impact of Telehealth in Our GI Practice in South Florida".

Abstract #2: Napky Raudales P*, Ness-Cochinwala M, Sendi P, and Totapally BR. "Epidemiology and outcomes of necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm neonates".

Abstract #3: Sanchez-Solano N*; Bermudez Chicango D; Frade-Garcia A; Cruz H; Diaz-Barbosa M; Vallarino D; Totapally B; Llanos-Martinez A. "A Ten-Year Experience in the Management of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia in a Freestanding Children's Hospital".

Abstract #4: Acloque S*; Miranda P; Gupta A; Saman DM. "Oral health practices, knowledge, and attitudes among Hispanic immigrant parents of pediatric dental patients in South Florida".

Abstract #5: Cardenas MB*; Meincken M; Saman D; Patel P. "Motivational Interviewing to Improve Pediatric Dental Visits after General Anesthesia".

Abstract #6: Chery J*; Freitas V; Saman D; Gupta A. "Comparing Residents' Cavity Using Er,Cr:YSGG Laser Versus Conventional High-Speed".

Abstract #7: Hui N*; Arevalo O; Gupta A; Saman DM; Wilson S. "Assessing the Current Research Infrastructure of Pediatric Dentistry Residency Programs: An Update for 2020".



Abstract #8:** Oliva M*; Aponte-Rodriguez S; Saman D; Gupta A. "Association Between Parental Acculturation and Children's Oral Health".

Abstract #9: Alvira-Arill G*; Chang N; Totapally B; Mulas N; Sotto I; Lee H. "Incidence of hyponatremia with the use of vasopressin in pediatric patients".

Abstract #10: Kuchnik M*; Sotto I; Vuong M; Rodriguez Y; Lee H. "Evaluation of advancing chemotherapy administration times and the incidence of hemorrhagic cystitis/hematuria".



Abstract #11:** Saini A*; Cavalcante R; Aquino Crisanto L; Sasaki J. "Outcomes of catheter-related arterial and venous thrombosis after enoxaparin therapy in neonates and infants with congenital heart disease".

II- FELLOWS ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #12: Abdul Kayoum A*; Rivera E; Reyes M; Almasarweh S; Ojito J; Burke R; Sasaki J. "Outcomes Of Bloodless Congenital Cardiac Surgery On Cardiopulmonary Bypass".

Abstract #13: Girgis S*; Seitz A; Runyon J; Gupta A; Sasaki N. "Incidence of post-operative left outflow tract obstruction in patients with juxtaposed atrial appendages".

Abstract #14: Ness-Cochinwala M*; Kobaitri K; Sendi P; Martinez P; Totapally BR. "Alteplase Use in Pediatric Necrotizing Pneumonia".

Abstract #15: Ness-Cochinwala M*; Totapally BR. "Risk Factors for Pediatric Pulmonary Embolism: A National Database Study".

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Abstract #16:** Payson A*; Etinger V; Napky P; Montarroyos S; Ruiz-Castaneda A; Mestre M. "Risk of Serious Bacterial Infections in Febrile Infants With COVID-19".

Abstract #17:** Urschel D*; Hernandez-Trujillo VP; Calderon J. "Panel of Unintended Consequences".

Abstract #74:§ Hassor S*; Payson A; Dantas M; Clemente M; Sanchez-Vegas C. "Identification of Pneumonia-Causing Pathogens using Karius Testing in Pediatric Patients".

III- NURSING ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #18: Bandin A*; Roberts K; Valiente A. "Pedaling for Air: A Pediatric Inpatient Approach to Enhance Lung Function".

Abstract #19: Burke ML*; and Taylor-Amador S. "Parent Education Discharge Support Strategies".

Abstract #20:** Bandin A; Canizares A; Dieguez R; Klareich J*; Mirabal C. "There's No Place like Home: A Standardized Discharge Plan to Reduce Hospital Readmission Rates".



CASE REPORTS

I- RESIDENTS ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #21: Aquino Crisanto L*; Napky Raudales PJ; Girgis S; Jayakar P. "Complex combined Trisomy 14 and 21 Mosaicism and Multisystem Involvement in a Newborn".

Abstract #22: Cavalcante RC*; Dantas MA; Perez-Burnes L. "Go Where The Blood Is".

Abstract #23: Colón Guzmán S*; Roberts A; Sunny J; Bujarska M; Gonzalez-Vallina R. "A Forgotten Diagnosis: A Case About Anterior Cutaneous Nerve Entrapment Syndrome".

Abstract #24: Colon Guzman S*; Prieto P; Gamboa H. "Acute Management of a Suspected Case of Cannabis Induced Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome".

Abstract #25: Dantas M*; Cavalcante R; Hassor-Rivero S; Clemente M. "An Uncommon Cause of Fever of Unknown Origin".

Abstract #26: Diaz M*; Torres D; Murphy K; Pulido A. "A Lump In My Chest, Will You Be Able To Guess?".

Abstract #27: Fallatah E*; Chang Y; Calderon JG; Hernandez-Trujillo VP. "DiGeorge Syndrome and COVID-19 in Two Pediatric Patients".

Abstract #28: Fonseca A*; Sunny J; Muniz Crim A; Felipez LM. "Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha (TNF-A) Infliximab-Induced Pleural Effusion and Pericarditis In Crohn's Disease".

Abstract #29: Fonseca A*; Sunny J; Muniz Crim A; Felipez LM. "Very Early Onset IBD (VEOIBD) Presenting With Recurrent Leukocytoclastic Vasculitis Preceded by Streptococcal Pharyngitis".

Abstract #30: Fonseca A*; Roberts A; Barry R; Meyer K; Malvezzi L; Tackett J; Koyfman S. "Pediatric Patient Presenting with Upper Gastrointestinal Bleed Following Consumption of Whole Sunflower Seeds".

Abstract #31: Gawron Roberts A*; Colon Guzman S; Bujarska M; Sunny J; Gonzalez-Vallina R. "Pediatric Patient Presenting with *Diphyllobothrium Latum* Infection Following Consumption of Raw Fish at a Local Sushi Restaurant".

Abstract #32: Gawron Roberts A*; Bujarska M; Bauer M; Brathwaite C; Pelaez L; Reeves-Garcia J. "Gastric Adenocarcinoma and Proximal Polyposis of the Stomach in a Hispanic Pediatric Patient with APC Gene Variant c.-191T>G".

Abstract #33: Gawron Roberts A*; Bujarska M; Muniz Crim A; Felipez LM. "A Case of Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease (VEOIBD) Presenting with Salmonellosis".

Abstract #34: Graneiro A*; Chang Y; Hernandez Trujillo V. "Chronic cough in a patient with COVID and GLILD".

Abstract #35: Graneiro A*; Mandel G; Laufer M. "What to consider when things start to heat up: A rare cause of FUO".

Abstract #36: Lopez Gonzalez MS*; Caicedo Oquendo LF. "Dorsal Agenesis of the Pancreas: A Rare Entity".

Abstract #37: Lopez Gonzalez MS*; Fonseca AG; Sunny J; Caicedo Oquendo LF; Felipez LM. "Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Is the Association Real?".

Abstract #38: Mandel G*; Riera Canales C; O'Farrell C; Fader M. "Methotrexate Use in End-Stage Renal Disease for Treatment of Osteosarcoma".

Abstract #39: Mandel G*; Pelaez L; Hogan A; Riera Canales C; O'Farrell C; Fader M. "All that grows isn't malignant: The Hibernoma".

Abstract #40: Napky Raudales P*; Barry R; Dantas M; Fader M. "More than meets the eye: Juvenile xanthogranuloma in a child with hyperlipidemia and bicytopenia".

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Abstract #41: 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".

Abstract #42: Navarro R*; Etinger V. "Don't be Fooled! The Many Faces of Abdominal Pain".

Abstract #43: Riera-Canales C*; O'Farrell C; Mandel G; Abdella H. "Late relapse in Wilms Tumor: Does intense chemotherapy improve survival?".

Abstract #44: 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".

Abstract #45: Saini A*; Almasarweh S; Acosta S; Sasaki J. "Microphthalmia Syndrome 9: Novel mutations in STRA6 Gene".

Abstract #46: Sanchez-Solano N*; Laufer M; Della Volpe A. "Unexpected Case of Pulmonary Nodules".

Abstract #47: Smith J*; Behnam-Terneus M. "Rub-a-dub-dub Pathogens In The Tub".

Abstract #48:** Smith J*; Behnam-Terneus M. "Vaping Associated Lung Injury: A Case of Rapid Respiratory Decompensation".

Abstract #49: Smith J*; Saini A; Brathwaite C; Koyfman S. "A Case of Refractory Diarrhea and Malabsorption Secondary to Auto-immune Enteropathy in a 10-Year-Old Child".

Abstract #50: Smith JD*; Maher O; Galvez Silva J; Khatib ZA. "Complete Response of Therapy Related Myelodysplastic Syndrome to Alisertib".

Abstract #51: Smith J*; Behnam-Terneus M. "More Than Just a Rash: A Case of Multisystem Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis".

Abstract #52:** Suaris M*; Sunny J; Colon Guzman S; Johnson N; Arboleda R; Felipez LM. "A Case Series of Non-Bacterial Osteomyelitis Associated with Inflammatory Bowel Disease".

Abstract #53: Sunny J*; Fonseca A; Rios M; Felipez LM. "Acute Pancreatitis in the setting of Lipoprotein Lipase Deficiency: A Familial Case".

Abstract #54: Sunny J*; Lairet S; Muniz-Crim A; Goyal A; Felipez LM. "Hypersensitivity reaction to Ustekinumab in Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients."

Abstract #55: Sunny J*; Bujarska M; Gawron A; Colon-Guzman S; Gonzalez-Vallina R. "Orientia Tsutsugamushi and subsequent development of auto-immune hepatitis in a liver transplant Patient".

Abstract #56: Sunny J*; Fonseca A; Muniz Crim A; Felipez LM. "Pyoderma Gangrenosum presenting after changing from Anti-TNF to Ustekinumab".

II- FELLOWS' ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #57: Chang Y*; Lairet S; Calderon JG; Hernandez-Trujillo VP. "A Case of Drug Allergy –Or is it?".

Abstract #58: Chang Y*; Urschel D; Hernandez-Trujillo VP; Calderon JG. "A Case of Mild COVID-19 in a Teenager with Common Variable Immunodeficiency and Granulomatous Lymphocytic Interstitial Lung Disease on Replacement Immunoglobulin and Infliximab".

Abstract #59: Urschel D*; Hernandez-Trujillo VP; Calderon J. "Medication Induced Agranulocytosis".

Abstract #60: Urschel D*; Cardenas M; Hernandez-Trujillo VP. "Chronic Variable Immunodeficiency and Coronavirus".

QI PROJECTS

I- RESIDENTS ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #61: Gawron Roberts A*; Fonseca A; Colon Guzman S; Vidal G; Rios M; Reeves-Garcia J; Farias A; Behnam M. "Improving Adherence to the Management of Acute Pancreatitis in the Pediatric Population."

Abstract #62: Graneiro A; Fallatah E; Mandel G*; Hernandez-Trujillo VP. "Increasing Awareness of the Montelukast Black Box Warning".

Abstract #63: Urschel D*; Mendoza M*; Lairet S*; Riefkhol G; Llopiz F; Milla M; Hernandez-Trujillo V. "Improving Asthma Control Test Use in the Pediatric Care Center".

Abstract #64: Deiros G; Frias J; Modir P*; Ramos-Garcia A; Milla M. "Improving HPV Vaccination Rates at NCH PCC".

Abstract #65: Liberti A; Montarroyos S*; Sanchez Solano N, Etinger V; Reyes M. "Implementation of Asthma Clinical Pathway".

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Abstract #66:** Riera-Canales C*; O'Farrell C; Zaidi Z; Gabay M; Felipez L. "Increasing Depression Screening In Admitted Patients 12-21 Years Old With Inflammatory Bowel Disease".

Abstract #67:** Alruwaili A; Bujarska M; Lopez Gonzalez M; Sunny J*; Felipez LM; Behnam-Terneus M. "Appropriate Thromboembolic Prophylaxis Therapy in IBD Patients Admitted to the Hospital: A Proposed Risk Stratification Algorithm".

Abstract #68: Rezk M; Thompson J*; Comkornruecha M; and Gray S. "Improving Screening for Child Abuse in Adolescent Medicine Clinic".

II- NURSING ABSTRACTS:

Abstract #69: Augustin W*. "Empowered to Discharge: Development of Nurse-led Clinical Guidelines to Decrease Length of Stay and Cost".

Abstract #70: Burke ML* & Taylor-Amador S. "Screening for Malnutrition in Oncology".

Abstract #71: Cruz D*. "Pain Management Protocol for Vaso-Occlusive Crisis in Children with Sickle Cell Disease in the Emergency Department at Nicklaus Children's Hospital".

Abstract #72: Ferreyra G*; Perdomo M. "A Quality Improvement Project to Reduce Mother's Own Milk Administration Error Risk in the NICU".

Abstract #73: Lima-Keller N*; Suarez R*; Sztokfisz I; Sánchez A; Perez J; Cincotta C; Cortes I; Simon-Mengana K. "Horizon Share-Point Page".

Underlined Author: Denotes a "Trainee"
****** - Denotes a Winning Peer-Reviewed Abstract
***** - Denotes a Presenting Author
§ - Denotes Late Breaking / Non-Rated Abstract



Milestones in GMEC Representation

Do You Know Your GMEC Peer-Selected Trainee Representative?

The ACGME requires that the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) includes peer-selected trainees representatives. The trainees reps are full voting members of the GMEC. Each year, the department of Medical Education holds elections right after orientation from new incoming trainees to replace trainees reps who graduated.

In the current AY 2021-2022, the following are the Trainees Reps to the GMEC as elected by their peers:

PGY1 REPS:

- ◆ Louis Durkac, MD
- ◆ Veronica Echanove Iturralde, MD
- ◆ Ifrah Waheed, MD

PGY2 REPS:

- ◆ Erileen Garcia, MD
- ◆ Eva Glenn, MD
- ◆ Roxana Navarro, MD

PGY3 REPS:

- ◆ Stephanie San Martin, MD
- ◆ Ana Luiza Graneiro, MD
- ◆ Eric Tano, MD

DENTAL RESIDENTS REP:

- ◆ Vanessa Matamoros, DMD

FELLOWS REPS:

- ◆ Freddy Martin, MD (Y1 PEM)
- ◆ Caleb Murray, DO (Y1 PICU)
- ◆ Adam Beaton, MD (Y2 PICU)
- ◆ Stephen Girgis, MD (Y2 Cardio)
- ◆ Alison Payson, MD (Y2 PHM)
- ◆ Sara Tano, MD (Y3 PEM)

CHIEF RESIDENTS:

- ◆ Lauren Chiriboga, MD
- ◆ Melanie Suaris, MD

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Stephanie Montarroyos, DO
(PHM Fellow)

Dr. Stephanie Montarroyos received an e-Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“Since block one Montie has served as an excellent senior, co-worker, friend, and idol. She provided me with the guidance, teaching, and support I needed as new intern to get through our day. She taught us how to be efficient, how to effectively speak with patients/families, and how to come up with a treatment plan. She always had a positive attitude and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She made the working environment a fun one during our toughest block of intern year, block one. Thank you Montie for everything you do!”*. Congratulations Stephanie!!!!

Malgorzata Bujarska, MD
(Graduate)



Dr. Malgorzata Bujarska received an e-Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“Thank you for your patience, guidance, and positive attitude during my first time in 3NE. Learning how to take care of more complex patients was no easy feat but you were there every step of the way for us. I appreciate you giving us time to learn at our on pace meanwhile intermittently challenging us to be better! Wish you the best in fellowship”*. Congratulations Margret for your display of the NCHS iCREATE-Way.



Freddy Martin, MD
(PEM Fellow)

Dr. Freddy Martin received an e-Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) Clinical Pharmacist for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“Thank you for taking the time to teach me during my night shifts. There was never a day when I didn’t feel like I was learning when you were my senior. You taught me the importance and practicality of approaching each patient in a systematic way and always challenged me to be a better resident. Thank you!”*. Congratulations Freddy on your commitment to excellent performance!!!

Melissa Mendoza Suyo, MD
(Graduate)



Dr. Melissa Mendoza Suyo received a Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“Thank you helping us during one of the busiest and toughest floors of them all! You’re truly extremely smart, talented, hard working, and kind hearted. Thank you for making sure nothing fell through the cracks and for teaching us how to manage complex and difficult patients. Good luck in fellowship!”*. Congratulations Melissa on a job well-done!!!!



Daniela Aguilar Abisad, MD (PL2)

Dr. Daniela Aguilar Abisad an e-Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“Congrats to the most hard working, kindest, smartest, and patience co-intern I know. You teach me something everyday when I’m*

on the floor with you. I admire the dedication you have to all your patients. No matter the day, you’re always an amazing resident!” Congratulations Daniela on an excellent job!!!



Stephanie Padron, MD
(Graduate)

Dr. Stephanie Padron received the following two recognitions:

1. An honorable mention in a PCC Press Ganey Survey from a parent of one of her patients who commented: *“Resident Stephanie Padron was amazing. she was thorough, friendly, and extremely patient. She truly cared about all of our concerns. it was a pleasure being seen by her!”*. Congratulations Stephanie for an excellent job!!!
2. An e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *“Despite the sheer craziness of the month, you truly shined as a team leader. You worked tirelessly to ensure all orders were entered and correct. You helped your team in every single way possible and it really showed. You are organized, detail oriented, and an incredible physician. You will be missed!”*. Congratulations Stephanie.

Anthony Liberti, MD (Graduate)



Dr. Anthony Liberti received an e-Recognition from Dr. Roxana Navarro (PL2) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Navarro commented: *“I want to thank Anthony for being an excellent overnight senior and always taking the time to*



Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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

teach me. Anthony takes the time and listens to your presentation, inquires about your management, and teaches you evidence-based medicine on the fly. He is very hard-working and make sure everything gets done for the patient. In addition, his charismatic attitude it's great to be around". Congratulations Anthony on your display of the NCHS iCREATEWay!!!



Farimah Shariati, MD (PL3)

Dr. Farimah Shariati received an e-Recognition from Dr. Oranit Shaked; PEM Attending for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *"I had the pleasure of working overnight with Farimah and was impressed by her strong work ethic, excellent patient histories and through physical exams. She is motivated and is a team player. She is a super star of a resident."* Congratulations Farimah on your commitment to excellent performance!!



Jacob Convissar, DO (PL2)

Dr. Jacob Convissar received an e-Recognition from Ms Adriana Valiente; 3East RN for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. Valiente commented: *"Thank you for answering my 551,000 questions!!! it is appreciated!! :)."* Congratulations Jacob on your display of the NCHS iCREATEWay.



Stephen Girgis, MD (Peds Cardio Fellow)

Dr. Stephen Girgis received an e-Recognition from Ms Emily Zubiria; RN ICU for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. Zubiria commented: *"I would like to*

thank Stephen for his help and great attitude in the (early!) morning of 6/10. My patient's endotracheal tube needed retaping and even though it was 0400, Stephen came right away to assess the baby with the RT. He had a great attitude and was willing to help with orders and whatever was needed to get the procedure done. Stephen is a great fellow and I enjoy the nights I get to work with him in CICU!". Congratulations on your display of dedication, professionalism and teamwork!!!!



Juan Sebastian Proano Coello, MD (PICU Fellow)

Dr. Sebastian Proano received an e-Recognition from Ms. Carolina De Almagro; PICU RN for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. De Almagro commented: *"Dr. Proano has learned and continues to learn so much throughout his fellowship that he is always willing to share with his colleagues. Today, he walked another one of his colleagues successfully through a PICC line insertion. He explained step by step amazingly. He is an excellent teacher and it is truly a pleasure working alongside him and learning from him. Thank you Sebastian!"*. Congratulations Sebastian for a job well-done!



Karen Hanze Villavicencio, MD (PL3)

Dr. Karen Hanze Villavicencio received two compliments:

1. An e-Recognition from Ms. Carolina De Almagro; PICU RN for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. De Almagro commented: *"I would like to recognize Karen for being an amazing resident! I've had the pleasure of working with her these past two*

days and appreciate the feedback, knowledge, and quick follow through regarding her patients. Today, during Cerner downtime, she was prompt to follow up with her paper charting, was detailed with her orders, and truly facilitated the process. She works well and communicates well with the nurses, patients, and families. Thank you for everything you do in the PICU!". Congratulations Karen on a job well-done!!!

2. A compliment from Dr. David Lowe; PEM Attending. Dr. Lowe commented: *"I want to make a recommendation for Karen Hanze Villavicencio. She stayed an hour and a half after her shift today to deal with a DCF report. As you know, it is a lengthy process and she did not want to burden anyone with this. And she did this all after a crazy night shift. Kudos"*. Congratulations!



Stephania Lairer, MD (A/I Fellow)

Dr. Stephania Lairer received an e-Recognition from Ms. Carolina De Almagro; PICU RN for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms. De Almagro commented: *"Stephania is simply amazing! I look forward to the days that she is the resident assigned to my patients. She is extremely thorough, takes into consideration the nurses' concerns, and has quick follow through. She is extremely approachable and always willing to help. Thank you Stephania for always putting your patients first and for being an amazing resident! You will go far! I'm so happy to work alongside you in PICU! Thank you!! "*. Congratulations Stephania on a job well-done!



Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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



Marleni Torres, MD (PL2)

Dr. Marleni Torres received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"I am so proud of you! You did an incredible job as a PL-1 in 5T and beyond. You are constantly curious, hardworking, passionate and compassionate. You will do amazing things for the heme onc kiddos of the future! Continue to be you and never change that fire that you have for medicine"*. Congratulations Marleni!!!!

continue to blossom into an even more incredible doctor. Thank you for always taking the initiative to help your peers, going the extra mile for your patients, and always being thoughtful and kind. The world needs more doctors like you!". Congratulations Camila!!!!



Andres Rodriguez, MD (PL1)

Dr. Andres Rodriguez received an e-Recognition from Dr. Alejandra Frauenfelder Sanchez (PL2); for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Sanchez commented: *"I supervised Andres during a weekend shift at inpatient wards. He demonstrated great organizational skills and managed difficult patient and families. Early in training I can see a great co-resident and pediatrician in training"*. Congratulations Andres, Keep up the good work!!!!

had great disposition during his weekend shift Took care of patients diligently and payed attention to detail during rounds. Always comes up with critical a questions". Congratulations Aldo!!!!



Antonia Rovira, MD (PL2)

Ashley Fonseca, MD (PL3)



Zara Zaidi, DO (PL2)



Roxana Navarro, MD (PL2)



Daniel McGraw, MD (PL2)



Jacob Convisar, DO (PL2)



Braden Olsen, MD (PL1)

Dr. Braden Olsen received an e-Recognition from Dr. Alejandra Frauenfelder Sanchez (PL2); for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Sanchez commented: *"Braden showed great initiative during his shifts over the weekend. He volunteer to take complex patients and helped out other team members in need. He shows great knowledge and intuition hen assessing patients and coming up with plans of care. Great job"*. Congratulations Braden!!!!

Drs. Antonia Rovira, Ashley Fonseca, Zara Zaidi, Roxana Navarro, Daniel McGraw, and Jacob Convisar received a compliment from Dr. Fernando Llopiz and the PCC team for their performance. Dr. Llopiz commented: *"The residents team handled the work of the PCC in an extraordinary way. They had all the notes from the patients seen completed and signed by the next morning"*. Congratulations to all on a job well done!!!!



Maricarmen Dionisio Santos, MD (PL2)



Dr. Maricarmen Dionisio Santos received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"It was truly a pleasure having you as a resident all throughout PL-1 year. Your personality, presence, and compassion really made even the hardest days easier. Thank you for being an incredible doctor!"*. Congratulations Maricarmen!!!!



Camila Gonzalez Aragon, MD (PL2)

Dr. Camila Gonzalez Aragon received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong; Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"Camila, you are such a hardworking, empathetic, and intelligent resident. You grew so much over intern year and will*



Aldo Majluta, MD (PL1)

Dr. Aldo Majluta received an e-Recognition from Dr. Alejandra Frauenfelder Sanchez (PL2); for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Sanchez commented: *"Aldo*



Eliana Sanchez, MD (PL3)

Dr. Eliana Sanchez received an e-Recognition from Ms. Celine Murton; NICU RN for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms. Murton commented: *"I just*

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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

wanted to recognize Dr. Sanchez for her spectacular bedside manner. She took so much time out of her night to

come and thoroughly explain the patient's condition to the anxious family. She was patient and empathetic; and it was truly an excellent performance!". Congratulations Eliana on a job well-done!

Milestones in Faculty and Trainees' Publications

Hot of the Press - NCH Faculty and Trainees Contribute to the Published Literature

Drs. Ricardo Restrepo (Radiology), **Luisa Cervantes** (Radiology), and **Alejandro Diaz** (Endocrinology) published their manuscript titled: "**Breast development in pediatric patients from birth to puberty: physiology, pathology and imaging correlation**" in *Pediatric Radiology* journal. Congratulations!

Dr. Annette Gawron Roberts (PL3) and her faculty mentor **Dr. Jesse Reeves-Garcia** were notified that their manuscript titled: "**Gastric Adenocarcinoma and Proximal Polyposis of the Stomach in a Hispanic Pediatric Patient with APC Gene Variant c.-191T>G**" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition*. Congratulations!!

Dr. Annette Gawron Roberts (PL3) and her faculty mentor **Dr. Lina Felipez** were notified that their manuscript titled: "**Genital and Intertriginous Rashes Refractory to Antimicrobial Treatments: Have You Thought About Crohn's Disease?**" was accepted for publication in *Hindawi Pediatric Case Reports*. Congratulations!!

Pediatric Dentistry Publications & Presentations

Dr. Nelson Hui (Pediatric Dentistry Graduate) & **Dr. Oscar**

Arevalo (Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Director) were notified that their manuscript titled: "**Assessing the Current Research Infrastructure of Pediatric Dentistry Residency Programs: An Update for 2020**" is accepted for publication in *Pediatric Dentistry Journal*. Congratulations !!!

Dr. Nelson Hui (Pediatric Dentistry Graduate) was notified that his abstract titled: "**Dental Medicaid utilization trends: A case study on seven states in America**" was accepted to be presented at the *APHA annual 2021 meeting* in October 2021. Congratulations!

Dr. Daniel Saman (Sr. Research Scientist - Dental Dept) & **Ms Katelyn McGuigan** were notified that their manuscript titled: "**The value of embedding research and scientific empiricism in dental residencies: guidance for other programs**" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Dental Education*. Congratulations!!!

Pediatric Critical Care Publications

Drs. Bala Totapally & **Prithvi Sandi** along with their co-authors were notified that their manuscript titled: "**Metagenomic Next-Generation Sequencing for Pathogen Detection and Transcriptomic Analysis in Pediatric**

Central Nervous System Infections" is published in *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*; March 6th 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofab104>

Dr. Keith Meyer & his co-authors were notified that their manuscript titled: "**The State of Neonatal and Pediatric Interfacility Transport During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**" was published in *Air Medical Journal* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amj.2021.05.003>

Dr. Prithvi Sandi along with his collaborating authors **Drs. Bala Totapally** & **Meghana Nadiger** and their co-authors were notified that the multi-institutional manuscript titled: "**Characterization and Outcomes of Hospitalized Children with COVID-19: A Report from a Multicenter, VIRUS (COVID-19) Registry**" was accepted for publication in *CCM Journal*. Congratulations!

Dr. Manette Ness-Cochinwala (Graduate) along with her co-authors **Drs. Sebastian Proano, Paul Martinez, Hugh Ladd, and Bala Totapally** were notified that their manuscript titled: "**A Case of a Lethal Diquat Ingestion in a Toddler**" is accepted for publication in the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Congratulations!!





Milestones in Hospital Recognitions

NCH Ranks in FIVE Specialties in USNWR “Best Children’s Hospitals”

The 2021-2022 U.S. News & World Report (USNWR) “Best Children’s Hospitals” survey results were released on June 15, 2021. Once again, five Nicklaus Children’s Hospital specialty programs are ranked among the best in the nation. **No other hospital in South Florida has more ranked pediatric programs. In addition, this year’s rankings identify Nicklaus Children’s as among the best pediatric hospitals in Florida, as well as in the southeastern region of the U.S.**

Nicklaus Children’s 2021-22 rankings are as follows:

- ◆ **Cardiology & Heart Surgery, #46** (highest ranked program in South Florida)
- ◆ **Diabetes & Endocrinology, #49**
- ◆ **Neurology & Neurosurgery, #24** (only ranked program in South Florida)
- ◆ **Orthopedics, #40**
- ◆ **Pulmonology, #36** (only ranked program in South Florida)

A total of **118** hospitals participated in the 2021-2022 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 Faculty and Trainees Spotlight

NCH Faculty and Trainees in the Spotlight

Dr. Fader Honored by the Children’s Bereavement Center

Dr. Maggie Fader, MD was honored by the Miami Children’s Bereavement Center whose recognition reads:

“Thank you for joining us in celebrating the work of Dr. Maggie Fader.

Dr. Fader is a true champion for children fighting cancer. She works for KIDZ Medical Services, Inc. specializing in hematology and oncology for Nicklaus Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Fader has been a proud CBC board member for 6 years.”

Congratulations Dr. Fader for a well-deserved recognition!!!

Peanut Allergy Prevention Through Early Introduction

Dr. Vivian Hernandez-Trujillo a Co-author of a Newly Released AAP PediaLink Course

Dr. Vivian Hernandez-Trujillo, MD; A/I Fellowship Program director is the co-author of a newly released PediaLink AAP course titled: **“Peanut Allergy Prevention Through Early Introduction”**. The Course will be available from **5/18/2021-5/17/2024**.

The course is **FREE** for AAP Members and Non-Members

The course is eligible for CME Credits and MOC Part 2 Credits. The course can be accessed [HERE](#)

Congratulations Dr. Hernandez-Trujillo!!!

Dr. Sofia Colon Champion of the Week!!!!

On May 17th 2021; **Dr. Sofia Colon** was selected **Patient Experience Resident Champion of the Week!!!!**. Dr. Colon is currently a third year Pediatric Resident (PL3). Congratulations Sofia!!!!

Dr. Rani Gereige Media Interview on Schools and COVID-19 Vaccination

On June 28 2021; **Dr. Rani Gereige** (DIO) was interviewed by **EducationWeek®** on the topic of **“Vaccinating Kids Against COVID-19: Why Families Are Afraid and How Schools Can Help”**. The interview focused on the role of schools in helping mitigate vaccine hesitancy among parents.



Milestones in Community Advocacy Volunteer Efforts

NCH Resident Participate in a COVID-19 Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic

On June 13 2021; Nicklaus Children's Hospital held a COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-up clinic at the Frost Museum of Science.

Thank you to Pediatric Residents: **Drs Gabriel Mandel; Maria Lopez Garcia; Larissa Romanow; Megha Patel;** and **Eva Glenn Lecea** for volunteering to help in the vaccine

clinic answering parents questions to help alleviate vaccine hesitancy. The clinic that day was able to vaccinate over 300 individuals.

The volunteer residents answered questions and educated parents about various topics including possible side effects, implications of vaccination after Kawasaki disease, the differ-

ences between the Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccines, and what research is being done on COVID-19 in the pediatric world. Also with the beginning of summer, they provided education on pool safety and nutrition information for museum guests. Thank you again for your dedication and participation in community events.



Milestones in New Trainees Orientation

Medical Education & NCHS Welcome New Residents & Fellows

On June 14 2021; Nicklaus Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency Program welcomed its first year class of 28 Pediatric residents for orientation. They were joined by a new class of 5 Pediatric Dentistry Residents welcomed by the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program. Over a two-week period, the new trainees had orientation by the various hospital

departments including EMR training, BLS/ PALS/ NRP; employment info, as well as special Medical Education topics. In addition to the yearly suture lab and simulation, this year, a two day station-based bootcamp was added to orientation to prepare the incoming interns for their roles

On July 6-7th 2021; the Department of Medical Education wel-

comed the new group of subspecialty fellows. Seventeen out of the 20 incoming expected fellows started orientation including EMR training, and orientation to the various departments in the hospital including employment information.

Welcome to all trainees. Glad to have you as part of the NCHS Family!!!!





Medical Education Birthdays

July

Monica Chow	4
Agustina Reca	5
Ana Ramos	8
Devarshi Desai	10
Larissa Romanow	11
Annette Gawron Roberts	15
Brittney Jones	16
Stephanie Montarroyos	19
Alaina Durkac	22
Maria Arrate	25
Ashish Saini	26
Jennifer Navarro	26
Torrie Reynolds-Herbst	27



August

Melissa Diaz	2
Caleb Murray	4
Khalifah Aldawsari	6
Daniel Nassau	11
Marleni Torres	14
Kate Dulitz	28
Raymond Morales	29



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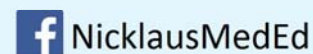
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