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## From the Editor

### Spring Is Blooming

This May issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* comes at a busy time of the academic year. As we all associate Spring with blooming, colors, sun, and preparing to pick the fruits of labor, the academic year in March-May is filled with blooming and getting ready for reaping the benefits of hard work. This is the time where trainees who are graduating in June are completing their scholarly work and some are preparing for the next phase of their professional journey (fellowship or workforce). This is also the time where the Department of Medical Education is busy preparing for picking the crops of hard work and for planting new seeds for another fruitful season.

This issue highlights important milestones and achievements that Medical Education trainees and faculty achieved in the past two months:

- ◆ Medical Education celebrates Match Day 2023 with preparation to welcome a brand new class of interns
- ◆ New cohort of fellows will be welcomed in July.



◆ Preparations are underway for celebrating the Class of 2023 Graduation, onboarding new trainees, and helping transition graduates into their next phase of professional journey

◆ Trainees continue to receive e-Recognition from peers, colleagues, staff, and patients for their professionalism, humanism, and teamwork

◆ Faculty, trainees, and alumni nominated for teaching awards

◆ Faculty and trainees continue to contribute to the peer-reviewed published literature and continue to present their work on the national stages representing Nicklaus Children's Hospital and its training programs

◆ An Alumni Network and engagement platform is launched to foster connections between current and former graduates from Nicklaus Children's Hospital across the globe

◆ A "Faculty Success" Platform is launched to assist trainees and faculty in tracking their scholarly work

As we go into the next two months, we will reflect on the past academic year, give thanks to patients, faculty, and peers, and look forward to a new and exciting year .

Our crops are thriving and some are ready to be picked and exported across the globe to continue to spread knowledge, teaching, new discoveries, research, scholarly work, and care for patients and families... This is our mission and the mission of Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Enjoy reading this issue of Milestones in Medical Education.

Rani S Gereige, MD, MPH,  
FAAP - DIO



## Milestones in Faculty Development

# Compliance Corner - Billing Hospital Observation Services

## What is Outpatient Observation?

According to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), observation care is a well-defined set of specific, clinically appropriate services, which include ongoing short-term treatment, assessment, and reassessment.

### Observation services:

- ◆ Require a significant period of treatment or monitoring in order to make a decision concerning patient admission or discharge.
- ◆ Are covered only when provided by the order of a physician or another individual authorized by State licensure law and hospital staff bylaws to admit patients to the hospital or to order outpatient services.
- ◆ Must be reasonable and necessary to be covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

## Reporting Hours of Observation

- ◆ Observation time begins at the clock time documented in the patient's medical record, which coincides with the time that observation care is initiated in accordance with a physician's order. *Providers may not begin counting observation hours until such time as an order for observation is given.*
- ◆ General standing orders for observation services following all outpatient surgery are not recognized.
- ◆ Observation services should not be billed concurrently with diagnostic or therapeutic services for which active monitor-

ing is a part of the procedure (e.g., colonoscopy, chemotherapy).

- ◆ A hospital must deduct the average length of time of the interrupting procedure, from the total duration of time that the patient receives observation services.
- ◆ Observation time ends when all medically necessary services related to observation care are completed.

## Inpatient to Outpatient Status Change

In some instances, patients are admitted as hospital inpatients, but upon review it is determined that the patient does not meet inpatient criteria.

- ◆ If the determination occurs prior to discharge, and other criteria are met, the status may be changed to outpatient.
- ◆ If the criteria are not met, the status must remain inpatient.

Only services provided per a physician order can be billed on the outpatient claim. *Therefore, providers may not begin counting observation hours until such time as an order for observation is given.*

**Example:** Patient A was admitted at noon on Sunday. On Monday afternoon it was determined that the patient did not meet inpatient criteria, the physician concurred, and the status was changed to outpatient. The outpatient status is considered to have begun at noon on Sunday. However, observation hours cannot be billed until the physician has written an order for observation. If the order was written at 2 p.m. on Monday, the

hospital would begin the observation hours at that time. Observation cannot be charged between noon on Sunday and 2 p.m. on Monday.

*Furthermore, observation orders must never be rolled back to the date of admission.*

## References:

- ◆ [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Manual System – Pub. 100-02 Medical Benefit Policy, Section 20.5 – Outpatient Observation Services](#)
- ◆ Florida Medicaid - Outpatient Hospital Services Coverage Policy
- ◆ Florida Medicaid Covered Services – Inpatient Hospital Services

*The Billing Compliance Department is here when you need help regarding billing, coding, documentation and/or guidance on new and changing applicable laws and regulations. You can contact the team via email at:*

*BillingCompliance@Nicklaushealth.org.*

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Corner**

Milestones in Legislative Advocacy

## NCH Pediatric Residents Represented the Residency Program at Children’s Week in Tallahassee



PGY1 NCH Pediatric Residents **Pavneet Sandhu, MD** & **Taimy Falcon-Rodriguez, MD** were amongst 16 Pediatric Residents from 9 Florida Pediatric Residency Programs participated in the 2023 Annual Children’s Week

Capitol for a Day Event.

Each year, FCAAP and the Florida Pediatric Foundation (FPF) host the Pediatric Trainee Legislative Advocacy Training Program for medical students and residents from across Florida.

Following participation in FCAAP’s 2023 Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training Program, resident advocates from 9 Florida pediatric residency programs accompanied FCAAP leadership to

Tallahassee to participate in the annual Children’s Week Capitol for a Day event where they got a behind-the-scenes look at the legislative process and met with lawmakers to discuss pending legislation that impacts children and the practice of pediatrics in Florida. Children’s Week, which draws more than 5,000 attendees, is hosted annually at the Florida State Capitol and reminds lawmakers to put kids first while considering bills. At the Children’s Capitol for a Day event on Tues-



Milestones in Grant Funding

## A 2023 AAP CATCH Grant to Support Food Insecurity Efforts

**Drs. Alexandra Byrne** (PHM Fellow) & **Joanna Perdomo** (General Pediatric Faculty) were notified that their grant application to the AAP CATCH Program was awarded. They are the recipients of a \$10,000 grant to support their Food Insecurity work and **Food for Salud** initiative. Congratulations!!!



FOOD FOR SALUD: HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY KIDS



## Milestones in Recruitment

## The Department of Medical Education Celebrates Match Day 2023

On March 17 2023, Nicklaus Children's Hospital & The Department of Medical Education celebrated Match Day 2023 and welcomed a brand new class of interns who will start in June 2023 and be part of the NCHS Family. Big welcome to the Class of 2026

### CLASS OF 2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>
Abdullah Omar S Alghannami, MD	King Saud Bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sces COM, Saudi Arabia
Sean Allgood, MD	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Maryland
Santiago Jorge Campos Abad, MD	Universidad San Francisco de Quito Colegio de Ciencias de la Salud, Ecuador
Natalia Cardona, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Pamela Alejandra Castillo Rocha, MD	Universidad Internacional del Ecuador Facultad de Ciencias Médicas y de la Salud, Ecuador
Alejandra Isabel Cotto, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida
Donovan Paul Dowers, MD	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Florida
Sara Lucia Echeverri, MD	Universidad del Quindío Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud, Colombia
Natalie Elizabeth Flexman, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Maya Hadeed, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Maria Fernanda Henríquez Abramuk, MD	Universidad del Norte Programa de Medicina, Colombia
Jordan Allen Hunsberger, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Jessie Limonta, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida
Christian Anthony Martinez, MD	Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Claudia Moraga, MD	Florida State University College of Medicine – Orlando Campus, Florida
Antonietta Cecilia Padrón Ayala, MD	Universidad de la Sabana Facultad de Medicina, Colombia
Rashmi Prasad, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida
Monica Lucia Ramirez Mendizábal, MD	Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Madison Nancy Rhodes, DO	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pennsylvania
Grecia Ivelisse Rivera Rodriguez, MD	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez, MD	San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Emma Sanz, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Lucila Servitje Azcárraga, MD	Universidad Panamericana Escuela de Medicina, México
Samantha Leigh Shear, DO	Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University, Arizona
Sara Salomé Solano Zevallos, MD	Universidad de San Martín de Porres Facultad de Medicina Humana, Perú
Ester Nancy Tamas, DO	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic, Florida
Janelle Nicole Torres, D	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic, Florida
Kristen Lauren Valdes, MD	Tufts University School of Medicine, Massachusetts

Milestones in Recruitment

# The Department of Medical Education Celebrates Match Day 2023 (Cont'ed)



**Nicklaus  
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# Welcomes Pediatric Residents

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## Match Day Celebration!!!!



## Milestones in Recruitment

## The Department of Medical Education Welcomes a New Class of Subspecialty Fellows

On July 5th 2023, Nicklaus Children's Hospital & The Department of Medical Education will welcome a new class of subspecialty fellows to the NCHS Family. The list of incoming fellows is below:

### INCOMING FELLOWS

Name	Medical School	Residency
<b>ALLERGY-IMMUNOLOGY</b>		
Natalie Trotto, DO	Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine-Middletown Middletown, New York	Hackensack University Medical Center Hackensack, New Jersey
<b>PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE</b>		
Anushree Malhotra-Hans, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada	Maimonides Medical Center/Infants and Children's Hospital of Brooklyn Program Brooklyn, New York
Andrea Montano-Ballesteros	Universidad Internacional del Ecuador Facultad de Ciencias Médicas y de la Salud	Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, Florida
Victoria Waskiel, MD	Poznan University of Medical Sciences Center for Medical Education In English, Poland	University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria Peoria, Chicago
<b>PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL MEDICINE</b>		
Stephanie San Martin, MD	FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Miami, Florida	Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, Florida
Claudia Vega Castellvi, MD	St. George's University School of Medicine	Maimonides Medical Center/Infants and Children's Hospital of Brooklyn Program
<b>PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE</b>		
Callie Alt, MD	University of Limerick Graduate Entry Medical School, Ireland	AdventHealth for Children, Orlando FL.
Jonathan Creech, MD	Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Nolan Nielsen, MD	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico	Richmond University Medical Center – Staten Island, NY
<b>PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY</b>		
Martin Varea Romo, MD	Universidad Internacional del Ecuador Facultad de Ciencias Médicas y de la Salud, Ecuador	University of Kentucky, KY
<b>PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY</b>		
Matthew Federici, MD	Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, NJ	Rutgers University, NJ
Jose Ugarriza Mendoza, MD	Universidad del Norte Programa de Medicina, Colombia	Wyckoff Hospital Pediatric Program, New York, NY
<b>PEDIATRIC CICU</b>		
Carlos Silva Rubio, MD	Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Puerto Rico	Hospital Pediátrico Universitario de Puerto Rico
<b>CHILD &amp; ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY</b>		
Adarsh Shetty, MD	K.S. Hedge Medical Academy, India	Larkin Community Hospital
Russell Spotnitz, MD	University of Florida College of Medicine	Community Health of South Florida
<b>PEDIATRIC SURGERY</b>		
Ameer Al-Hadidi, MD	Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine	Beaumont Health- Royal Oak, MI
<b>PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY</b>		
Guilherme Santos Piedade, MD	Federal University of Parana, Brazil	Dusseldorf University Hospital, Germany

**Milestones in Recruitment**

## The Department of Medical Education Welcomes a New Class of Subspecialty Fellows (Cont'ed)

Name	Medical School	Residency
<b>CRANIOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY</b>		
Rohan Policherla, MD	Wayne University School of Medicine- Detroit, MI	Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami Plastic Surgery
<b>PEDIATRIC UROLOGY</b>		
Daniel Tennenbaum, MD	Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, NJ	Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn NY
<b>PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY</b>		
Lilibet Fernandez Valdes, MD	Universidad de Carabobo Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud, Venezuela	San Juan City Hospital – San Juan, PR
<b>PEDIATRIC ORTHO/SPINE</b>		
Taghi Ramazani, MD	Guilan University of Medical Sciences, Iran	Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, Iran
<b>CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY</b>		
Ana M. Iglesias Rodriguez, MD	Instituto Superior de Ciencias Medicas de la Habana	Larkin Community Hospital

**Milestones in Recruitment**

## Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Medical Education to Welcome a New Class of Pediatric Dentistry Residents

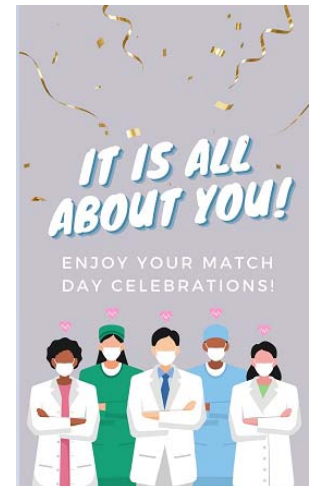
The Department of Medical Education and the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and its Pediatric Dentistry residency Program will welcome a new call of Pediatric Dentistry Residents. The new class will start orientation in mid-June 2023. Below is the Class of 2025.

Name	Dental School
Jasmine Gonzalez-Castillo	University of Florida
Natalia Vazquez-Marrero-	University of Puerto Rico
Andrew Ryu	Temple University
Ashley White	Meharry University
George Yacoub	Temple University

**Milestones in Chief Residents Selection**

## The 2024-2025 AY Chief Residents Announced

The Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Pediatric Residency Program announced the chief residents selected for the AY 2024-2025. Congratulations to **Drs. Dianelis Hernandez & Andres Rodriguez** for being selected to serve as Pediatric Chief Residents for the AY 2024-2025. The Department of Medical Education is excited to work with both chief residents for an additional year. Congratulations!!!



## Milestones in Teamwork &amp; Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



**Andres Rodriguez, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Andres Rodriguez** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Oranit Shaked; PEM Attending for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *“Andres is an exceptional resident. He is smart and hard working. He has great bedside manner and is always professional. He has a strong work ethic and shows a dedication to excellence in all that he does”*. Congratulations Andres on a job well-done!!

**Freddy Martin, MD (PEM Fellow)**



**Dr. Freddy Martin** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Jose Rapien; Quality Data/Supply Specialist, ED Nursing for his **Excellent Performance**. Mr. Rapien commented: *“Thank you Dr. Martin for taking care of my son. Thank you for the best service and care. Jose and Family”*. Congratulations Freddy. Keep up the good work!!!



**Dianelis Hernandez, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Dianelis Hernandez** received a Recognition from Dr. Najveen Alvi; Pediatric Cardiology Fellow. Dr. Alvi commented: *“I worked briefly with Dianelis during her month on Cardiology and she blew me*

*away! She has excellent organizational skills, knows her patients very well and knows how prioritize patients based on their acuity and need. I believe she is applying to be a hospitalist and she is basically already functioning as one! In the last week, she was by herself and had to carry a longer census, however she continued to stay on top of her patients. She also circled back and always kept the team updated and followed through her responsibilities. Absolute pleasure!”*. Congratulations Dianelis on a job well done!!!



**Khalifah Aldawsari, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Khalifah Aldawsari** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Fellow for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *“Khalifah was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. He will make a great pediatric cardiologist”*. Congratulations Khalifah on a job well done!!!

**Devarshi Desai, MD (PGY2)**



**Dr. Devarshi Desai** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Fellow for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *“Davie was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great pediatri-*

*cian”*. Congratulations Devarshi on a job well done!!!



**Alia Elnaji, DO (PGY2)**

**Dr. Alia Elnaji** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Fellow for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *“Alia was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great pediatrician”*. Congratulations Alia on a job well done!!!

**Andrew Garcia, MD (PGY2)**



**Dr. Andrew Garcia** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Fellow for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *“Andy was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. He will make a great pediatrician”*. Congratulations Andy on a job well done!!!



**Ifrah Waheed, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Ifrah Waheed** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Fellow for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *“Ifrah was an amazing resident. Always*



## Milestones in Teamwork & Professionalism

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

*came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great pediatrician".* Congratulations Ifrah on a job well done!!!



**Maria Godoy, MD (PGY1)**

**Dr. Maria Godoy** received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins; PGY3 Resident for her **Excellent Performance**.

Dr. Lins commented: *"Dani did an excellent job managing a patient that arrived to the floor in respiratory distress. She immediately noticed the signs of impending respiratory failure and escalated support to HFNC. I was extremely impressed with her clinical judgement. Keep up the great work Dani!"*. Congratulations Dani on a job well-done!!!

## Milestones in Patient Experience Recognition

### Dr. Garcia Roldan Recognized as A Patient Experience Champion

**Dr. Erileen Garcia Roldan (PGY3 Resident)** was recognized by the Department of Patient & Guest Relations as the **Patient Experience Resident Champion for 2023**. Congratulations Dr. Garcia Roldan on your dedication to

contributing to an exceptional patient experience and your commitment to displaying the NCHS-Way Values and Guiding Principles.!!!



## Milestones in Teaching Award Nominations and Recognitions

### NCH Faculty & Resident Selected to Receive the FIU Excellence in Clinical Teaching Awards



**Maria Elena Arrate, DO (PGY2)** was selected by the FIU Medical Student to receive the **2023 Resident/Fellow Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award** by the FIU College of Medicine. This award *"recognizes a resident or fellow who excels in the clinical teaching of FIU medical students, is a role model as a physician and educator, is available to students, and who cultivates lifelong learning"*. Congratulations Maria!!!



**Guillermo De Angulo, MD (Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Faculty)** was the recipient of the **2023 Excellence in Clinical Teaching in Pediatrics Award** as selected by the FIU College of Medicine based on Medical Students nominations. Congratulations Dr. De Angulo.

Other NCH Trainees and Faculty nominees for the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Awards include:

- **Melissa Castro Rivadeneira, MD** - (PGY3 Resident)
- **Dianelis Hernandez, MD** - (PGY 2 Resident)
- **Braden Olsen, MD** - (PGY2 Resident)
- **Andres Rodriguez, MD** - (PGY2 Resident)
- **Alexandra Byrne, MD** - (PHM Fellow)
- **Rani Gereige, MD, MPH** - (Faculty, Exec Dir of Med Education & DIO)

Congratulations to all nominees and awardees!

## Milestones in Scholarly Activities

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

## Strong Presence for NCH Trainees and Faculty at ASPHO 2023

Nicklaus Children's Trainees and faculty presented a total of 9 Abstracts at ASPHO 2023 meeting. The following abstracts were accepted for presentation:

- ◆ Arlet Maria Acanda de la Rocha; Maggie Fader; Ebony R. Coats; Joseph Dunn; Leat Perez; Carolina Velasquez; Jeanette Galano; Cima Saghira; Ileana Sotto; Yana Vorontsova; Ziad Khatib; Haneen Abdella; Cristina M. Andrade-Fraud; Alexa Jacome; Victoria Reis; Lilliam Rimblas; Nicole Tomas; Paula S. Espinal; Noah Berlow; Tomás R. Guilarte; Jennifer McCafferty-Fernandez; Daria Salyakina; Diana J. Azzam. **"Efficacy of a functional precision medicine approach in relapsed/refractory pediatric cancer patients: results from a prospective clinical study"**. Cancer Res (2023) 83 (8\_Supplement): LB358. Abstract AACR 2023
- ◆ Marleni Torres, MD, Ziad Khatib, MD. **"EVEROLIMUS AND BEVACIZUMAB AS A TREATMENT FOR TRAF-7 MENINGIOMATOSIS SYNDROME"**. Poster ASPHO 2023
- ◆ Marleni Torres, MD, Aimee Daccache, MD, Ziad Khatib, MD. **"USE OF VINCRISTINE IN VANISHING BONE DISEASE"**. Poster ASPHO 2023
- ◆ Courtney Hundzinski, DO, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami FL, Camila Pabon, MD, Keishla Gonzalez, MD, Daniela Albors-Agullo, MD, Maggie Fader, M.D. **"11-MONTH-OLD WITH ABDOMINAL DISTENTION – CONSTIPATION OR EXTRAGONADAL YOLK SAC TUMOR?"**
- ◆ Ifrah Waheed, MD, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Pediatric Residency - PL2, Camila Pabon, M.D., Monica Chow, M.D., Guillermo De Angulo, M.D., Maggie Fader, M.D., Felipe Pedroso, M.D. **"DISTAL INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION SYNDROME IN A PATIENT WITH B-CELL ALL AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS"**
- ◆ Angela Parra Del Riego, MD, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Guillermo De Angulo, M.D. **"ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD CANCER DISPARITIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES: A PRE-EXISTING PROBLEM"**
- ◆ Angela Parra Del Riego, MD, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Medical Education, Guillermo De Angulo, M.D. **"IMMUNOTHERAPY RESPONSE IN A PATIENT WITH XERODERMA PIGMENTOSA AND UNRESECTABLE METASTATIC MELANOMA"**
- ◆ Angela Parra Del Riego, MD, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Medical Education, Keishla Gonzalez, MD, Guillermo De Angulo, M.D. **"METASTATIC NEUROBLASTOMA TO THE JAW WITH SPONTANEOUS HISTOLOGICAL MATURATION"**
- ◆ Angela Parra Del Riego, MD, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Medical Education, Toba N. Niazi, Matthew D. Hall, Jorge R. Galvez-Silva, MD, Ossama Maher, MD. **"BIALLELIC BRCA2 AND BLM GENE MUTATION IN A SHH MEDULLOSBLASTOMA WITH SEVERE CHEMOTHERAPY TOXICITY"**

## Session Proposals Accepted

Dr. Michael Leoncio (PICU Faculty) was notified that his session proposal titled: **"Variables Associated with Successful Placement of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters in Children"** was accepted to be presented at the 2023 Association for Vascular Access (AVA) Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2023 in Portland, OR. Congratulations!!

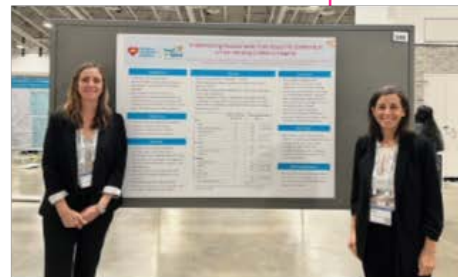
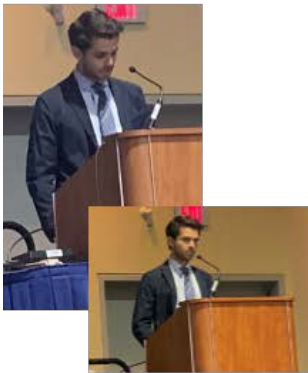
## Hot Off the Press

Dr. Oscar Arevalo (Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Director), Dr. Paula Miranda (Pediatric Dentistry Faculty), & Dr. Rani Gereige (Exec Dir of Medical Education & DIO) published a review article titled: **"Dental Caries: Early Intervention and the Role of the Pediatrician"** in the June 2023 issue of *Pediatrics in Review*. Congratulations!!!

### Milestones in Scholarly Activities

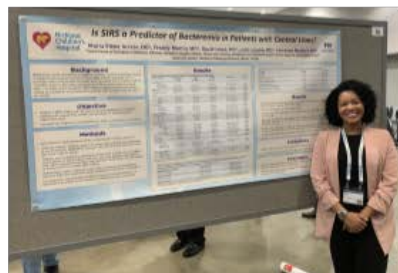
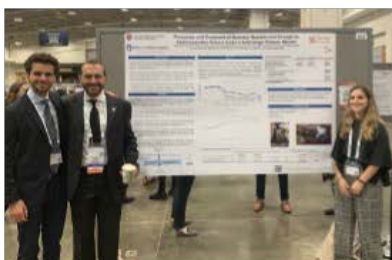
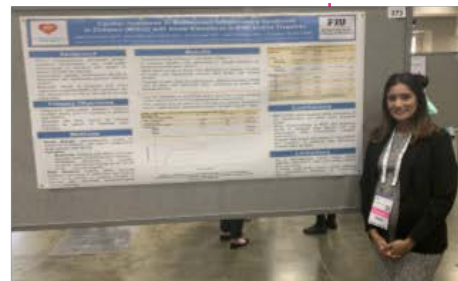
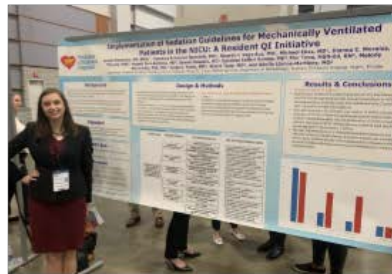
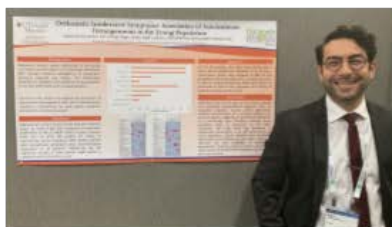
#### Strong Presence of NCH at 2023 PAS Meeting

Nicklaus Children’s Trainees, faculty, and Alumni had a strong presence at the Pediatric Academics Society (PAS) meeting in April 2023 through poster and podium presentations. The Department of Medical Education also represented the institution at the Exhibit Hall featuring the educational mission of the hospital, posted jobs, and launching the new Alumni Network platform. Below are few pictures from this event:



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## Milestones in Research Education

### The 2023 Board Review Course held with Success!!!

A **Research Design Course** is being planned, designed, and hosted by **Dr. Ameer Hall, PhD; Research Educator**. The Course is free and opened to all

NCH Employees. The course will featured seminars (2nd Wed of each month) paired with Workshops (4th Wed of each month). The course will begin September 13

2023. Attendees can join the sessions that their interested in attending based on the topics featured below:

# Research Design Course

Hosted by the Research Institute and open to all Nicklaus employees.

Seminars

Second Wednesday of each month beginning  
**September 13th, 2023 at 12:00PM**

Workshops

Fourth Wednesday of each month beginning  
**September 27th, 2023 at 12:00PM**

Seminars will teach you how to conduct quality research from design to publication. Workshops will deliver hands-on activities, giving you experience in each topic.

For more information, please contact [Ameer.Hall@nicklaushealth.org](mailto:Ameer.Hall@nicklaushealth.org)



TOPIC	MONTH	SEMINAR	WORKSHOP
Introduction to Research	September	13	27
Ethical Research	October	11	25
Research Design	November	8	22
Pre-Research Analysis	December	13	27
Protocols	January	10	24
Data Analysis	February	14	28
Data Analysis	March	13	27
Writing	April	10	24
Writing	May	8	22

Milestones in CME News

## The 2023 Board Review Course held with Success!!!

The **26th Annual General Pediatrics Review and Self-Assessment** was held May 19-21; 2023 at NCHS headquarters. The course included a blend of didactic core lectures, ARS questions, and Pictures of the Day Visual Diagnoses. Attendees will have access to the virtual content until early December 2023.



Milestones in National/State Spotlight

## Several NCH Trainees, Faculty, and Advocacy Efforts Featured in the AAP Florida Chapter Newsletter. [Click Here to Read P. 15, 20, 21](#)

### FCAAP NEWS



#### NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HOSTS FIRST "DOCTORS WITHIN BORDERS" EVENT

Submitted by Louis Durkac, MD, PGY2 at Nicklaus Children's Hospital; 2023 FCAAP Resident & Trainees Committee Member

The COVID 19 pandemic reduced the outreach events for residency programs across the United States which included not only global programs but also all the local events that provided valuable resources and funding for the community. With the return to almost normal operations, our program at Nicklaus Children's Hospital has branched back out into the community to provide education at the schools, participate in awareness events, and volunteer in the community at the local shelters and food pantries. In addition to our regular outreach events, our program also held our first community health fair event titled "Doctors within Borders".

Coordinated by one of our own PGY3 residents, Dr. Nicole Jackson, the event was coordinated with the community to provide free healthcare and education. Pediatric residents, dental residents, and attendings from the program volunteered their time to provide well child visits, sick evaluations, vaccinations, mental health evaluations, and dental screenings. It also gave other members of the community the opportunity to volunteer their time and resources by providing free haircuts, food, games, and even free phones and tablets for the participants. To ensure that the participants received continuity after the event, we provided information about enrolling in a family Medicaid plan and resources needed for continued follow up care after the event.

It was overall a huge success and there were many takeaways from this event that we can use to improve our next one. With our upcoming fair, our hopes are to get a larger turnout of participants and to continue to provide healthcare to the community at large that may not have the resources or awareness needed to seek healthcare for their children. It was an amazing experience for all of those involved because it gave them an opportunity to work closely with the community and to provide healthcare screens and resources to ensure the continued health of the children that live in it.

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#### FOOD FOR SALUD: HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY KIDS

Alexandra Byrne, MD (pediatric hospital medicine fellow) and Joanna Perdomo, MD, MPH (primary care pediatrician) are honored to be awarded the American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Grant. In May 2022, Drs. Byrne and Perdomo, along with other team members, began a multi-faceted food insecurity initiative at Nicklaus Children's Hospital (NCH) called Food for Salud: Healthy Food for Healthy Kids. The initiative aims to transition families from food insecurity to nutrition security and includes three main components: 1) Screen and Refer, 2) Grow and Nourish, and 3) Innovate and Evaluate.

Food insecurity has adverse effects on child health. In Miami-Dade County, 18% of households with children experienced food insecurity in 2020, exceeding the national rate. Evidence shows community gardens increase access to fresh foods and promote psychological, social, and physical wellbeing.

The CATCH Grant will provide funding to implement bimonthly nutrition workshops, including cooking demonstrations and nutrition education for local community children. The events will be led by an interdisciplinary pediatric team, including dietitians, pediatricians, and trainees. Children who participate in the events will receive fresh produce, soil, and seeds to take home. The team hopes the nutrition workshops increase local families' knowledge of healthy eating, reduce food insecurity, and provide an opportunity for trainees to learn more about community pediatrics and addressing social determinants of health.

For more information, please contact [Dr. Byrne](#) and [Dr. Perdomo](#). Acknowledgements: Thank you to the AAP CATCH Office for the opportunity and to Nicklaus Children's Hospital for their support of the initiative, and in particular to Food for Salud team member Julie Katz, MBA, Executive Director of Community Relations and Corporate Responsibility.

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as they navigated applying to medical school. Pranshu was elected the Executive Coordinator of Member Value within the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section on Pediatric Trainees. There, he helped organize, advertise, and moderate forums that helped fourth-year medical students navigate the numerous changes to the ERAS application. Pranshu looks forward to providing compassionate and culturally competent care to children and hopes to train the next generation of physicians to do the same!



#### Janelle Torres Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Janelle Torres is a compassionate and committed future pediatrician who matched at the Nicklaus Children's Hospital pediatric residency program. She earned her Bachelor's in Psychology from Florida International University and her Master's in Biomedical Sciences from Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine before beginning medical school at the same institution. She is a born leader exemplified through her roles as President in the Pediatrics Club, Executive Secretary in the Hispanic Osteopathic Medical Student Association (HOMSA), Secretary of Students for a National Health Program (SNaHP), and medical student co-committee Chair for the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Janelle's dedication to servicing her community is clear as she has dedicated over 150 hours to volunteerism. In recognition of her work, she has earned both the Golden Ticket and William G Anderson DO Minority scholarships from the American Osteopathic Foundation. With the help of the executive board of the Pediatric Club, she launched "Super Heroes, Super Health", a virtual health fair during the COVID pandemic to continue to service and educate the children of the Boys and Girl's Club. She brought together healthcare professional students across different colleges and programs to learn about affordable and accessible healthcare, and she has been an advocate for the pediatric community volunteering in many activities that specifically aid vulnerable populations both in the local community and outside of the country. She embodies the qualities necessary in becoming an amazing pediatric physician and will undoubtedly provide her future patients with the highest quality care possible.



## Medical Education Birthdays

### May

Ricardo Vega Auz	5
Ghanavi Kumaran	6
Melissa Castro Rivadeneira	10
Daniela Albors-Agullo	11
Jessica Valencia	15
Daniel Mcgraw	16
Stephanie San Martin	17
Melanie Hew	18
Dianelis Hernandez	21
Alia Elnaji	25
Camila Pabon	25
Milena Sanchez	25
Ana Luiza Graneiro	26
Braden Olsen	26
Khiem Truong	28



### June

Jasmin Gosey	4
Stephanie Blount	5
Alexis Kowalski	7
Lina Ayala Castro	8
Victoria Ko	10
Joselyn Ye Tay	12
Becky Li	13
Daylen Sire Burgos	16
Andrew Martinez	22
Adam Beaton	23
Brittany Plescher	25



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