



# Milestones

in Medical Education



## Special points of interest

- Faculty Development
- Thank-A-Resident/ Fellow Day
- Trainees, Alumni, & Faculty Publications
- Awards and E-Recognitions
- Alumni News
- CME News



## From the Editor

### Winter Puts the Academic Year in Full Swing

This March issue of **Milestones in Medical Education** comes at a busy time of the academic year. As recruitment season comes to a close, we will anxiously await our Match Day (March 21). This year, in addition to the main residency match, we will be awaiting the first match for the **Child Neurology** residency program. Meanwhile, the current academic year passes its midpoint as GME and CME programs are in full swing.

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

- ◆ Medical Education celebrates the National Than A Resident/ Fellow Day
- ◆ Preparations are underway for celebrating the 60th Annual Pediatric Post-

Graduate course (PPGC) in this milestone year of the 75th Anniversary of Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

- ◆ Preparations for the Scholarship Week, the Board Review Course, and the Class of 2025 Graduation underway
- ◆ Trainees continue to receive e-Recognition from peers, colleagues, staff, and patients for their professionalism, humanism, and teamwork
- ◆ 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

As we go into the next two months, we are aware of the exciting times ahead of us as we get closer to the end of an academic year where we celebrate the end of new chapters, successes, and we plan and get ready for a new academic year.

On this milestone year 2025; we cannot but reflect on the 75 years of clinical care legacy of Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and the 60+ years of our academic mission of training, teaching, and preparing the next generation of clinicians who care for children. We are proud of our Alumni and their accomplishments and we look forward to another 75 years of legacy in pediatrics and more. This is who we are. Enjoy reading this issue of Milestones in Medical Education.

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Milestones in Faculty Development

## Nuts & Bolts: Microaggression: Be an Active Bystander

The *Academic Pediatrics* Journal started a micro-faculty development section called “Nuts & Bolts”. In each of the Milestones in Medical Education Issues, we will begin featuring one of the Nuts & Bolts short articles or snip-its from the articles.

# NUTS AND BOLTS

## Faculty Development for the Busy Clinical Educator



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 On Behalf of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors Faculty and Professional Development Task Force

## MICROAGGRESSIONS: BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER

*Building skills to create and maintain an inclusive, safe learning environment*

- IN THIS EDITION:**
- What are the types of microaggressions
  - Why are microaggressions harmful
  - How can you intervene when you witness a microaggression







### Consider this situation...

*You are the attending on inpatient pediatrics. During rounds, your intern, a Black woman, is leading the medical team into the patient room where the nurse is administering medications. The nurse says to the family, “It looks like transport is here to take you to your abdominal ultrasound.”*

How might you respond in this situation?



### What are the types of microaggressions:

<p><b>Microinsult</b> A subtle snub that is demeaning towards one’s identity.</p>  <p>Eg: A woman-identifying resident enters a patient room and is mistaken as a nurse</p>	<p><b>Microinvalidation</b> A statement that minimizes or discredits one’s thoughts or experiences related to their identity</p>  <p>Eg: Claiming “color-blindness” or implying that one cannot be racist if they have a Black friend</p>	<p><b>Microassault</b> A deliberate statement or act intending to offend the recipient.</p>  <p>Eg: A patient refusing to receive care from a doctor who is transgender</p>	<p><b>Environmental Microaggressions</b> A climate that perpetuates any type of microaggression causing some to feel unwelcomed</p>  <p>Eg: Having an all-white, male residency class</p>
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### How do microaggressions affect the learner and learning environment?

- Can contribute to lower self-esteem, depression, and anxiety, especially when the target of the microaggression is left unsupported and/or invalidated by peers or bystanders
- Erode an already fragile pathway of academic development and advancement for those who are underrepresented in academic medicine
- Can cause feelings of “otherness” and isolation during vulnerable stages of their training
- Decrease psychological safety, lead to less-effective team interactions, and limit learning for all
- Can spread racial biases and play a role in perpetuating racial inequalities



Milestones in Faculty Development

# Nuts & Bolts: Microaggression: Be an Active Bystander (Cont'ed)



## PRACTICAL PEARLS

### Microaggressions....

- Come in a variety of forms from subtle slights to offensive statements
- Distract and harm the learning environment and the learner.
- Can be intervened upon by any active bystander using the 5D's

### It is important to....

- Set an expectation for a psychologically safe learning environment for all learners
- Discuss ahead of time with learners to understand their preferred intervention during a microaggression
- Recognize acts of mistreatment and discrimination represent actions that go beyond microaggressions (e.g. inequity in promotion/salary)

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## 5D Model to Respond to Microaggressions

Developed by Dr. Kimberly Manning, Emory School of Medicine  
Adapted from Green Dot Bystander Intervention



### DIRECT

Address the perpetrator of the microaggression and provide an in-the-moment verbal response to correct assumptions.

Eg: "I heard you say that your intern was your nurse, but she is your doctor."

### DISTRACT

Shift the conversation back to the original topic or learning point and ignore the microaggression.

Eg: After hearing a microassault you say, "Let's get back to your treatment plan for the day."



### DELEGATE

Relay what you observed to someone who may be better positioned to address the situation such as an institutional reporting system or dean.

Eg: After hearing a patient refusing care from a physician who is transgender, you promptly fill out a report for review.

### DELAY

Come back to talk to the victim of microaggression later. This allows time for one to process an event and privately debrief.

Eg: "I heard that patient claim color-blindness. That's wrong and hurtful. Would you like to debrief on this more privately?"



### DISPLAY DISCOMFORT

Display your disagreement or discomfort with a microaggression in a nonverbal manner.

Eg: The team pharmacist suggests that a patient's nonadherence is due to their race. You give a look of confusion and disagreement and review the many possible reasons for nonadherence.

## Back to your intern

As the attending physician, you quickly recognize that your intern has just been the victim of a microinsult. [Display discomfort] With a look of confusion and distaste for the situation, you state to the family, "she is not transport, she is a doctor on the team providing excellent care for your child. As you can see, she is wearing a white coat like all of the doctors involved in your child's care." [Delay debrief] After rounds, you sit down with the intern to debrief the event as well as learn how best to support the intern in the future.



Milestones in Trainees Thanks & Gratitude

# Medical Education Celebrates the Annual Thank-A-Resident/ Fellow National Day

On February 28 2025, Nicklaus Children's Hospital & its Department of Medical Education celebrated the **National Annual Thank-A-Resident/  
Fellow Day** as designated by

the Gold Humanism Honor Society & Foundation. This year's celebration included a special luncheon, banner card signed by faculty and staff, and a symbolic gift as a token of appreciation

and gratitude to all of our trainees (residents and fellows in medical, dental, psychology & pharmacy). We love our trainees!!! Below are some pictures from the event and celebrations.



Thank You from the Medical Education Coordinators Team



## Milestones in Scholarly Activities

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

**Dr. Enrique Konstat Korzeny, MD** (PGY3) was notified that his abstract titled: **“Stop Drinking So Much Milk!”** was accepted for a poster presentation at the *Society for Hospital Medicine (SHM) Converge Research, Innovations, and Clinical Vignette Scientific Abstract Competition* to be held April 23-25; 2025 in Las Vegas, NV. Congratulations!! Congratulations!!!

**Dr. Anushree Malhotra-Hans, MD** (PCCM Fellow) was notified that her abstract titled: **“Hospitalization with Lightning & Electrical Injuries in Children in the United States from 1997-2019”** was accepted for a poster presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2025* meeting, April 25-28, 2025 in Honolulu, HI. Congratulations!

**Dr. Stephanie San Matin**

(PHM Fellow) was notified that her abstract titled: **“MRSA PCR in Complicated Pneumonia”** was accepted for a poster presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2025* meeting, April 25-28, 2025 in Honolulu, HI. Congratulations!

**Drs Magi Dickinson, MD** (PHM Fellowship Alumnus) & **Rani Gereige, MD, MPH** (Exec Dir of Med Ed & DIO) were notified that their abstract titled: **“Exploring Trainee Priorities: A Targeted Approach to Building a Pediatric Global Health Education Program”** was accepted for a poster presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2025* meeting, April 25-28, 2025 in Honolulu, HI. Congratulations!

**Dr. Barbara Ximemes Braz, MD** (PEM Fellow) was notified that her abstract titled: **“Can Point-of-Care Ultrasound be Used to Identify Through-And-Through Intraosseous Access Misplacement in Infant-Sized Bone Models?”** was accepted for a poster presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2025* meeting, April 25-28, 2025 in Honolulu, HI. Congratulations!

**Dr. Jonathan Creech, MD** (PEM Fellow) was notified that his abstract titled: **“Does Viral Testing Affect Rate of Return Visits to the Emergency Department and Urgent Care”** was accepted for an oral presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2025* meeting, April 25-28, 2025 in Honolulu, HI. Congratulations!

## Milestones in Trainees’ Spotlight

# NCH Trainees Recognitions & Awards

## Pediatric Resident PETALS Awardee

**Dr. Pavneet Sandhu** (PGY3) was the December 2024 PETALS Award Recipient. PETALS are: Professional Extraordinaires That Always Lend Support. At Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, PETALS are Nursing’s colleagues in departments such as Environmental Services, Case Management, Rehabilitation, Food and Nutrition, and Transport, as well as unit coordinators, behavioral health techs, nurse assistants, physicians and other employees throughout the health system. Dr. Sandhu was recog-

nized for her professionalism, and teamwork. Congratulations Pavneet!!!



## PHM Fellow Patient Safety Hero Award recipient

**Dr. Claudia Vega Castellvi** (PHM Fellow) has been selected as a Patient Safety Hero Award Recipient. She will be honored at a dinner reception on March 13; 2025. Congratulations Claudia!!!



## Milestones in Teamwork &amp; Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Maya  
Hadeed, MD  
(PGY2)

Dr. Maya Hadeed received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Dianelis Hernandez (Pediatric Chief Resident) for her display of the **NCHS iCREATE** Values. Dr. Hernandez commented: ***"Your great work is appreciated"***. Congratulations Maya on a job well-done!!



Natalia  
Figueroa  
Ramos, MD  
(PGY3)

Dr. Natalia Figueroa Ramos received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Dianelis Hernandez (Pediatric Chief Resident) for her display of the **NCHS iCREATE** Values. Dr. Hernandez commented: ***"Your great work is appreciated"***. Congratulations Natalia on a job well-done!!



Sara Echeverri,  
MD  
(PGY2)

Dr. Sara Echeverri received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Dr. Dianelis Hernandez (Pediatric Chief Resident) for her display of the **NCHS Value of Advocacy**. Dr. Hernandez commented: ***"Thank you Sara for standing up for your patient and their family when they needed an advocate. Your willingness to speak up when they couldn't, ensuring they were treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, is truly commendable."***

***Your compassion and dedication make a meaningful impact every day"***. Congratulations Sara on a job well-done!!



Enrique Konstat  
Korzeny,  
MD  
(PGY3)

Dr. Enrique Konstat Korzeny received two NCHS-e-Recognition:

- ◆ The first recognition is from Dr. Jennifer Thompson; Adolescent Medicine Attending for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: ***"Thanks for your help!"***. Congratulations Enrique on a job well done!!!
- ◆ The second e-Recognition was from Dr. Silvia Escudero; PGY1 Pediatric Resident for his display of the **NCHS Values of Collaboration & Empathy**. Dr. Escudero commented: ***"Amazing resident! Always willing to help and volunteers to take patients in the clinic during his free time. Takes his time to talk and evaluate patients, addressing all their concerns. Positive attitude. Families do enjoy having him during the visits. Enjoys teaching medical students and updated with clinical guidelines."*** Congratulations Enrique on your teamwork and excellent performance!



Almaha  
Alshehri,  
MD (PGY3)

Dr. Almaha Alshehri received an NCHS-e-Recognition from Ms. Angelica Alvarez, RN Neurology 5T for her display of the NCHS Values of: **Collaboration, Responsibility, Empowerment**. Ms. Alvarez commented: ***"Almaha is an incredible senior resident who makes nurses not only feel included but empowered to take part of patient's plans of care. She takes the time to explain the why behind the medical teams actions and has so much patience. She is a true leader and kind beyond words! We will miss you!"***. Congratulations Almaha on a job well done!!!



Christina Perez-Arche,  
MD  
(PGY3)

Dr. Christina Perez-Arche received a Recognition from Ms. Angelica Alvarez; RN Neurology 5T for her display of the NCHS Values of: **Collaboration & Transformational**. Ms. Alvarez commented: ***"Kiki, you do an amazing job at leading the residents and taking charge with patients on our floor. We knew we were in good hands when you were the team lead. Thank you for being so wonderful with the nursing team and for spreading your knowledge with us when you were making decisions for the patients. Doctors like you make a difference!"***. Congratulations Kiki on a job well done!!!



Andres  
Varga Espana,  
MD  
(PGY1)

## Milestones in Teamwork & Professionalism

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

**Dr. Andres Vargas-Espana** received a Recognition from Ms Angelica Alvarez; RN Neurology 5T for her display of the NCHS Values of: **Collaboration**. Ms. Alvarez commented: *"I know nurses can sometimes drive the residents crazy but thank you for your good attitude when I ask a question and for your continuing patience every time we call the resident phone LOL. Excited to see you grow as a doctor! We appreciate you!"*. Congratulations Andres on a job well done!!!

## Milestones in Publications

### Hot Off the Press: NCH Faculty & Trainees Continue to Contribute to the Peer-Reviewed Literature

**Drs. Milena Fraustro, MD** (PGY3) & **Melissa Clemente, MD** (PHM Attending) published their manuscript titled: *"An Overview of Pediatric Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome"* on the January 2025 issue of *Pediatrics in Review*. Congratulations!!!

**Drs Bala Totapally, MD; Abhinav Totapally, MD; & Paul Martinez, MD** (PICU Attendings) published their manuscript titled: *"Thrombocytopenia in Critically Ill Children: A review for Practicing Clinicians"* in the January 2025 issue of *Children* journal. Congratulations!

**Dr. Abhinav Totapally, MD** (PICU Attending) and co-authors published their manuscript titled: *"Pediatric Health Assessment Tracker: A Quality Improvement Initiative to Obtain Weights Consistently and Appropriately in a Tertiary Pediatric Intensive Care Unit"* in the January 2025 issue of *Pediatric Quality & Safety Journal*. Congratulations!

**Dr. Abhinav Totapally** (PICU Attending) & co-authors published their manuscript titled: *"Central of Peripheral Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Pediatric Sepsis: Outcomes Comparison in the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Dataset, 2000-2021"* in the January 2025 issue of *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* journal. Congratulations!!!

**Drs Jeffrey Biehler, MD** (Chair of Pediatrics), **Julie Kantor, MD** (Associate Clerkship Director), and **Laura Amador, MD** (PGY2), along with FIU Med Student **Alejandra Viera Plascencia** published their manuscript titled: *"Manifestation of a Vestibular Schwannoma in a Patient with PHACE Syndrome"* in the February 13; 2025 issue of *Cureus* journal. Congratulations!

**Drs Adam Beaton, MD** (PICU Fellowship Alumnus), **Prithvi Sendi, MD** (PICU Attending), **Paul Martinez, MD** (PICU Attending), and **Bala Totapally, MD** (PICU Attending) published their manuscript titled: *"Prevalence and Outcomes of Air Leak Syndrome and Subtypes in Neonates in the United States"* in the Fall 2024 issue of *Journal of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine*. Congratulations to all!

**Drs Alexandra Byrne, MD** (PHM Fellowship Alumnus & Attending), **Mario Reyes, MD** (PHM Attending); & **Joanna Perdomo, MD, MPH** (General Academic Pediatric Attending) and their co-authors published their manuscript titled: *"Childhood Opportunity Index and Outcomes Across the Care Continuum for Children with Asthma"* in the February 2025 issue of *Hospital Pediatrics*. Congratulations!!!



**The 2025 VIRTUAL 16th Annual Scholarship Week**

Organized by Nicklaus Children's Hospital

DEPARTMENTS OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, NURSING, & THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Week of May 27<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Submission Site Link: <https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=KDGFGIUQ>

Submission Period: Feb 1 - May 4, 2025

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- E-Posters, Digital Abstracts, Poster Summary Formats
- Scheduled author presentations by themes/specialty (Schedule to follow)
- May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 8:00am-9:15am - WINNING ABSTRACTS VIRTUAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS

## Submit Your Abstract for Annual Scholarship Week

Abstracts submissions are now being accepted for the 16th Annual Virtual Scholarship Week to be held May 27-30; 2025. Deadline for submission is May 4th 2025. Submission Link:

<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=KDGFGIUQ>

## Milestones in Graduation Preparations

### Dr. B. Hoffman to Give the Class of 2025 Graduation Keynote Address



We are delighted to confirm that **Dr. Benjamin D. Hoffman, MD, FAAP**; 2025 Immediate Past-President of the AAP will deliver the graduation keynote address for the Class of 2025 graduation of Nicklaus Children's Residents and fellows on **June 13th 2025** at the Hilton Airport Hotel.

**Benjamin Hoffman** was the 2024 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**Dr Hoffman** is a general pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Oregon Health and Science University. He majored in Anthropology at UC Berkeley, and attended Harvard

Medical School. He completed residency training at Seattle Children's Hospital.

**At Doernbecher**, he is Vice-Chair for Community Health and Advocacy, Director of the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs, and Director of the Child Injury Prevention Program.

## Milestones in Alumni News

### NCH Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Alumnus Speaker for the 2025 Dr. Bhatia's Memorial Lecture

The **6th Annual Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia Memorial Lecture** was held on February 28 2025 and featured one of our own Alumni from the Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Class of 2017 **Dr. George Ibrahim, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FAANS, FACS**. **Dr. Ibrahim** is Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, and the Division of Neurosurgery at the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). He presented a Grand Round on the topic of "Intelligent Neuromodulation for Drug-Resistant Epilepsy in Children."



**Pediatric Grand Rounds**  
Friday, February 28, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Main Auditorium & Virtual

**The Sixth Annual Dr. Sanjiv Bhatia Memorial Lecture**  
**Intelligent Neuromodulation for Drug-Resistant Epilepsy in Children**  
George Ibrahim, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FAANS, FACS  
Division of Neurosurgery  
Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)  
Associate Professor  
Institute of Biomaterial Engineering  
Institute of Medical Science  
Department of Surgery  
Abe Breiner Chair in Functional Surgery  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada

Objectives: At the conclusion of this presentation, attendees are expected to:

1. Describe current challenges in choosing neuromodulation options for children with drug-resistant epilepsy
2. Discuss advances in brain network mapping that could guide informed decisions
3. Discuss emerging integration of artificial intelligence and connectomics to personalize treatments for children

## Milestones in CME News

### Register Now for the 60th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course

The **60th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course (PPGC)** is around the corner. This milestone conference will be held on March 28-30; 2025 at the **Hilton Marina Resort in Fort Lauderdale, FL**. This year, we are not only celebrating the 60th anniversary of the conference but we are also celebrating the 75th anniversary of Nicklaus Children's Hospital. There is still time to register for the PPGC. This

year's conference topics are a combination of core pediatric topics, hot topics, and health maintenance pediatric topics.

To celebrate these two milestone anniversaries and highlight the academic mission and legacy of NCH, all of our PPGC speakers are NCH Alumni of either the Pediatric residency program, subspecialty fellowships, dental, psychology, and pharmacy. Local and

national speakers are excited to be part of this milestone course and this milestone celebration. The course offers 16 hours of CME Credits & 16 points of ABP MOC part 2. Checkout the line-up of speakers and topics, register for the course, and/or book your hotel room at [www.ppgcpij.com](http://www.ppgcpij.com). Below are featured Alumni Speakers in their specialties.



Specialty	Speaker	Alumni/ Class of....
Adolescent Medicine	<b>Rosa Gomez de Jesus, MD</b> Adolescent Medicine Lubbock, TX	Fellowship, Class of 2014
Allergy-Immunology	<b>Michelle M. Lozano Chinga, MD</b> Pediatric Allergy-Immunology Phoenix Children's Hospital	Residency, Class of 2019
	<b>Vivian Hernandez-Trujillo, MD</b> Allergy-Immunology Care of South Florida Miami Lakes, Florida	Residency, Class of 2002
Clinical Neurophysiology	<b>Michael Scott Perry, MD</b> VP, Faculty Development Cook Children's Physician Network Head of Neurosciences Fort Worth, TX	Fellowship, Class of 2009
Craniofacial Plastic Surgery	<b>Nicole C. Cabbad, MD, MBA</b> Board Certified, Craniofacial Fellowship-Trained Plastic Surgeon Orlando, FL	Fellowship, Class of 2018
General Pediatrics	<b>Michelle Escala, MD</b> Assistant Professor Pediatric Residency Program Director The University of Oklahoma – Tulsa Tulsa, OK	Residency, Class of 2009
Pediatric Cardiology	<b>Jenny Zablah Alabi, MD</b> Pediatric Cardiology Children's Hospital Colorado Associate Professor of Pediatrics Aurora, CO	Residency, Class of 2013
Pediatric Critical Care Medicine	<b>Paul Martinez, MD</b> Attending, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Fellowship, Class of 2014
Pediatric Dentistry	<b>Suheily Aponte-Rodriguez, DMD</b> Attending, Pediatric Dentistry Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2016
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	<b>Jahzel González Pagán, MD</b> Pediatric Emergency Medicine Associate Professor University of Puerto Rico San Juan, PR	Fellowship, Class of 2016
Pediatric Endocrinology	<b>Nivedita Patni, MD</b> Director, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Associate Professor of Pediatrics UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, TX	Residency, Class of 2013
	<b>Juan D. Mejía-Otero, MD</b> Attending, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology Nicklaus Children's Hospital Boynton Beach, FL	Residency, Class of 2016
Pediatric Gastroenterology	<b>Clifton S Huang, MD</b> Director, Advanced Endoscopy and Pancreaticobiliary Programs Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, School of Medicine at Texas Christian University and University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth, TX	Residency, Class of 2009
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology	<b>Christopher Dandoy, MD, MS</b> Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immune Deficiency Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati, OH	Residency, Class of 2010
	<b>Jorge Galvez Silva, MD</b> Attending, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Pediatric Blood & Marrow Transplant Program The Helen & Jacob Shaham Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2013





Specialty	Speaker	Alumni/ Class of...
<b>Pediatric Hospital Medicine</b>	<b>Melissa Clemente, MD</b> Director, Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2009
<b>Pediatric Infectious Diseases</b>	<b>Adriana Cadilla, MD</b> Nemours Children's Hospital Medical Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program & Pediatric HIV Program Associate Professor, Dept of Pediatrics at UCF Orlando, FL	Residency, Class of 2008
<b>Pediatric Nephrology</b>	<b>Sai Sudha Mannemuddhu, MD</b> Pediatric Nephrology East Tennessee Children's Hospital Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN	Residency, Class of 2017
<b>Pediatric Neurosurgery</b>	<b>Alexander G. Weil, MD, FRCS, FACS</b> Associate Professor Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Program University of Montreal Montreal, Canada	Fellowship, Class of 2014
<b>Pediatric Orthopedic Spine</b>	<b>Subaraman Ramchandran, MD</b> Attending, Pediatric Orthopedic Spine Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedics University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Pediatric Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, & Spine Institute Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Fellowship, Class of 2019
<b>Pediatric Palliative Care</b>	<b>Anamaria Pulido, MD</b> Attending, Pediatric Hospital Medicine Interim Chief of Palliative Care Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2015
<b>Pediatric Psychology</b>	<b>Gabrielle Del Rey, PhD</b> Postdoc Psychology Fellow Department of Psychology Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2024
	<b>Marina Villani Capo, PsyD</b> Clinical Psychologist Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, Florida	Residency, Class of 2018 Fellowship, Class of 2020
<b>Pediatric Pulmonology</b>	<b>Geovanny Perez Estrella, MD</b> Clinical Associate Professor Division Chief, Pulmonology & Sleep Medicine Department of Pediatrics University of Buffalo, The State University of New York Buffalo, NY	Residency, Class of 2011
<b>Pediatric Radiology</b>	<b>Amisha Shah, MD</b> Pediatric Radiology UPMC, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Director, Musculoskeletal Imaging Associate Professor University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Fellowship, Class of 2004
<b>Pediatric Surgery</b>	<b>Federico Seifarth, MD</b> Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics Surgeon-in-Chief Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery West Virginia University (WVU) Children's Hospital West Virginia University Morgantown, WV	Fellowship, Class of 2009
<b>Pediatric Urology</b>	<b>Abd-El-Rahman (AR) Abd-El-Barr, MD</b> Medical Director, Pediatric Urology Advent Health Tampa, FL	Fellowship, Class of 2017
<b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>Keah Gutierrez, PharmD</b> Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – NICU Nicklaus Children's Hospital Miami, FL	Residency, Class of 2023

## NCH Medical Education Team Attends the ACGME Annual Education Conference 2025



### Medical Education Birthdays

#### March

Jessica Pollow	3
Lucila Servitje Azcarraga	3
Estefany Cadavid	9
Natalia Vazquez-Marrero	9
Beatriz Maderal	13
Silvia Escudero	22
Barbara Ximenes Braz	24
Karina Delgado	25
Anushree Malhotra-Hans	25
Cydne Hastings	26
Andres Vargas-Espana	28



#### April

Daniela Ramirez Duque	1
Kathryn Forbes	7
Charissa Lake	9
Stephanie Gomez Taborda	11
Jake Lesser	12
Elizabeth Torres Claudio	27
Janelle Torres	27
Andrea Goreti Martinez Sanchez	28



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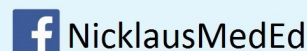
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