



# Milestones



## NicklausMiami Children's Hospital



### From the Editor

## Welcoming 2016!!! New Year, New Medical Education Initiatives

#### Special points of interest:

- Residents receive MCHWay E-Recognitions
- Great GME presence in national meeting
- Residents bring holiday cheers to needy children and families
- CME Calendar for 2016 is packed with exciting courses

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This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education*, marks the beginning of the sixth year of issuing the Newsletter. Milestones has served and continues to serve in many capacities including:

- ◆ A communication vehicle between the Medical Education Department and the institution and beyond
- ◆ An educational tool on Faculty Development GME and CME topics
- ◆ An important way to showcase the achievements of our residents and fellows (and their faculty mentors) in scholarly work, advocacy, professionalism, and humanism

As we continue this journey for the 6th year, the Department of Medical Education continues its commitment to providing our learners with the highest quality of Pediatric Training while supporting the professional development of our faculty through CME.

This January issue features milestones achieved by residents, fellows, and teaching in the months of November and December. This is a busy period

for the medical education community with the following milestones highlighted:

- ◆ NCH trainees continue to showcase their scholarly work on the national stage and in print
- ◆ Pediatric residency recruitment season opened with a solid 2300 applications from all over the world
- ◆ The CME program continues to grow in terms of number of sponsored CME activities (live and virtual)
- ◆ NCH trainees continue to display the NCHWay and be recognized by peers, staff, and patient families

#### New Year's Resolutions

As we look to 2016, we resolve to continue our journey toward academic excellence at all fronts. This includes:

- ◆ Continued support for the academic training programs with continued accreditation and recognition
- ◆ Continued professional development of our teaching faculty through CME, MOC, and Faculty Development

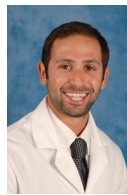
- ◆ Innovations in Medical Education through the use of technology, virtual learning, and simulation
- ◆ Continue to bring the MCHS/NCH name to the national stages through national committee work, scholarly activities, presentations, and publications
- ◆ Continue to support our residents and fellows' research initiatives
- ◆ Boost the Quality Improvement Initiatives of our residents, fellows, and faculty and link them to institutional initiatives as well as MOC 4
- ◆ Explore opportunities to grow the GME programs as per the MCHS mission of education

From the medical education department, I wish you all a blessed and productive new year. As we look back at our accomplishments last year and look ahead at the upcoming year, I feel blessed to work with a great team of department staff, faculty, peers, trainees, and other professionals. Great things await us in 2016.

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## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

### NCH Residents Compliments and e-Recognitions



**Bradley Gampel,  
MD (PL2)**

**Dr. Bradley Gampel** received an MCHWay e-Recognition as a result of a compliment received from the mother of a patient he cared for in the ED. The mother commented on Bradley's professionalism and the way he treated her son. Congratulations Bradley, we are proud of you!



**Carolina Bautista,  
MD (PL1)**

**Dr. Carolina Bautista** Vallderuten received an MCHWay e-Recognition for her active participation as the most active user in the testing, validation, and feedback on the CareNarrative hand-off tool. Congratulations Carolina on your display of the MCHWay



**Brandon Larkin, DDS  
(Dental Resident  
DL2)**

**Dr. Brandon Larkin** received an MCHWay e-Recognition from the mother of a patient he cared for. The mother commented that Dr. Larkin "Went out of his way to make my son feel calm, explained everything in a way my son would understand, and he went above and beyond to make my son who is special needs feel at ease". Congratulations Brandon!! We are proud of you!!

## Milestones in Faculty Publications

### NCH Faculty Continue to contribute to the published Literature

*Save the Date.*

*The 8th Annual  
NCH Scholarship  
Day - Friday June  
17th; 2016*

*More information  
to come*

**Dr. Bala Totapally** and NCH PICU Graduate **Dr. Madhura-dhar Chegondi** were notified that their manuscript titled: "**Hemoglobin Threshold for Blood Transfusion in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit**" was accepted for publication in the *Transfusion Medicine and Hemotherapy Journal*. Congratulations!!!

**Dr. Bala Totapally** has two published papers as a result of serving as a contributor in multicenter studies in which the NCH PICU participated in:

1. "**Discordant identification of pediatric severe sepsis by research and clinical definitions in the SPROUT international point prevalence study**". *Critical Care* (2015) 19:325. DOI 10.1186/s13054-015-1055-x

2. "**Global Epidemiology of Pediatric Severe Sepsis: The Sepsis Prevalence, Outcomes, and Therapies Study**". *Amer J of respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. May 2015; 191(10).

**Dr. Carmen Ramos** was notified that her manuscript titled: "**Development of Abdominal Compartment Syndrome Secondary to Tumor Lysis in an Infant with Disseminated Stage 4 Neuroblastoma Despite Compressive Laparotomy**" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery Case Reports*. Congratulations!!



**Milestones in Scholarly Activities**

**Medical Education Trainees to Showcase Their Scholarly Work Nationally**



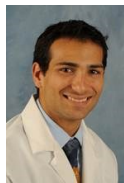
**Hanadys Ale, MD (PL3)**

Dr. Hanadys Ale was notified that her abstract titled: ***“Immune and Clinical Assessment in a Cohort of Pediatric Hispanic Patients with Partial Digeorge Syndrome: An Institutional Review”*** was accepted for a poster presentation at the AAAAI Annual meeting in March 2016 in Los Angeles, CA. Congratulations!!!

**Strong NCH Presence at the Cardiology 2016 Conference**

The following NCH trainees were notified that their abstracts were accepted for poster presentation at the **Cardiology 2016 - The 19th Annual Update on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Disease** in February 2016 organized by CHOP:

**Joshua Kurtz, MD (PL3)**



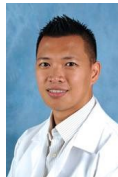
- Dr. Joshua Kurtz: Abstract titled: ***“School Age EKG Screening Findings in Young Athletes”***



**Michael Lopez, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)**

- Dr. Michel Lopez: Abstract titled: ***“Cardioplegia Dosing Management and Post-Operative Outcomes”***

**Tuan Nguyen, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)**



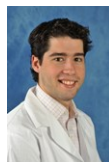
- Dr. Tuan Nguyen: Abstract titled: ***“Dexmedetomidine Use in Pediatric Patients Undergoing Electrophysiological Study for Supraventricular Tachycardia”***



**Natasha Noel, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)**

- Dr. Natasha Noel: Two abstracts titled: ***“Left Ventricular Size in Neonatal Coarctation of the Aorta”*** and ***“Predictors for Prolonged Hospital Stay Mortality and Morbidity After Stage I Norwood: A 7-Year Single Center Experience”***

**Michael Fundora, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)**



**Subhrajit Lahiri, MD (PL2)**

- Drs Michael Fundora, Tuan Nguyen, and Subhrajit Lahiri: Abstract titled: ***“Optimal Surgical Approach in Neonatal Coarctation of the Aorta”***

**Hot Off The Press**



**Naomi Cohen, MD (Pediatric Chief Resident)**

Dr. Naomi Cohen has two manuscripts published in peer-reviewed journals:

1. ***“Use of a Metronome in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation: A Simulation Study”***. Elise Zimmerman, MD, MS, Naomi Cohen, MD, Vincenzo Maniaci, MD, Barbara Pena, MD, Juan Manuel Lozano, MD, MSc, Marc Linares, MD. *Pediatrics*. November 2015.; 136(5): 905-912.
2. ***“Use of the Novel Therapeutic Agent Miltefosine for the Treatment of Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis: Report of One Fatal and One Surviving Case”***. Jennifer R. Cope; Dennis A. Conrad; Naomi Cohen; Manuel Cotilla; Alexandre Dasilva; Jonathan Jackson; Govinda Visvesvara. *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2015; doi: 10.1093/cid/civ1021

Congratulations to all trainees and their faculty mentors!!!



***Save the Date.***  
*Class of 2016 Residents and Fellows Graduation - Friday June 10th; 2016*



## Milestones in Faculty and Alumni Achievements

### NCH Faculty and Alumni in the News, and on National Committees



#### Faculty In the News!!!!...

**Dr. Amanda Porro, MD** was quoted in an AAP article on its new screening guidelines related to screening for cholesterol, depression, and HIV. The article and her quote were featured in numerous media venues including UPI, WebMD, USNWR, NewsMax, HealthDay, Health Magazine, NIH Medline among others [http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2015/12/07/Pediatricians-group-says-all-children-should-be-screened-for-cholesterol-depression-HIV/3391449506128/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2015/12/07/Pediatricians-group-says-all-children-should-be-screened-for-cholesterol-depression-HIV/3391449506128/)

**Drs. Marios Reyes, MD & Veronica Etinger, MD** have been working for few years with 3 other children's hospitals and the CHA Analytic Team on a project related to the develop-

ment of the Choosing Wisely Report Card to be used for Achievable Benchmarks of Care (ABC) in Hospital Medicine. Their work was featured in the fall 2015 publication of the CHA Magazine. Congratulations!!

#### Alumni in the News...

**Dr. Rossana Sanchez, MD** (Class of 2014), currently a second year Medical Genetics Resident at Emory University; was featured in the 2015 Atlanta Medicine Magazine (The Journal of the Medical Association of Atlanta) Vol 86 (6). Dr. Sanchez contributed to the magazine by writing an article on **"When Does my Patient Need a Medical Geneticist?"**... Congratulations!!

#### National Committee Appointments

**Dr. Beatriz Cunill, MD** was invited by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) to serve on the USMLE Step 3 Interdisciplinary Review Committee (IRC). Congratulations!!!

#### Awards and Honors...

**Dr. Maria Behnam-Terneus, DO** was honored received the 2015 Distinguished Alumna Award from the Nova Southeastern University the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography. This award is given yearly to an alumnus who has had a distinguished career. Congratulations Maria!! Well-deserved. Below are some pictures from the event.

**CME News**  
Registrations are now opened for the PPGC, General Pediatrics, and Pediatric Critical Care Board Review Courses



To read more: <http://cnso.nova.edu/news/articles/nsu-college-of-natural-sciences-and-oceanography--maria-behnam-terneus%20.html>

## Milestones in Department Staff Engagement

### NCH Medical Education Staff Celebrate Successes and Recognitions

#### Medical Education

#### LEAN Trainer Candidate Selected



**Mr. Ariel Llizo**

Congratulations to **Mr. Ariel Llizo**; CME Specialist in the Department of Medical Education for being selected among the candidates for the new 2016 Lean Facilitators cohort training. Congratulations Ariel. We are proud of you...

#### Celebrating Engagement

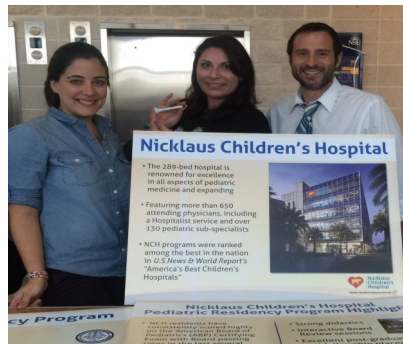
Congratulations to the Medical Education Staff under Ms Cindy Gibson, C-TAGME for reaching 100% participation in the first week of the launch of the Employee Engagement Survey - Week 1 Winners. Congratulations!!!



**Milestones in Community Initiatives**

**NCH Pediatric Residents Advocate and Educate**

On November 13, 2015; the NCH Pediatric Residency Program participated in NSU-COM Residency Fair. Pediatric Residents and Dr. Gabay (Associate Program Director); educated medical students with an interest in Pediatrics about the Pediatric training at NCH



**Milestones in Community Initiatives**

**NCH Pediatric Residents Bring Holiday Cheers to Needy Children and their Families**

The NCH Pediatric Residents, in the spirit of the holiday season and in line with the AAP's FACE Poverty Campaign, the Resident Holiday Fundraiser raised **\$2231.40**. The Residents pur-

chased toys and had "Santa" deliver them to Carribbean Elementary School to children in need that are currently living in local shelters near the school. Congratulations to all the resi-

dents on this excellent advocacy effort that demonstrates humanism and professionalism. Below are some photos from the event.



*Save the Date*

*Trainees Versus Faculty Softball Game and Picnic is Scheduled for April 9th; 2016. Medical and Dental residents and Fellows... Get Your Gloves Ready*



## Milestones in CME News

# Spring 2016 is packed with Continuing Medical Education Events

The Department of Medical Education is committed to its mission to provide high quality Pediatric education to medical Students, Residents, Fellow, and Faculty. The Department has been embarking on using technology for education through our mobile online virtual library i-Learn platform ([www.ilearnpeds.com](http://www.ilearnpeds.com)) which has been used as a virtual library for live transmission as well as on-demand videos in various areas such as: Grand Rounds, Core GME Curriculum, Faculty Development, Research, and Risk Management, among others. Below is a listing of the upcoming live CME events in the reminder of this academic year.

### FEBRUARY 2016

Registration is now opened for the following CME events in February 2016:

- **The 51st Annual Pediatric Post Graduate Course - February 17-20th; 2016** at the Intercontinental Hotel, Downtown Miami. The PPGC this year features a blend of hot innovative topics as well as practical pediatric topics relevant for the primary care providers. The course features national and local experts. Topics range from Common Challenging Chief Complaints, to Office Emergencies, to neurosurgery, Neurology, Infectious Diseases, and Cardiology. The workshops feature: Hands on musculoskeletal examination, Billable office proce-

dures, developmental screening tools, practice management, and Cases I Learned From which are offered this year in Spanish. The Plenary sessions feature topics in Radiology, Plastic Surgery, Vascular Anomalies, and Social Media. The course will be virtually transmitted on i-Learn platform in the mornings with live Spanish Translation. For more information go to: [www.ppgcpip.com](http://www.ppgcpip.com)

- **The WPW and Other Causes of Death in the Young (The Fouad Mobasseleh Memorial Symposium) is held on February 18-20th; 2016** at the Marriott Biscayne Bay, Miami. Registration is opened. The conference features national and local experts in Cardiology. This conference is also held together with Children's Hospital of Orange County. For more information: [www.nicklauschildrens.org/miamisca](http://www.nicklauschildrens.org/miamisca)
- **The 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Symposium - February 26th 2016.** This is a one day symposium held in the hospital Main Auditorium. The symposium is aimed at suicide prevention after traumatic events. The course is planned along with Miami Dade College, Miami Dade Schools, FIU COM, and Switchboard of Miami. For more information: [www.nickaluschildrens.org/suicideprevention](http://www.nickaluschildrens.org/suicideprevention)

### APRIL 2016

- Registration is now opened for the **19th Annual General pediatric Review and Self-Assessment (Board Review Course)**. The course will be held at the **Eden Roc Hotel on Miami Beach - April 14-17; 2016**. National and local speakers are featured. This year concurrent sessions are: Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, and Infectious Diseases. The course is approved for 20 points MOC part 2 by the ABP. For more information: [www.nicklauschildrens.org/GPRSA](http://www.nicklauschildrens.org/GPRSA)
- Registration is now opened for the **4th Annual Pediatric Critical Care Self Assessment (Board Review Course)**. The course will be held at the **Eden Roc Hotel on Miami Beach - April 14-17; 2016**. National and local speakers are featured. The course is approved for 20 points MOC part 2 by the ABP. For more information: [www.nicklauschildrens.org/PCCMSA](http://www.nicklauschildrens.org/PCCMSA)

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## GME Welcomes New Babies to the Family



Jennifer Bervokich, DO (PL3) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby boy Shmuel Zev. Congratulations!!!



Brianna Ruiz, MD (PL3) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby boy Angelo. Congratulations!!!

## Medical Education Birthdays

January	
Elianne Castaneda	6
Patrick Lolo	7
Ireal Fusco	14
Wilfredo Cosme-Blanco	17
Cinthya Del Castillo Lemos	17
Trisha Kissoon	21
Melissa Campbell	28
Ivana Vukovic	31



February	
Luis Lee	2
Isamar Sosa	15
Jessica Asencio	22
Carolina Bautista Vallderuten	22
Michael Lopez	24
Michael Barbato	26