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From the Editor

A Season to be Thankful and Celebrate

This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* comes at a time of the year where we are about to celebrate several holidays and special celebrations starting with Thanksgiving. As we reflect on the past few months and on the same holidays a year ago, these celebrations were very different and we came a long way. It is therefore very fitting to start this season by being THANKFUL for the blessings this year has brought us. We are THANKFUL for:

- ◆ The science that brought us the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine
- ◆ The scientific knowledge that expanded the benefit of the vaccine to children 5-11 years of age
- ◆ The decrease in COVID-19 positivity rates and deaths related to infections
- ◆ The evidence that the vaccines are effective as we saw the surge in the delta variant this summer

◆ The ability of families and friends to get together, socialize, celebrate, travel thanks to the power of science and vaccines

And while we are certainly thankful for being in a better place than a year ago, we are cautiously optimistic that things will continue to head in the right direction. We know that the pandemic is not over and the preventive measures should be continued (Masking, social distancing, hand washing), measures that will allow us to continue to get closer and closer to normalcy and allow us to celebrate the upcoming Holiday months.

The past two months continue to be busy in the Medical Education calendar:

- ◆ Recruitment season restarted and continued to be 100% virtual
- ◆ NCH trainees continue to receive accolades for their humanism and professionalism from peers,

staff, and patients/ parents.

- ◆ GME continue to expand its program by submitting new fellowship application
- ◆ The CME season restarted with weekly Grand Rounds, RSS sessions, Human Growth Endocrine Symposium, and preparations to launch the Virtual PPGC and other CME courses in 2022
- ◆ NCH Trainees and Faculty continue to showcase their scholarly work nationally through presentations and publications

As we look forward to end 2021 and welcome 2022, we continue to be thankful and filled with hope!!! Enjoy this *Milestones* issue.

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Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Daniela Aguilar Abisad, MD (PGY2)

Dr. Daniela Aguilar Abisad received an e-Recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Dani was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great Endo physician"*. Congratulations Daniela on your display of the iCREATE NCHS Values.



Melissa Castro Rivadeneira, MD (PGY2)



Dr. Melissa Castro Rivadeneira received a recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Meli was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great GI physician"*. Congratulations Melissa for a job well-done!!!



Jacob Convissar, DO (PGY2)

Dr. Jacob Convissar received an e-Recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Jake was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. He will make a great Cardio physician"*. Congratulations Jake!!



Maricarmen Dionisio Santos, MD (PGY2)

Dr. Maricarmen Dionisio Santos received an e-Recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Maricarmen 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 Maricarmen!!!

Daniel Mcgraw, MD (PGY2)



Dr. Daniel Mcgraw received an e-Recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Dan was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. He will make a great Cardio physician"*. Congratulations Daniel on your commitment to excellent teamwork.



Zara Zaidi, MD (PGY2)

Dr. Zara Zaidi received an e-recognition from Jennifer Thompson, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Thompson commented: *"Zara was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great GI physician"*. Congratulations Zara.

Alia Elnaji, DO (PGY1)



Dr. Alia Elnaji received an e-recognition from Maria Lopez Gonzalez, MD (Pediatric GI Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lopez Gonzalez commented: *"I want to recognize Alia for her great performance during her 3 NE block. She was a great team player, has solid knowledge and cares a lot about her patients. My attendings and I were impressed with her. Keep up the great work!"*. Congratulations Alia.



Ifrah Waheed, MD (PGY1)

Dr. Ifrah Waheed received an e-Recognition from Maria Lopez Gonzalez, MD (Pediatric GI Fellow) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lopez Gonzalez commented: *"I want to recognize Ifrah for the excellent job she did during her 3NE block. It was a tough month, and she*

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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

handled it in a great way! Thanks for all her help and hard work!". Congratulations Ifrah on a job well-done. Keep up the good work!!!



Keishla Gonzalez Sanchez, MD (PGY1)

Daniela Albors-Agullo, MD (PGY1)



Angela Parra Del Riego, MD (PGY1)



Khalifah Aldawsari, MD (PGY1)

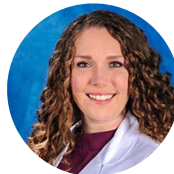


Giancarlo Giovannini Sanguineti, MD (PGY3)

Louis Durkac, MD (PGY1)



Drs. Albors-Agullo, Aldawsari, Durkac, Echanove Iturralde, Gonzalez Sanchez, Parra Del Riego, and Giovannini Sanguineti (the 3S Team) received a recognition from the parent of a patient they cared



Veronica Echanove Iturralde, MD (PGY1)

for. The patient's parent in the satisfaction survey commented: *"The Resident staff on 3S during our stay was phenomenal at answering all of my questions and concerns but more importantly engaging with my child. He was completely enamored with her and she kept him in great spirits even in moments when he was most afraid"*. Congratulations Team on a job well-done. Keep up the



Milestones in Trainees & Faculty Scholarly Activities

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

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Keith Meyer (PICU Faculty) was one of the co-authors of an Original Research manuscript titled: *"The State of Neonatal and Pediatric Interfacility Transport During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic"* published in *Air Medical Journal* 40 (2021): 331-336. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amj.2021.05.003>. Congratulations!!!

Dr. Ana Duarte (Peds Derm Faculty) was notified that her Case Report manuscript titled: *"Verrucous Venous Malformation with Thrombocytopenia in a Neonate"* was published in *Pediatric Dermatology*. 2021: 1-5. DOI

<https://doi.org/10.1111/pde.14857>. Congratulations!!!

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Farouk Farouk (PGY3) & Dr. Naiomi Cohen (PEM Faculty) presented their poster titled: *"Preventable Death in a 2-year-old Male After Ingestion of Weed Killer Stored in an Unlabeled Inappropriate Container"* at the **AAP Virtual 2021 NCE in October**. Congratulations!!

Dr. Sebastian Proano (PICU Fellow) was notified that his abstract titled: *"Pediatric Anterior Medias-*

tinal Masses: A National Database Study" was accepted for presentation at the **2022 SCCM Meeting in San Juan, PR**. Congratulations to Sebastian and his faculty mentors!!!

Dr. Leanna Laor (PICU Fellow) was notified that his abstract titled: *"Video EEG Abnormalities Among Neonates During Extracorporeal Life Support"* was accepted for presentation at the **2022 SCCM Meeting in San Juan, PR**. Congratulations to Leanna and her co-authors and faculty mentors!!!



Milestones in Alumni News

Our Medical Education Alumni - A Source of Pride!

Drs. Anuj Jayakar (Pediatric Neurology Faculty and NCH Residency Program Alumnus) & Manette Ness-Cochinwala (PICU Fellowship Alumnus) hosted a Med Ed Podcast in PedsCrit titled: *“Status Epilepticus with Dr. Manette Ness-Cochinwala and Dr. Anuj Jayakar”*. To listen to it on Apple Podcasts, [Click Here](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/status-epilepticus-with-dr-manette-ness-cochinwala-and/id1574503119?i=1000539097040). Congratulations!!!! (<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/status-epilepticus-with-dr-manette-ness-cochinwala-and/id1574503119?i=1000539097040>)

NCH Alumni Running the NCH Pediatric ED

On October 3rd 2021; the stars were aligned whereby the Pediatric ED was being run by multi-generations of NCH PEM & Residency Alumni along with NCH PEM Fellows. The Medical Education Department is proud of its Alumni and we are always thrilled to keep the talent of the Alumni we train. Below is a picture of the *“A Team”* of the NCH Pediatric ED of NCH Alumni Providers.



Milestones in Hospital International Achievements and Rankings

NCH on Newsweek’s List of the World’s Best Specialized Hospitals in 2022

Nicklaus Children’s Hospital is included in Newsweek’s list of World’s Best Specialized Hospitals 2022. This recognition is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., a statistics portal and industry-ranking provider.

ac surgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology, neurosurgery, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics and pulmonology.

the survey were then validated by a global board of renowned medical experts.

No other South Florida pediatric hospital was recognized in the ranking.

The World’s Best Specialized Hospitals 2022 ranking identifies the best hospitals that specialize in cardiology, cardi-

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 40,000 medical experts - including doctors, hospital managers, and healthcare professionals - to participate in online surveys that allowed them to recommend and assess various hospitals within their respective specializations. The results of

We are honored to be included in the Newsweek ranking. It is a tribute to the commitment of our clinical and support teams in providing the best possible care and assistance to the children and families we are privileged to serve. Congratulations to our entire Nicklaus Children’s family for this recognition.



Milestones in Halloween Celebrations

NCH Trainees Celebrate Halloween with Disney Theme

The NCH trainees celebrated the 2021 Halloween holiday by bringing to life several of the Disney characters. Pediatric trainees dressed up as characters from Disney movies to bring smiles and joy to our hospitalized patients. Happy Halloween!!!



Milestones in CME News

Medical Education is Planning a Very Educational 2022 CME Calendar

The Nicklaus Children's Hospital CME academic year launched back in September 2021 with our regularly scheduled series (Grand Rounds, Tumor Board, Trauma Conference, Radiology Case Conference, Cardiology Conference, Brachial Plexus Hand Conference...). The Medical Education Department sponsored the CME Credits for the Annual Human Growth Pediatric Endocrinology Symposium in October 2021.

Planning for 2022 CME Calendar

As we prepare for the 2022 CME calendar of courses, the CME department is planning to sponsor the following CME Courses:

- ◆ **The 57th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course (PPGC)** - The course is being planned as 100% Virtual to launch on April 2nd 2022 with 6 months access to content available to registrants.

- ◆ **The 2nd Annual Pediatric Hospital Medicine Review and Self-Assessment** (A Board Review Course) - Planned for in-person live course on **May 12-15; 2022** at the W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. (Virtual option may be offered)
- ◆ **The 25th Annual General Pediatric Review and Self-Assessment** (A Board Review Course) - Planned for in-person live course on **May 12-15; 2022** at the W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. (Virtual option may be offered)

A Sneak Peak at the 57th Annual PPGC Virtual Course

The **57th Annual Virtual PPGC** is scheduled to launch on Saturday **April 2nd 2022**. The content will be featured in a Virtual Live format on **April 2-3; 2022** and as a Video-on-Demand with 6 months access to content for all registrants. The course provides:

- ◆ A total of 10 hours of CME Credits
- ◆ 10 Points of ABP MOC 2 Credits.
- ◆ Close Captioning in English and Spanish
- ◆ Featured national experts and local speakers
- ◆ Access of registrants to the full content for 6 months
- ◆ MOC assessment to be submitted within one month
- ◆ Practical and hot topics relevant to the practicing pediatrician

More information at www.ppgcpij.com!!!



Topic Themes of the Upcoming PPGC 2022 Virtual

- Adverse Childhood Events on Children
- COVID-Associated orphanhood
- Palliative Care for the Medical Home
- Allergy Testing for the Medical Home
- Common Skin Infections
- Cases I Learned From
- Sudden Death in the Young
- Sleep Disorders
- Climate Change and Impact on Health
- New Sepsis Guidelines
- COVID-19 Vaccines
- OSHA Readiness for the Office
- COVID-Associated Myocarditis
- Innovative Practice Models



Medical Education Birthdays

November	
Tiffany Han	1
Eric Tano	3
Stephania Lairer	5
Claudia Mattos	5
Stacey MacKenzie	10
Andrew Garcia	10
Natasha Johnson	12
Andres Rodriguez	14
Andrea Alonzo	22
EJacklyn Smith	29



December	
Ariella Barhen	1
Karen Hanze Villavicencio	2
Jeanette Coriat	9
Eva Glenn	10
Jennifer Shamsian	13
Carlos Castillo	18
Alyssa Pinnock	18
Gabriela Lins	22
Veronica Echanove Iturralde	22
Kevin Rodriguez-Santos	25
Stephen Girgis	31



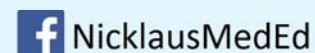
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