

# Milestones



## From the Editor

### Summer of 2016 - The Beginning of a Fruitful Medical Education Academic Year

#### Special points of interest:

- Trainees Receive Compliments
- Alumni News
- Faculty Recognition and Awards
- Scholarly Activities
- CME News
- Know your GMEC Reps
- State of Florida Brain Bowl

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The September issue of *Milestones in Medical Education*, comes at an exciting time in our Medical Education calendar. Summer time is typically a slow time in terms of hospital census, as well as a time where many faculty take their well-deserved time off with their families before schools resume again. By the same token, the Department of Medical Education takes time off from the weekly Grand Rounds and uses this opportunity to start the new academic year on the right foot. In the past few months, trainees have been settling into their new roles as brand new interns or fellows, or as new senior residents or fellows. The past few months, while they wee our hot humid summer, they were not short of being busy. From unusually busy census, to excellent progress in the construction project of the Advanced Care Pavilion, to new and exciting educational ventures, this summer has been filled with new milestones achieved by our

trainees. This issue of the *Milestones in Medical Education* Newsletter highlights the summer achievements in a brand new academic year that is definitely starting in full force and on the right foot. This issue highlights the following milestones:

- ◆ The Department of Medical Education continues its commitment to its trainees to provide a high quality training in Pediatrics and its Subspecialties
- ◆ Medical Education trainees continue to receive compliments and recognitions from families and staff
- ◆ Faculty and trainees continue to showcase their scholarly work nationally and in print
- ◆ This issue highlights many faculty in the spotlight nationally and locally
- ◆ The Department of Medical Education is planning the

new 2016-2017 academic year CME calendar with exciting new offerings

- ◆ Our Medical Education alumni continue to shine nationally

As we embark on this new journey in the beginning of the academic year, I look forward to a very exciting new year where we move to a new bed tower that will allow us to provide the best Pediatric care in the nation. **October 25th** is the projected move date. This is an exciting year for us. As we plan our academic year, we continue to strive for excellence in training, education, research, and clinical care. Enjoy the content of this new issue.

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## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



*The Annual  
Fellows Research  
Minicourse  
Was Held  
August 1-5th;  
2016  
With Great  
Success*

Priyanka Seshadri,  
MD (PGY1)



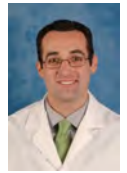
Dr. Priyanka Seshadri received an MCHSWay e-Recognition from Alessandra Carillo for her advocacy for her patient. She took it upon herself to **“coordinate care between minor procedures and MRI for a patient who needed to get these things done. She spoke with both parties involved to help make sure this patient got what she needed. Thank you for stepping in and helping me get things done. It is much appreciated and it’s so nice to have such caring doctors on our floor”**. Congratulations Priyanka for exemplifying the MCHSWay!!!

Raphael Sturm,  
MD (PGY2)



Dr. Raphael Sturm received a compliment for going the Extra Mile. Dr. Sturm was recognized for being **“Knowledgeable, comprehensive and helpful!! Thank you!!”**. Congratulations Raphael!!!

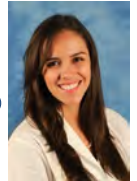
Juan Lopez de Alda,  
MD (PGY3)



Megan Ringle, MD  
(PGY3)



Amanda Cruz, DO  
(PGY2)



### Block 1 PICU Residents Team Receives a Compliment From the PICU Faculty Team



Shanthi Balani,  
MD (PGY3)

Kristin Henley, MD  
(PGY3)



The Pediatric Residency Program received a very positive feedback from Dr. Totapally and the PICU attendings’ team on the exemplary performance of the Block 1 PICU Residents’ Team: **Drs Shanthi Balani, Kristin Henley, Juan Lopez de Alda, Megan Ringle, and Amanda Cruz** for their teamwork, dedication and hard work. Block 1 can be a challenging month in PICU and the team shined and stepped up to the challenge. Congratulations!!!

## Milestones in State-of-the-Art Service and Training Opportunities Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Surgical Trainees Have the Opportunity to Learn Robotic Surgery

In July 2016; Nicklaus Children’s Hospital announced offering now Robotic Single Site Surgery for Children. Nicklaus Children’s is among the first pediatric facilities in the region to offer robotic single-site incision surgery for children utilizing the **da Vinci Xi®** system. The technique offers a single incision minimally invasive surgical option for gallbladder or ovarian surgeries in children. This presents a unique training opportunity for our Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Urology Fellows to be exposed to and learn state-of-

the-art techniques from expert faculty. This service will provide families with better surgical options for certain types of surgeries with less pain and recovery time, less missed school days, and less surgical scarring. Our fellows will certainly be at the cutting edge of training for the future of pediatric surgical techniques under the guidance of faculty such as Dr. Fuad Al Khoury.



## Milestones in Alumni News

### Nicklaus Children's Hospital Residency Program Alumni in the Spotlight

**Dr. Jennifer Berkovich, DO** who graduated in June 2016 was selected by the AOF Committee on Scholarship & Awards and the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) as the winner for the **2016 AOF/ACOP Outstanding Resident of the Year in Pediatric Medicine Award**. Congratulations Jennie!!

**Dr. Andrea Gerard-Gonzalez**; a former graduate of the Pediatric Residency Program who completed a fellowship in Pediatric Endocrinology at UCSF; was featured in the Denver Post. Dr. Gerard-Gonzalez was interviewed and featured for her work on Type 1 Diabetes in Hispanic families. Andrea is

currently the **director of the Barbara Davis Center's Hispanic/Latino Diabetes Care Team** in Colorado. Andrea is another example of how Nicklaus Children's Hospital Medical Education Graduates continue to carry the name of the institution to new heights and continue to make us all proud.



## Milestones in Faculty Recognitions

### NCH Medical Education Faculty in the Spotlight

#### Dr. Beatriz Cunill Appointed as Co-Chair of the USMLE TMDC Committee

**Dr. Cunill** (Pediatric Residency Director) was recently appointed as **Co-Chair of the USMLE Children's Health Test Material Development Committee (TMDC)**. Congratulations on this national appointment!!

#### Dr. Michael Duchowny is the Recipient of the Children's Trust Award

**Dr. Duchowny** (Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship Director) was the recipient of the Children's Trust David Lawrence Jr. for Children's Award which hon-

ors individuals and programs that reached the highest level of excellence and achievement, their community partners and the families they have helped. Congratulations!

#### Dr. Marisa Azaret Joins the List of Finalists for the 2016 Sentinel Awards

**Dr. Azaret** (Psychology) is one of 14 finalists chosen from almost 80 entries for the **2016 17th annual Sentinel Awards** showcasing a diverse range of topics including healthcare, sexual abuse, Ebola, and Climate Change. The awards recognize exemplary television storylines that inform, educate, and motivate viewers to make

choices for healthier and safer lives. Dr. Azaret's **Vive la Salud con la Dra. Azaret (CNN en Español)** program on the topic of Cardiology was her nomination storyline. The finalists will be recognized during a ceremony on Wednesday September 28th at the Taglyan Complex in Hollywood. Congratulations!!

#### Dr. Anthony Rossi Nominated for a Health Care Heroes Award

**Dr. Rossi** (CICU Fellowship Director) was nominated as a finalist for the **2016 Health Care Heroes award** for his advocacy efforts to provide free EKG screening to athletes in middle and high school. Congratulations!!!



## Milestones in Scholarly Activities

### NCH Faculty & Trainees Showcase Their Scholarship in National Meetings and in Print

**Dr. Bala Totapally** was notified that his manuscript titled: **"Epidemiology and outcomes of children with accidental hypothermia: a propensity-matched study"** was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*. Congratulations!

**Dr. Luis Lee** (PICU Fellow) was notified that his abstract titled: **"Epidemiology and Outcomes of Children with Diabetic Ketoacidosis Presenting with Cerebral Edema"** was accepted for presentation at the 2016 Neurocritical Care Society meeting in Maryland in September 2016. Congratulations!

**Drs. Joshua Kurtz, Maria Behnam-Terneus, and Beatriz Cunill** were notified that their abstract titled: **"Resident As Teacher Pilot Program"** was accepted for poster presentation at the AAP 2016 National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) held in October in San Francisco as part of the Section on Hospital Medicine Program. Congratulations!



## Milestones in GME News and Faculty Development

### Do You know Your GMEC Reps? GMEC Members Roles

#### *CME Events Dates and Venues Set*

*The 52nd Annual Pediatric Post Graduate Course (PPGC) and e-PPGC Will Be Held on **March 16-19; 2017** at the Intercontinental Hotel Downtown, Miami.*

*The 20th Annual General Pediatric Review and Self Assessment and*

*The 5th Annual Pediatric Critical Care Self Assessment (Both approved for 20 points MOC part 2) Will take place **May 18-21; 2017** at Trump International Beach Resort in Sunny Isles Beach*

*More Details to Come*

#### The GMEC Trainees Reps Selected by their Peers

The ACGME requires that the trainees members to the GMEC be peer-selected. Each year, the Department of Medical Education holds elections for GMEC seats for trainees to replace the ones who graduated. The trainees peer-select their reps. In addition to the Pediatric Chief Residents, the following trainees are voting members on the GMEC:

- ◆ **PGY1 Reps:**
  - ◇ Gisell Rodriguez, MD
  - ◇ Sneha Kolli, MD
  - ◇ TJ Verhage, DO
- ◆ **PGY2 Reps:**
  - ◇ Alejandro Martinez Herrada, MD
  - ◇ Melissa Cardenas-Morales, MD
  - ◇ Raphael Sturm, MD
- ◆ **PGY3 Reps:**
  - ◇ Ireal Fusco, MD
  - ◇ Trisha Kissoon, MD
  - ◇ Annette Medina, MD
- ◆ **Fellows Reps:**
  - ◇ Carolina Mendoza, MD (PEM Fellow)
  - ◇ Naiomi Cohen, MD (PEM Fellow)
  - ◇ Loretta Duggan, MD (Adolesc. Med Fellow)
  - ◇ Daniel Duarte, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)
  - ◇ Keyur Mehta, MD (Ped Cardiology Fellow)
  - ◇ Alexander Ortega, MD (PICU Fellow)
- ◆ **Ped Dental Residents Rep:**
  - ◇ Patrick Lolo, DMD

#### Below are the Roles and Responsibilities of the GMEC:

The GMEC along with the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) have the authority and responsibility for the oversight and administration of the Sponsoring Institution's ACGME-accredited programs, as well as

responsibility for ensuring compliance with the ACGME Institutional, Common, and Specialty/Subspecialty-Specific Program Requirements, and the Sponsoring Institution's Governing Body.

The GMEC responsibilities must include:

#### **A- Oversight of:**

- The ACGME accreditation status of the Sponsoring Institution and its ACGME-accredited programs
- The quality of the GME learning and working environment within the Sponsoring Institution, its ACGME accredited programs, and its participating sites
- The quality of educational experiences in each ACGME-accredited program that lead to measurable achievement of educational outcomes as identified in the ACGME Common and specialty/subspecialty-specific Program Requirements
- The ACGME-accredited programs' annual evaluation and improvement activities
- All processes related to reductions and closures of individual ACGME-accredited programs, major participating sites, and the Sponsoring Institution.

#### **B- Review and approval of:**

- The institutional GME policies and procedures
- Annual recommendations to the Sponsoring Institution's administration regarding resident/fellow stipends and benefits
- Applications for ACGME accreditation of new programs
- Requests for permanent changes in resident/fellow complement
- Major changes in ACGME-accredited programs' structure or duration of education
- Additions and deletions of ACGME-accredited programs' participating sites

- Appointment of new program directors
- Progress reports requested by a Review Committee
- Responses to Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) reports
- Requests for exceptions to duty hour requirements
- Voluntary withdrawal of ACGME program accreditation
- Requests for appeal of an adverse action by a Review Committee
- Appeal presentations to an ACGME Appeals Panel.

#### **C- Demonstrate effective oversight of the Sponsoring Institution's accreditation through an Annual Institutional Review (AIR)**

- The GMEC must identify institutional performance indicators for the AIR which include:
  - ◇ Results of the most recent institutional self-study visit
  - ◇ Results of ACGME surveys of residents/fellows and core faculty
  - ◇ Notification of ACGME-accredited programs' accreditation statuses and self-study visits.
- The AIR must include monitoring procedures for action plans resulting from the review.
- The DIO must submit a written annual executive summary of the AIR to the Governing Body
- D- Demonstrate effective oversight of underperforming programs through a Special Review process.**
- The Special Review process must include a protocol that:
  - \* Establishes criteria for identifying underperformance
  - \* Results in a report that describes the quality improvement goals, the corrective actions, and the process for GMEC monitoring of outcomes.

## Milestones in Facts and Trivia

### The Power of Social Media in Our Lives... Did You Know????... Order of Populations/ Users



## Milestones in State Representation

### The Pediatric Residency Program Part of State Brain Bowl and Leaders' Meeting

**NCH Pediatric Residency Program Claims 2nd Place Winner in Florida AAP Chapter Pediatric Brain Bowl**

The Pediatric Residency Program participated on Sunday September 4th 2016 in the Florida Programs Pediatric Brain Bowl at the Florida AAP Chapter Annual Meeting in Orlando. **Drs. Subhrajit Lahiri, Jessica Ascencio, Jason Jackson, and Melissa Campbell** represented the NCH program and claimed the second place in the State Championship overall. Congratulations!!

**NCH Pediatric Residency Program Participated in the Florida Pediatric Program Directors' Meeting**

**Dr. Beatriz Cunill** (Pediatric Residency Program Director) and **Ms Cindy Gibson** (GME Manager) participated in the APPD Florida (Association of Pediatric Program Directors) meeting in Orlando on Friday September 2nd 2016 representing Nicklaus Children's Hospital Pediatric Program. Dr. Cunill presented on CLER Visit and Self-Study Visits.



Florida Programs APPD Meeting - 2016



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## GME Welcomes New Babies to the Family



Sophia Hassor Rivero, MD (PGY2) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby boy **Marco Manuel Rivero**, born on July 25; 2016. 4.5lbs and 18 in long. Congratulations!!!

## Medical Education Birthdays

September	
Charles Suastegui	8
Giselle Rodriguez	11
Lynn Model	16
Paul Madera	23
Claudia Puerto Leon	23
Jeremy Landeo	8
Kristin Henley	26
Sarah Lawand	26
Steven Kass	27
Hanadys Ale	27

October	
Alexander Ortega	2
Carmen Bustamante Escobar	3
Carolina Mendoza	7
Alanna Sedor	8
Tatiana Toquica	8
Raj Sendi	10
Christina Puig	22
Saoussen Salhi	23
Bassam Albassam	31