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## From the Editor The Fall Issue

This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* Newsletter comes at the beginning of the fall season. This is the time in our academic year when the new trainees are more acclimated. A time of either completing recruitment season for most of the fellowships and gearing up for a busy recruitment season for the Pediatric Residency Program.

We realize that this summer was a busy one in terms of patient census, complexity, and acuity. We did not witness much of the summer break in volume before the schools started. However, the volume was high throughout the summer and became even higher as school started.

After celebrating orientation and welcoming a brand new group of trainees, and since the last issue of Milestones in Medical Education, the follow-

ing milestones occurred that we are highlighting in this issue:

- ◆ The Research Institute partnered with the Department of Medical Education to hold the annual Research Bootcamp for the new fellows.
- ◆ NCH Trainees and Faculty continue to showcase their scholarly work in the published literature and on the national stages.
- ◆ Our trainees continue to receive accolades and recognitions for their humanism, team spirit, and professionalism.
- ◆ Trainees, Medical Education Staff, and faculty participated in Halloween dress-up celebrations.
- ◆ In the spirit of growth and advancement, the Depart-

ment of Medical Education expansion plan into new training programs in new and exciting specialties

As we enter this Holiday time of the year, we look forward to continuing our mission and goals. We look forward to another year of continued great milestones in academic pursuit and successes and a bright future for all. We also look forward to a blessed Thanksgiving where we give thanks to our patients, families, and faculty and to celebrate a blessed Holiday Season and New Year. Enjoy reading this issue.

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FAAP - DIO

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## Milestones in Faculty Development

# Your Map to Climbing the Academic Ladder: How Can Your CV and/or Portfolio Leverage Your Promotion?

On **September 7; 2023**; Nicklaus Children's Hospital Department of Medical Education held a faculty development session by Dr. Gereige on the topic of **"Your Map to Climbing the Academic Ladder"** to assist faculty in preparing a competitive CV and/or portfolio. Below are some of the key points from this session including resources provided:

### RULES TO LIVE BY

- 1. Seek advice from mentors** - Including members of the APT (Promotion & Tenure Committee).
- 2. Pay attention to record keeping** - Collect info that provides supportive evidence for record of excellence. (Awards, talks evaluations, etc.)
- 3. Be aware of your faculty track and criteria** - Be certain that what you do fits the track (Confer with your Division Chief)
- 4. Stick to the format precisely**
- 5. Keep it complete and updated**

### GENERAL OUTLINE OF APT CV

#### SECTION I - Demographics

- ◆ Name, address, place of birth, DOB, nationality
- ◆ Where have you been employed?
  - ◇ Chronological Order
  - ◇ Year, Degree, Institution, Discipline
  - ◇ Undergrad
  - ◇ Graduate

- ◇ Post-doc
- ◇ Current titles, positions, appointments
- ◇ Special training and certification
- ◇ Licensure (if applicable)

#### SECTION II - Teaching Accomplishments

- ◆ Course taught, when, where, content (use course number)
- ◆ Innovations
- ◆ Recognitions & awards
- ◆ Types of teaching (Undergrad, Grad, etc..)
- ◆ Other workshops
- ◆ Teaching evaluations (past 5 years)

#### SECTION III - Grants

- ◆ Awards with dates, titles, amounts, award #, type, role (PI/ co-PI), % effort
- ◆ Granting agency
- ◆ Duration
- ◆ Renewals
- ◆ Clinical pharmaceuticals

#### SECTION IV - Bibliography

- ◆ Peer-reviewed publications (Bold and underline name), published, in press, submitted - Use standard reference style
- ◆ Books, chapters, reviews
- ◆ Innovative creative products (pending, awarded, date submitted, title)
- ◆ Abstracts (Plenary, platform, poster presentations, pub-

lished abstracts)

- ◆ Invited presentations
- ◆ Other presentations
- ◆ Non-peer reviewed publications (Invited review articles, editorials, letters, book chapters, books, other media)

#### SECTION V - Service

- ◆ University/ College
- ◆ Department
- ◆ Professional organizations (e.g editorial boards, committees, etc..)
- ◆ Affiliated hospitals
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Mentoring (advisees, theses / SOC Committees, training grant participation)

- ◆ Educational program leadership

- ◆ Clinical program leadership

### A WORD ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE

#### Grants:

- ◆ Federal > Foundation > State Governmental > Internal Awards

- ◆ PI > Co-PI

- ◆ Publications linked to grants

#### Publications:

- ◆ Senior author > co-author
- ◆ Impact Factor of Journal
- ◆ Presentations
- ◆ Invited (platform) > Poster > Published abstracts



Milestones in Faculty Development

# Your Map to Climbing the Academic Ladder: How Can Your CV and/or Portfolio Leverage Your Promotion? (Cont'ed)

## A WORD ABOUT THE EDUCATOR'S PORTFOLIO

The Educator's Portfolio (EP) is a systematic collection of information to document one's expertise in an area, using multiple sources of information collected over time. It includes documents and materials which collectively suggest the scope and quality of an educator's performance and it complements the CV.

### The EP content includes:

- Teaching Philosophy Statement
- Professional Development

- in Education
  - Teaching Activities
    - ⇒ Activity Report
    - ⇒ Evidence for Teaching Effectiveness
  - Curriculum Development and Instructional Design
  - Educational Administration and Leadership
  - Regional and National Scholarship
  - Honors and Awards
  - Advisor and Mentor
  - Self-Assessment and Long-Term Goals

## NCH MED ED LAUNCHES FACULTY SUCCESS FOR FACULTY AND TRAINEES

The Department of Medical Education launched **"Faculty Success" by Watermark**. This software allows faculty and trainees to enter items from their CV in a pre-determined fields. The Peer reviewed publications flow directly from Pub-Med. Once the information is in the system, the user is able to run reports, customize the look of their CV, including running various versions of CV by date ranges, including running an NIH Biosketch. The access to the platform is via the NCH Intranet as a single sign-on (SSO) feature. Below is some screenshots.



Activities - Nicklaus Children's Hospital

[Review a guide](#) to manage your activities.



### General Credentials/Expertise

- Personal and Contact Information
- Biography and Expertise
- Education & Degrees
- Graduate/Post-Graduate Training

- Licensures and Certifications
- Awards and Honors
- Faculty Development Activities Attended

### Career Information

- Professional Positions
- Academic Appointments
- Hospital Privileges

- Consulting
- Professional Memberships

### Teaching Accomplishments

- Teaching Innovation and Curriculum Development
- Medical Students Teaching
- Mentoring
- Residents/ Fellows Teaching

- Clinical Teaching
- Non-Credit Instruction Taught
- Yearly Advising Summary

### Bibliography & Scholarship

- Publications
- Invited Presentations
- Biographical Sketch - NIH | NSF

- Contracts, Fellowships, Grants and Sponsored Research
- Intellectual Property (e.g., copyrights, patents)
- Research & QI Activity
- Digital Scholarship

### Service

- Clinical Department/Division Service
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital & Affiliated Hospitals Service
- Professional Organizations Service

- Community Service
- Media Appearances and Interviews

### Administrative Data

- Permanent Data
- Yearly Data

- Workload Information

### Applications

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PeopleSoft Finance & Supp...	Taleo	IT SELF SERVICE	Faculty Success	TRAINEE PROCEDURE CREDENTIALS Trainee Procedure Credential...

Manage Applications

## Milestones in Faculty Development Tips & Resources

### Tips & Resources for Researchers - Sample Size Calculation

**Mr. Gabriel Cardenas, MPH;** NCH Research Institute Data Analyst shared the following helpful tips and resources with all NCH Researchers:

#### Tip #1: SAMPLE COMPARISONS

- Once you have decided on a unique research idea, and you want to compare groups, the first thing you should do is a quick sample size calculation using the averages and standard deviations of the groups (maybe get from literature or look at some previous data), and what you would consider to be a meaningful difference between the group means (clinically significant).

- That should be a first step to see if the study can get enough people to see the difference you consider meaningful, if there is one, and thus find a statistically significant difference.

- Here are the links to a simple 2 group average comparison t-test sample size calculator

[Power/Sample Size Calculator \(ubc.ca\)](#)

- And here is a simple 2 group proportions comparison

[Comparing Two Proportions - Sample Size - Select Statistical Consultants \(select-statistics.co.uk\)](#)

If its anything harder than that the RAD group can calculate one for you.

#### Tip #2: DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

- If you're doing a descriptive study, you may still want to check your sample size; because the larger the sample size the more precise the estimated numbers you are reporting will be.

- For example, if you are going to report the rate of exacerbations, or the number of people having a symptom, or the average level of some lab reported value: you can put some number, lets just say randomly - 157 g/ml is what you observed. If your sample size is large, you could say: 157  $\pm$  5 g/ml; but if your sample size is small you might only be able to report 157  $\pm$  20 g/ml.

## Milestones in Research Education

### Part I & II of the Fellows Research Bootcamp Held

On October 17 & 26; 2023; the Department of Medical Education and the Nicklaus Children's Research Institute held parts I & II of the annual Research Bootcamp for Fellows at Corporate Headquarters aimed at the first year fellows. Topics discussed included: **Study Design & Statistical Planning, Hypothesis Testing, Regulatory, & Protocol Builder** among others.





**Milestones in Halloween Celebrations**

# Residents & Fellows, Medical Education, & Medical Staff Departments Celebrate Halloween

The Departments of Medical Education and Medical Staff/Administration celebrated this year's Halloween with fun costumes. The Pediatric Residents dressed up in the theme of "Harry Potter" and the Medical Education/Medical Staff dressed up in Pink Ladies and Thunderbirds theme. Happy Halloween!!



## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



**Natalia Cardona, MD (PL1)**

Dr. Natalia Cardona received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Joanna Perdomo; General Pediatric attending for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Perdomo commented: *“I am writing to recognize Natalia for her stellar clinical skills and humanism in identifying a large mass in a patient in our primary care clinic and coordinating expedient care to diagnose and ultimately treat it. To top it all off, this was Natalia's first primary care patient is a first year resident! The Nicklaus family is lucky to have her”*. Congratulations Natalia on a job well-done!



Dr. Natalia Figueroa Ramos received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Mackenzie Rodriguez, RN 6T for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Rodriguez commented: *“When my patient was becoming agitated Dr. Figueroa Ramos came quickly to help. She displayed a calm demeanor and de-escalated the situation while both making the patient feel heard and communicating the medical decision making of the team. I am so thankful to work with her. She is an excellent doctor”*. Congratulations Natalia on a job well done!

Dr. Maria Rodriguez received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *“I had the pleasure of working with Maria on her night shifts and was able to see her grow in a very short period of time. She was proactive and took initiative throughout my time with her and was enthusiastic to learn. I admire her strong work ethic and commitment to learning. Keep it up Maria! You truly exemplify the NCH Way!”*. Congratulations Maria on a job well done!

**Evelina Dedic, DO (PL3)**



Dr. Evelina Dedic received an NCHS-way e-Recognitions from Dr. Marry Mack, Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Mack commented: *“Evelina, you were an incredible team leader! You're so hardworking, detail oriented, and have a great attention to detail. You made last block in 5T so smooth! Thank you thank you!!”*. Congratulations Evelina on a job well done!

**Jordan Hunsberger, DO (PL1)**



Dr. Jordan Hunsberger received an NCHS-way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *“I had the opportunity to work with Jordan on his 3S night shifts and was impressed with his meticulous work ethic, ability to manage multiple admissions at once while staying organized and focused. He showed significant improvement over the three days I got to work with him and I am excited to see how much he'll grow throughout his residency. Keep up the great work Jordan!”*. Congratulations Jordan on a job well done!

**Monica Ramirez Mendizabal, MD (PL1)**



Dr. Monica Ramirez Mendizabal received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *“I had the pleasure of working with Monica during my time on 3S as night team lead and was extremely impressed with her commitment to advocacy and supporting patients and their families during difficult times. She went above and beyond for a family of an RSV bronchiolitic patient who required PICU transfer and calmed their fears and anxieties during the transfer process. Furthermore, that same night she managed a medically complex patient with ease as she meticulously acquired his history and developed a plan for the patient. Overall, I was ex-*



**Natalia Figueroa Ramos, MD (PL2)**



**Maria Rodriguez, MD (PL1)**



## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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

*remely impressed with Monica's attention to detail, commitment to patient care, and kindness. Keep up the great work! ". Congratulations Monica!!!*



**Maya Hadeed,  
MD (PL1)**

**Dr. Maya Hadeed** received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"It was a pleasure working with Maya during my time as 3S night team lead. She is extremely efficient, succinct, and presents her patients with ease. She gives high yield sign outs and has a global understanding of her patients. Furthermore, she is eager to learn and significantly improved her one liners during her time working with me. Excited to see Maya continue to grow during her time on 3S"*. Congratulations Maya!!!

**Lucila Servitje Azcarraga, MD (PL1)**



**Dr. Lucila Servitje Azcarraga** received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"I had the opportunity to work with Lucila both in the ER and as 3S night team lead and was extremely impressed with her clinical acumen skills. She is thorough in her differentials and associated work up. She also works well under pressure and was able to handle a very*

*busy 3S floor in a smooth and efficient way on my last call and is a real team player! Keep up the great performance Lu!"*. Congratulations Lucila!!!



**Grecia Rivera Rodriguez,  
MD (PL1)**

**Dr. Grecia Rivera Rodriguez** received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"Grecia and I worked together during her time on 3S and I have been extremely impressed with her enthusiasm to learn and how she has risen to the challenge of embracing new respiratory pathology as she was the last one on her team to start rounding on the floor. She is a real team player and was willing to help her 5T co-resident during a busy night. Her willingness to help and openness to learn are truly refreshing and she has been an absolute pleasure to work with. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with her and know she will continue to excel due to her great attitude!"*. Congratulations Grecia!!!



**Andres Rodriguez,  
MD (PL3)**

**Dr. Andres Rodriguez** received an NCHS-Way e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins, (PL3) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"It has been incredible working with Andres these past*

*three years of residency, I have seen him grow significantly from his first day of residency to his team lead month on 3S. He is a true leader and educator and is constantly educating his team daily on respiratory pathology. He is meticulous and goes above and beyond for his patients and team. It is incredible that we have come full circle where he started on his first day with me as an intern and I get to learn from him on my last block of third year. It has been an honor and a pleasure working with Andres and I cannot wait to see how far he will go as a chief and later on as a pulmonologist"*. Congratulations Andres!!!

**Christian Martinez, MD (PL1)**



**Dr. Christian Martinez** received a Recognition from Dr. Gabrielle Fisher; JMH Newborn Nursery Hospitalist. Dr. Fisher commented: *"I've had the pleasure of working with Christian Martinez this week in the newborn nursery and I have to say that I am impressed by his dedication to reading and advancing his knowledge base. He has consistently turned to literature and evidence-based guidelines to guide his clinical decision making and often will share articles with the team, which is advanced given he has only been an intern for 2 months. I wanted to highlight these positive qualities and let you know how we have enjoyed having him on the team"*. Congratulations Christian on a job well-done!!!



Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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



**Maria Henriquez Abramuk, MD (PL1)**

**Dr. Maria Henriquez Abramuk** received an NCHS-way e-Recognitions from Dr. Marry Mack, Clinical Pharmacist for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Mack commented: *“Dr. Henriquez-Abramuk, you have grown so much! Even though your patients have been so complex, you have put forth maximum effort in their care. Your ability to handle all aspects of their care is impressive! You are organized, empathetic, and detail oriented. You are so appreciated!”*. Congratulations Maria on a job well done!



**Angela Parra Del Riego, MD (PL3)**

**Agustina Reca, MD (PL3)**



**Claudia Mora-ga, MD (PL1)**

**Pamela Castillo Rocha, MD (PL1)**



**Antonietta Padron Aya-la, MD (PL1)**

**Drs. Parra Del Riego, Reca, Moraga, Castillo Rocha, and Padron Ayala (Block 2 PCC Team)** received a Recognition from Dr. Gloria Riefkohl, MD; PCC attending. Dr. Riefkohl expressed the attendings' appreciation for the team's great effort during a busy back-to-school clinic month. Congratulations to all on a job well done!



**Braden Olsen, MD (PL3)**

**Alia Elnaji, DO (PL3)**



**Karina Delgado, DO (PL2)**

**Milena Fraustro Sanchez, MD (PL2)**



**Joselyn Ye Tay, MD (PL2)**

**Stephanie Mangels, MD (PL3)**



**Ifrah Waheed, MD (PL3)**

**Natalie Fernandez, MD (PL2)**



**Waheed, and Fernandez (Block 3 PICU Team)** received a Recognition from Dr. Bala Totapally, MD; PICU attending. Dr. Totapally commented: *“I want to commend the group of residents who rotated through the PICU during this block and the residents who floated to cover the urgent needs in the unit. They are one fantastic group of residents. Our whole Division concurs with my opinion. I would love to have any one of them in our unit at any time!! This has been a very difficult block even for seasoned physicians let alone for residents. We had an unprecedented high census for as long as I remember. Even with high census and high acuity, they kept their wits and provided the support we needed to take care of the sick children. They kept their smiles and usual exuberance throughout the rotation. They knew their patients, they were efficient, and they were caring. We couldn't have asked for a better group of residents for a busy block! Please convey my thanks and our sincere appreciation for what they do.”* Congratulations to the team for a job well-done!!



**Louis Durkac, MD (PL3)**

**Keishla Gonzalez Sanchez, MD (PL3)**



**Agustina Reca, MD (PL3)**

**Drs. Olsen, Elnaji, Delgado, Sanchez, Ye Tay, Mangels,**





Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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



**Alicia German Dihmes, MD (PL2)**

**Maria Godoy, MD (PL2)**



**Maria Mejia Plazas, MD (PL2)**

**Drs. Durkac, Sanchez, Reca, Dihmes, Godoy, and Mejia Plazas (Block 4 PICU Team) received a Recognition from Dr. Bala Totapally, MD; PICU attending. Dr. Totapally commented: "I would like to express my admiration for the group of residents who recently completed their rotation in the PICU, as well as the residents who stepped in to help with urgent needs in the unit. They are truly an exceptional group of residents, and our entire Division shares this sentiment. I would welcome any of them in our unit at any time! The past block presented significant challenges with a high**

**patient census and acuity levels, including three children on pumps. Despite these demanding circumstances, these residents remained composed and provided the crucial support required to care for these seriously ill children. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm never wavered throughout their rotation. They demonstrated a deep understanding of their patients, were highly efficient, and displayed genuine compassion. During this busy block, we couldn't have asked for a more capable and dedicated group of residents. Please convey my gratitude and our heartfelt appreciation for their outstanding contributions"** Congratulations to the team for a job well-done!!



**Braden Olsen, MD (PL3)**

**Dr. Braden Olsen received an NCHS-way e-Recognitions from Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Adolescent Medicine Fellow for his Ex-**

**cellent Performance.** Dr. Thompson commented: **"Braden 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 hematologist-oncologist"**. Congratulations Braden on a job well done!



**Alaina Durkac, MD (PL3)**

**Dr. Alaina Durkac received an NCHS-way e-Recognitions from Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Adolescent Medicine Fellow for her Excellent Performance.** Dr. Thompson commented: **"Alaina 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 Alaina on a job well done!



Milestones in Community Advocacy & Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Activities

## NCH Community Outreach & DEI Activities

### Pediatric Residents Participate in a Community Back to School Event

**In August; 2023, NCH Pediatric Residents participated in the Lotus House It Takes a Village Back to School Health Fair. The event provided dental, vision, and health screenings to over 300 children as part of NCH Community Connect Events. Congratulations to participants on their advocacy efforts and on taking part in**

**this event on a Saturday in the heat of summer.**



## Milestones in Faculty and Trainees Scholarly Activities

# NCH Faculty and Trainees Continue to Showcase their Scholarly Work in Presentations and Publications

### Publications

**Dr. Ana Duarte** and her co-authors (Includes **Dr. Restrepo**) published a manuscript titled: **“Radiologic and Clinical Features of Infantile Hemangioma: Potential Pitfalls and Differential Diagnosis”** in *RSNA*; November 2023, Vol 43(11). Congratulations!!

**Dr. Vivian Hernandez-Trujillo** published an editorial titled: **“Changing with the Times - Learning to Pivot as an Academic Allergist”** published in the journal of the *American College of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology*. Congratulations!!

**Drs Kaitlin Kobaitri & Bala Totapally** published their manuscript titled: **“A Neonate with Cytokine Storm Managed with Steroids, Therapeutic Plasma Exchange, and Tocilizumab”** in *Cureus*. Congratulations!!

**Drs Oscar Arevalo, Suheily Aponte-Rodriguez, Lesbia Drukteinis, & NCH Alumnus Kevin Rodriguez (class of 2022) along with their co-authors** published their manuscript titled: **“Dental Providers’ Familiarity with and Attitudes About Alternative Payment Models in Value Based Care”** in *Gen Dent*. Nov-Dec 2023. 71(6):48-55. Congratulations!!

**Drs. Lina Felipez, Ana Luisa Graneiro (A/I Fellow) and NCH Alumni Drs Marina Dantas, & Rodrigo Calvacante** published their manuscript titled: **“A Challenging Case of Oral Ul-**

**cers and Gastrointestinal Bleeding: Crohn’s or Behcet’s Disease”** in *Case Reports in Pediatrics*. Congratulations!!

**Dr. Keith Meyer** and his co-authors published their manuscript titled: **“Adverse Tracheal Intubation Events in Critically Ill Underweight and Obese Children: Retrospective Study of the National Emergency Airway for Children Registry (2013-2020)”** in the most recent issue of *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Journal*. Congratulations!!

### Presentations

On September 13; 2023; **Drs. Marcos Mestre (CMO), Vivian Hernandez-Trujillo & Rani Gereige (DIO)**, Participated on behalf of NCH in the **Global Health Conference of the Americas** held in Cartagena, Colombia. Dr. Gereige presented a lecture titled: **“Climate Change and the Impact on Child Health”**. Dr. Hernandez-Trujillo presented on health disparities in allergy and immunology and Dr. Mestre addressed the hospital preparation for pandemics through lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### NCH Trainees & Faculty Had Strong Presence at NASPGHAN 2023 meeting.

The annual **NASPGHAN** meeting was held in San Diego in October 2023. NCH residents, fellows, & Faculty had a strong presence at the meeting and presented numerous posters and presentations of their scholarly work. Congratulations!!! Below is a listing of the presentations:

- ◆ **STRICTURE OR DIFFUSE TUMOR? A PEDIATRIC CASE REPORT ON DISTAL ESOPHAGEAL ABNORMALITY.** Lopez Gonzalez, Maria Susana; Torres Claudio, Elizabeth; Hogan, Anthony R; Medina, Annette L
- ◆ **A HEART THROMBUS: A SERIOUS UPADACITINIB’S SIDE EFFECT IN AN ADOLESCENT WITH ULCERATIVE PANCOLITIS.** Torres Claudio, Elizabeth; Rios Melendez, Sandra C.; Felipez, Lina M.
- ◆ **LEUCOCYTOCLASTIC VASCULITIS IN AN ADOLESCENT WITH NEW ONSET CROHN’S DISEASE.** Majluta Yeb, Aldo; Dedic, Evelina; Olsen, Brandon; Gomara, Roberto; Hernandez, Erick



## Milestones in Faculty and Trainees Scholarly Activities

### NCH Faculty and Trainees Continue to Showcase their Scholarly Work in Presentations and Publications

- ◆ **WHEN EBV DOESN'T ROCK: A CASE OF EBV INDUCED ACALCULOUS CHOLECYSTITIS.** Ye Tay, Joselyn; Cadavid, Estefany; Muniz Crim, Alisa J.; Medina, Annette L.
- ◆ **SENNA-INDUCED SECOND-DEGREE BURNS: DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN AFTER THE CLEANOUT.** Cadavid, Estefany; Ye Tay, Joselyn; Caicedo Oquendo, Luis F.
- ◆ **POSSIBLE GENETIC MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH JUVENILE HAMARTOMATOUS POLYPOSIS SYNDROME.** Gonzalez Aragon, Camila; Ramirez Duque, Daniela; Rovira, Antonia; Lopez Gonzalez, Maria S.; Reeves-Garcia, Jesse.
- ◆ **INCIDENTAL IDENTIFICATION OF CDH1 MUTATION LEADS TO DIAGNOSIS OF EARLY GASTRIC CANCER IN AN 11-YEAR-OLD MALE.** Rios Melendez, Sandra C.; Majluta Yeb, Aldo; Pabon, Camila; Lopez Gonzalez, Maria Susana; Daghistani, Doured; Muniz Crim, Alisa J.
- ◆ **COULD IT BE H. PYLORI? A RARE PRESENTATION OF GASTRIC POLYPS IN A 17-YEAR-OLD MALE WITH BANNAYANRILEY RUVALCABA SYNDROME.** Rios Melendez, Sandra C.; Reeves-Garcia, Jesse.
- ◆ **DEI in 2023: Digging deeper and forging forward.** THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING MINORITIES PARTICIPATION'S IN CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES. Lina Maria Felipez, MD
- ◆ **A SIGMOID COLON STRICTURE IN A 1-YEAR-OLD MALE: IS IT APPENDICITIS, NEC OR VERY EARLY ONSET INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE.** Rios Melendez, Sandra C.; Majluta Yeb, Aldo; Ramirez Duque, Daniela; Torres Claudio, Elizabeth; Felipez, Lina M.
- ◆ **REVEALING A HIDDEN STRUGGLE: A TODDLER'S JOURNEY THROUGH WILSON'S DISEASE.** Lopez Gonzalez, Maria Susana; Torres Claudio, Elizabeth; Gonzalez-Vallina, Ruben; Caicedo Oquendo, Luis F.
- ◆ **FEEDING IRRITABILITY AND GROWTH FALTERING IS NOT ALWAYS A STRAIGHTFORWARD DIAGNOSIS: TWO CASES OF SHWACHMAN-DIAMOND SYNDROME.** Majluta Yeb, Aldo; Rios Melendez, Sandra C; Hassor, Sophia; Gonzalez-Vallina, Ruben.
- ◆ **LIVING ON THE EDGE WITH A BUTTON BATTERY: A 19-MONTH-OLD WITH IMPACTED ESOPHAGEAL BATTERY.** Torres Claudio, Elizabeth; Vidal Rodriguez, Gabriel; Ko, Victoria; Calisto, Juan L; Caicedo Oquendo, Luis F
- ◆ **SYMPTOMATIC CHOLELITHIASIS IN A 6-MONTH-OLD MALE: A CASE REPORT.** Majluta Yeb, Aldo; Rios Melendez, Sandra C; Felipez, Lina M
- ◆ **DOUBLE TROUBLE: WHY DID A PATIENT WITH ULCERATIVE COLITIS DEVELOP ILEAL ULCERS?.** Lopez Gonzalez, Maria Susana; Rios Melendez, Sandra C.; Felipez, Lina M
- ◆ **NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY AND NUTRITION 2023 GUIDELINES FOR DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC CYCLIC VOMITING SYNDROME.** Karrento, Katja; Rosen, John; Tarbell, Sally; Issenman, Robert; Wiercioch, Wojtek; Gelfand, Amy; Gamboa, Heidi; Parikh, Sumit Parikh; Adams, Kathleen; Li, B U.K.

#### Strong Presence for NCH Trainees & Faculty Expected at the Upcoming SCCM 2024 meeting.

Twenty one (21) abstracts (6 Case Reports) were submitted by the NCH Division of Pediatric Critical Medicine to the 2024 annual **SCCM** meeting which will be held in January 2024 in Phoenix, AZ. The Abstracts were submitted by 2nd and 3rd year fellows, Pediatric Residents and Medical Students.





## Milestones in Faculty and Trainees Scholarly Activities

### NCH Faculty and Trainees Continue to Showcase their Scholarly Work in Presentations and Publications (Cont'ed)



Becky's winning abstract (case Report) at the FCAAP Annual Meeting

**Drs. Becky Li (PGY2), Breyonna Maddox (PGY2), Joselyn Ye Tay (PGY2), Shanna Kowalsky (faculty), & Christie De La Vega (Faculty)** published their winning case report titled: **"An Unusual Complication of Otitis Media"** in the Fall 2023 Issue of the *Florida Pediatrician* Journal. Congratulations!!

**Drs. Megha Patel (Alumnus), Daniel McGraw (Alumnus), & Danyal Khan (Faculty)** published their article titled: **"Myocarditis Associated with COVID-19: A Review of Myocarditis in the CPVID-19 Era"** in the Fall 2023 Issue of the *Florida Pediatrician* Journal. Congratulations!!

**Dr. Breyonna Maddox, DO (PGY2)** wrote a reflective article in the November 2023 issue of FCAAP News on her experience with rotating on the PACT Team. The article could be accessed at <https://www.fcaap.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FCAAP-Newsletter-Nov-2023-Final.pdf>. Congratulations!!!

## Milestones in CME News

### Registration Opens for the NCH 2024 PPGC Course

Register for the 2024 PPGC course now!! You can register now and also book your hotel room. The 2024 PPGC course is the 59th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course. The course will be held at the Loews in Coral Gables, FL March 22-24; 2024. The scientific content is designed to feature practical pediatric topics, hot topics, latest advances in Pediatrics and is designed with the practicing pediatrician in mind. This year, the course features:

1. 17 Hours of CME/ MOC part 2 with an optional additional 3 hours (total of 20 Hours)
2. A total of 6 hours that meet the DEA MATE Act - Three hours in the general session with an optional additional 3 hours.
3. Opening Reception

Topics include:

- ◆ Radiology
- ◆ Opioids, Pain Management

& Addiction

- ◆ Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- ◆ Coding & Billing Workshop
- ◆ POCUS Lecture and Hands-on
- ◆ Gadgets and Gizmos for the Office
- ◆ Mental Health: Screening and Management
- ◆ Breaking Bad News Workshop
- ◆ Dermatology Show and Tell

◆ Obesity Guidelines

- ◆ Toxicology
- ◆ Special Diets and Nutrition
- ◆ Concussion Management
- ◆ Contraception for Adolescents
- ◆ Cases I learned from
- ◆ Infectious Diseases with Featured Speaker **Dr. Peter Hotez**
- ◆ And many more

Register at [www.ppgcpij.com](http://www.ppgcpij.com) We hope to see you in March 2024 in Coral Gables!!

March 22, 23, 24, 2024

(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)



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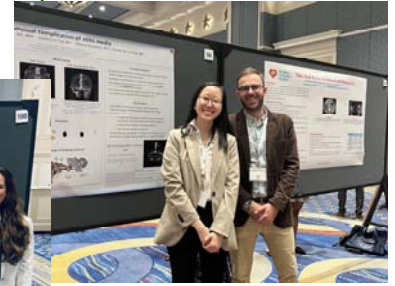


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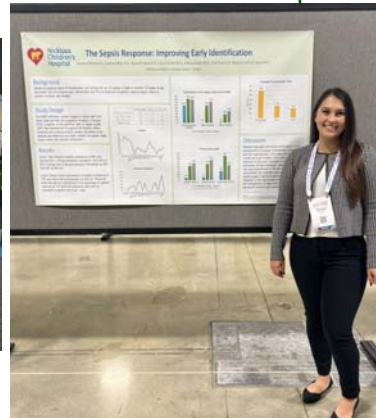
Milestones in State and National Representation

## NCH Well Represented at the FL AAP Chapter Meeting and National AAP Conference

In September 2023, Pediatric Resident represented NCH at the AAP Florida Chapter Annual Conference in Orlando and participated in the Brain Bowl, the SimWars, and the Poster competitions with other Florida Residency Programs.



NCH was represented at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) 2023 in Washington, DC in October, both in the numerous abstracts and poster presentations from trainees and faculty as well as with other organizations in the exhibit hall.



Milestones in Hospital Designation

## Nicklaus Children's Hospital Named to the Newsweek's 2023 Top 100 Most Loved Workplaces® List

On September 20, 2023; Nicklaus Children's was named in Newsweek's 2023 Top 100 Most loved Workplaces® List.

This recognition was based on the results of a national survey that surveyed over 2.0 million employees from businesses with workforces varying in size

from 50 to more than 100,000. The list recognizes companies that put respect, caring, and appreciation for their employees at the center of their business model and, in doing so, have earned the loyalty and respect of the people who work for them. **Congratulations to the NCH family and all employees.**

Nicklaus Children's Hospital was included in the Newsweek annual listing of the World's Best Specialized Hospitals 2024 for the third consecutive year. This recognition is presented by Newsweek and Statista, Inc. a statistics portal and industry-ranking provider. NCH was once again the highest ranking pediatric hospital in South Florida.







## Medical Education Birthdays

### November

Claudia Mattos	5
Christina Perez-Arche	7
Natalia Figueroa Ramos	9
Andrew Garcia	10
Pavneet Sandhu	13
Andres Rodriguez	14
Natalie Fernandez	14
Ameer Al-Hadidi	15
Andrea Alonzo	22
Santiago Campos Abad	26
Maya Hadeed	27
Jose Ugarriza Mendoza	29



### December

Maria Badino	3
Pooja Musuku	6
Mark Pilarski	7
Jeanette Coriat	9
Grecia Rivera Rodriguez	10
Maria Henriquez Abramuk	11
Sara Echeverri	11
Panagiota Sandoval	16
Alicia German Dihmes	17
Samantha Shear	18
Natalia Cardona	18
Jasmine Gonzalez-Castillo	18
Veronica Echanove Iturralde	22
Taimy Falcon Rodriguez	25



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