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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Nationwide Children's Hospital Expands Diversity and Health Equity Team

Nationwide Children's Office of Diversity and Health Equity expanded its team to include two additional physician-leaders, Valencia P. Walker, MD, MPH, FAAP and O.N. Ray Bignall II, MD, FAAP, FASN. They join Olivia Thomas, MD, Chief Diversity and Equity Officer.

In their roles, Dr. Walker and Dr. Bignall will survey and examine the hospital's current efforts in inclusion and equity, both externally and internally, to determine the next steps needed to advance the best outcomes for children everywhere.

Dr. Valencia P. Walker joined Nationwide Children's Hospital in 2020 as associate chief diversity and health equity officer. She holds joint positions as associate division chief for health equity and inclusion in the Division of Neonatology and associate professor and vice chair for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Ray Bignall recently accepted the role of assistant chief diversity and health equity officer at Nationwide Children's. He also serves as director of Kidney Health Advocacy and Community Engagement (KHACE) for the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension and as an assistant professor of pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Learn more about the hospital's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, as well as our Stand Against Racism and for Stand for Health Equity pledge at NationwideChildrens.org/about-us/diversity-inclusion.

Nationwide Children's Patient Financial Assistance Program

Nationwide Children's is committed to offering financial assistance to people who have health care needs and are not able to pay for care. No child will be denied care due to inability to pay for services. We accept most insurance plans, including Medicaid. For all other patients, Nationwide Children's has financial assistance programs for those who qualify. Financial support staff are available to help families sign up for insurance (including Medicaid) or to find out if they qualify for financial assistance. A copy of the policy is available in your *MedStat* packet. For more information, contact Patient Accounts at (614) 722-2055 or visit NationwideChildrens.org/Financial-Assistance.

Healthcare Facilities Symposium and Expo Distinction Award

The Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion recently received the 2021 User-Centered Award at the Healthcare Facilities Symposium and Expo. The Symposium Distinction Awards recognizes design teams, projects and individuals who have made a profound contribution to the health care design industry.

This is the third recent award for the building. Other awards include:

- 2021 Award for Interior Architecture from AIA Columbus
- 2021 Honor Award – Health Care from IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter (Columbus Interior Design Awards)

“The awards are a result of the hospital's dedication to providing Best Outcomes in all we do. This spirit reflects the groundbreaking way the Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion leads to a better experience for patients, family and staff,” said Ed Cheshire, RA, senior engineering services project manager.



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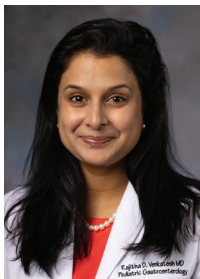
Free Program for Parents

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is an evidence-based program that supports parents and caregivers of children under age 8 in dealing with parenting issues and challenging behavior. Parents can walk away learning positive ways to connect, interact, teach and handle difficult moments - and feel more confident. All sessions are free. Triple P is available in 13 central Ohio counties (Franklin, Fairfield, Morrow, Delaware, Pickaway, Madison, Licking, Marion, Union, Crawford, Richland, Knox and Fayette). See provider contacts, upcoming dates registration information at NationwideChildrens.org/TripleP.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- 1961-The first medical science research building at Children's, Ross Hall, was dedicated.
- 1966-The research expenditures at Children's exceeded \$1 million for the first time.

FEATURED PHYSICIAN



Rajitha D. Venkatesh, MD, FAAP, is an attending pediatric gastroenterologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital and part of the Eosinophilic GI Disease Program. She is also an assistant professor of Clinical Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Venkatesh attended Wilkes University for her undergraduate education as a Wilkes

Scholar. She attended SUNY Upstate Medical University for medical school and was selected as a NIH Fogarty Clinical Scholar. She completed residency training in Pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and fellowship training in Gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children.

Her clinical interests span all gastrointestinal disorders with a special interest in eosinophilic GI disorders. She is the special interest group chair for the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Eosinophilic GI Disorders (EGID). Her interests include innovation in clinical care, including transnasal endoscopy for eosinophilic esophagitis. Dr. Venkatesh has an interest in population health, specifically to address healthcare disparities, improve access to care and improve clinical outcomes through telemedicine and remote patient monitoring. She is concurrently a graduate student through the OSU Master of Public Health Program for Experienced Professionals in Population Health Leadership

and Management. Dr. Venkatesh serves on multiple national committees, including the NASPGHAN Technology Committee, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Button Battery Taskforce and the AAP Section on Telehealth Care. She also serves as the social media editor for JPGN Reports, a peer-reviewed open access journal, a joint publication of NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN.

HEMOCARE UPDATE

2022 Pediatric Home Care Conference is April 22

Homecare is proud to announce that the Pediatric Home Care Conference is back this year. As in years past, Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice (OCHCH) is the co-sponsor. The theme of the conference is "Supporting Home Health Staff. Elevating Patient Care." The line-up of presenters includes Nationwide Children's Hospital and Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice staff, who will cover nursing, pharmacy, therapy and social work topics.

The keynote speaker will be Kim Regis, RN, DNP, NEA, PNP, vice president of operations and chief nurse executive of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Her presentation will focus on being in the moment, stop bracing for impact and start living.

The conference will be virtual and allow attendees to take advantage of the sessions online and earn CE credits. Attendees can view the presentations in real-time, ask the presenters questions, and engage with peers and exhibitors during breaks.

To view the conference agenda and submit your RSVP, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare and open the Professionals page. Email Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org if you have questions.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

Friday, April 1, 2022

Presented virtually from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center

Make your plans to attend the 39th Annual Dwight A. Powell Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference *in conjunction with* the 37th Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference. This conference will assess current diagnosis trends, treatment advances and diagnostic tests to improve management of various infectious diseases; correctly diagnose

a number of common infectious disease conditions affecting neonates, infants and children that are frequently encountered by the primary care medical professional dealing with pediatric patients; and, utilize the most up to date diagnostic techniques and therapeutic options to improve management of a variety of common infectious disease conditions.

The featured topics include:

- COVID-19 update
- Evaluation of the febrile infant
- ID screening and medical care of refugee and internationally adopted children
- Infections associated with group childcare
- Multidisciplinary discussion panel: Coronobacter Sakasakii

There will also be a multidisciplinary discussion panel on Coronobacter Sakasakii. For more information, visit bit.ly/NCHID2022.

The Fetal Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital Annual Conference

Friday, April 8, 2022

Presented virtually from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center

This conference is designed for practitioners and students in the fields of neonatology, pediatrics, obstetrics, genetic counseling, maternal fetal medicine, cardiology and sonography.

The featured topics include:

- Prenatal screening and imaging
- Surgical interventions
- Fetal intervention: eligibility
- Open spina bifida: imaging

For more information, visit bit.ly/2022Fetal.

12th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference

Thursday, May 5 – Friday, May 6, 2022

This conference is designed for pediatricians, asthma specialists, family practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists, social workers, pharmacists and clinical staff from hospitals, urgent care and primary care facilities with pediatric asthma patients,

and school facilities with pediatric asthma students/patients.

Course topics will include:

- Climate change/effects of pollution
- Pulmonary function tests and race
- Implicit bias
- PFT interpretation
- Social determinants of health
- Racial disparities in asthma
- Obesity and asthma
- COVID-19 Clinic
- PIDD
- Motivational interviewing
- High performing athlete (simulation session)
- E-cigarettes/vaping (effects of environmental tobacco smoke)

As more information, including registration, becomes available, you can find it here: NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com.

Additional Conferences

Nationwide Children Hospital offers a broad spectrum of learning and training opportunities for medical professionals. To learn more or register for an upcoming conference, visit NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com.

- April 21-22, 2022 Pediatric Home Health Care Conference - *Virtual*
- April 23, 2022 Neuroscience Nursing Symposium - *Virtual*
- May 17-19, 2022 Neonatal/Perinatal Conference – *Virtual*
- September 23, 2022 2nd Annual Pediatric Pulmonary Symposium – *Virtual (rescheduled from March 11, 2022)*

Spotlight on Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE)

What is IPCE?

Interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) occurs when members from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes (ACCME, ACPE, ANCC 2015). Over the next several months, we will feature individual professions and focus on why IPCE is important to their success (and yours!)

Impact of IPCE at Nationwide Children's for Psychology



-By Jennifer B. Reese, PsyD

Psychology regularly attends and contributes to interprofessional education across the organization. Our Joint Accreditation to provide interprofessional education now gives us the platform and validation to award proper continuing education credit to psychologists

for a wide variety of educational offerings throughout the organization. Psychologists are joining planning committees for new and established educational offerings and exploring new interprofessional education opportunities in a variety of settings. We are very excited to be able to continue to develop interprofessional relationships through education.

Jennifer Reese is a clinical child psychologist who has worked in Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital since 2013. Jennifer earned her Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) degree in 2005 from the University of Denver. She completed an APA-accredited internship and subsequent fellowship at a community mental health agency in the Akron/Canton area. Jennifer became the manager of Behavioral Health's newly formed education team in July 2016, and the team has grown from three educators to 20 education staff over the five years it has existed. Jennifer serves on the IPCE Education Committee, as well as the IPCE Advisory Committee as the psychology representative.

Simulation Center

Nationwide Children's Hospital Simulation Program supports the hospital's guiding principle to "Create a safe day every day." Accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, Nationwide Children's Simulation Program provides opportunities for various medical professionals to practice technical skills, medical judgment and collaborative teamwork. Simulation activities incorporate a variety of simulation modalities and methodologies including, state-of-the-art simulators, actual patient care environments, virtual reality, and task trainers. Typical simulation sessions place the learners in a safe and controlled learning environment where they actively participate in highly immersive, realistic and high-risk scenarios. All simulation activity is aimed at improving patient safety and outcomes, effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare services. To learn more or schedule a tour, please email Simulation@NationwideChildrens.org.

Conference Center

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center is ready to host your next meeting. This beautiful new facility has flexible and open spaces to meet your needs. All the conference

rooms can provide livestreaming, recording and video conferencing. To reserve space, contact Room Scheduling at (614) 355-0661. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Kate Keller, Conference Center Supervisor, at (614) 355-5464. (See hospital COVID-19 guidelines for meetings and training.)

GRAND ROUNDS

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds take place virtually every Thursday. Since we are not currently holding in-person sessions, we are livestreaming these presentations. A schedule of upcoming and prior recorded sessions can be found on the Nationwide Children's Physician Connect app as well as the hospital Intranet (ANCHOR) calendar. Learn more about Pediatric Grand Rounds at bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds.

Upcoming sessions are listed here:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
2/10	Promising Messages and Practices to Increase Vaccinations: The Role of Nudges as Behavioral Strategies	Jack Stevens, PhD, Nationwide Children's Hospital Psychiatry and Behavioral Health
2/17	Understanding Who I Am: Ethnic and Racial Health Disparities in Type 1 Diabetes and Beyond-the Need for Culturally Sensitive Healthcare	Kajal Gandhi, DO, MPH, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Endocrinology
2/24	TBD	Laurie J. Glader, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Complex Care
3/3	The History of Childhood Mortality	Perri Klass, MD, New York University
3/10	TBD	TBD
3/24	TBD	Arun Gosain, MD, Lurie Children's- Plastic Surgery

CloudCME App

Download the CloudCME app to view the calendar of education offerings, use your phone to view and listen to on-demand courses like Pediatric Grand Rounds, update your profile and view your evaluations, certificates and transcript. To get started, use group code: *nationwidechildrens*.

Physician Connect App

Download the Nationwide Children's Physician Connect App for a wide array of resources including, information about education opportunities, free CME podcasts and On Demand CME. With the app, it's easy to listen to the podcast on your drive into the office. Use this tool to see the schedule of upcoming lectures, watch live Pediatric Grand Rounds and much more!

The Pam & Jack Beeler Psychiatry & Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

- **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
 - Speaker: Meghan Miller, PhD
 - Topic: Early Identification of Autism and ADHD: A Transdiagnostic Perspective
 - <https://zoom.us/j/95355966034>
- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
 - Speaker: Geeta Ilipilla, MD & David Axelson, MD
 - Topic: Irritability & Mood Dysregulation in Youth
 - <https://zoom.us/j/96413712893>
- **Thursday, April 14, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
 - Speakers: Nationwide Children's SME Panel – Nancy Noyes, Natalie Jacobowski, Molly Gardner & Megan Meade
 - Topic: Chronic Illness in Children and the Impact on Patient and Caregiver Mental Health
 - <https://zoom.us/j/99789947880>

The 2022 schedule is available on ANCHOR. Search “Beeler” for updates to schedule and Zoom link.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Currently, all scheduled events will be virtual to the audience until further notice. Learn more by searching “Surgical Grand Rounds” on ANCHOR.

If you have any questions or would like to receive invites to the Surgery Grand Rounds, please email SurgeonInChief@NationwideChildrens.org.

Lounge and Learn

For many years Lounge and Learn existed as an informal discussion on a specialty topic with one specialist and some community practitioners. Before the pandemic, these sessions took place on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. Lounge and Learn now occurs place on the second Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m. via Webex.

We look forward to virtually connecting with you at these sessions:

- February 11 – Reid Chambers, DO, Update on scoliosis and new techniques (including halo-femoral traction and spinal tethering)
- March 11 – Kathryn Milks, MD, Update on the uses of ultrasound

If you have any questions or would like to receive invites to the sessions, please email Bruce.Meyer@NationwideChildrens.org or Rhonda.Burk@NationwideChildrens.org, or call our office to leave a message at (614) 722-4550.



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