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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Debra Boyer, MD, MHPE, Appointed Chief Medical Education Officer and Designated Institutional Official (DIO) at Nationwide Children's Hospital



Debra Boyer, MD, MHPE, has recently been appointed chief medical education officer and designated institutional official (DIO) at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Dr. Boyer will also be a practicing physician in pediatric pulmonology and transplant pulmonologist in Nationwide Children's Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program.

Prior to joining Nationwide Children's, Dr. Boyer was the associate medical director of the Lung Transplant Program at Boston Children's Hospital for 19 years. Her work in pediatric lung transplantation has resulted in numerous advances and publications in infectious diseases and prevention. Additionally, she helped develop the first pediatric study linking pre-transplant physical conditioning with post-transplant outcomes.

During her years on faculty at Harvard Medical School, she developed extensive expertise in medical education. Dr. Boyer was actively involved in the education and training of pulmonary fellows. She also has experience teaching and lecturing at a regional, national and international level on a variety of topics. In her role at Nationwide Children's, Dr. Boyer will be overseeing more than 85 residency and fellowship

training programs, medical student programs and numerous other areas of medical education.

"We are excited to have Dr. Boyer join our team. She brings a wealth of experience in the field of pediatric pulmonology and medical education," said Rustin Morse, MD, chief medical officer at Nationwide Children's. "With her clinical innovations and medical education background, Dr. Boyer is perfectly positioned to be our next designated institutional official and inaugural chief medical education officer."

### Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4 Credit

Thank you to all who submitted for the 2021 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4 Credit.

Start thinking about 2022 projects! Deadlines and paperwork will be released soon on the ANCHOR MOC page. Questions? Email [MOC@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:MOC@NationwideChildrens.org).

## COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

### COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids

Nationwide Children's Hospital continues to be the trusted voice for patient families in Central Ohio for information about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids. You can find everything you need to know, including videos and blog posts, as well as updates on the general public vaccination clinics held at Nationwide Children's main campus. Visit [NationwideChildrens.org](https://NationwideChildrens.org) and search "COVID-19 Vaccine."



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# Rare Disease Day 2022 – Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5-7:30 p.m.

This virtual event is free and open to the public, including patients, their families and caregivers, health care providers and research professionals.

Rare Disease Day at Nationwide Children's is a part of a global observance to raise awareness about rare diseases and its impact on patients and families in pediatric rheumatology.

For more information, contact [RareDiseaseDay@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:RareDiseaseDay@NationwideChildrens.org).

## MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In 1978 there were 21 beds for ambulatory surgery. In 2020, there were 14 beds on the main campus and 22 in the Westerville Surgery Center.
- In 1978 there were about 50,000 ED visits, and in 2020 there were 100,000 ED visits plus 165,000 Urgent Care visits.

## FEATURED PHYSICIAN

**Brian Becknell, MD, PhD**, is a pediatric nephrologist at Nationwide Children's and the director of the Kidney and Urinary Tract Research Center. He is also an associate professor of pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, where he received his medical degree. Dr. Becknell completed his residency and pediatric nephrology fellowship at Nationwide Children's. His clinical and research interests are directed toward improving the health of children with congenital urinary tract disorders. His NIH-funded laboratory is focused on developing approaches to limit kidney injury in the setting of congenital urinary tract obstruction.

**More About the Kidney and Urinary Tract Research Center**  
Nationwide Children's Hospital is a recognized leader in kidney and urinary tract research. Physician-scientists and basic scientists in the Kidney and Urinary Tract Center aim to discover new therapies and diagnostic approaches that will transform the management and prevention of kidney and bladder disorders. Investigators in the Kidney and Urinary Tract Research Center have already made many contributions to advance the understanding of disorders commonly treated by pediatric nephrologists and urologists.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Nationwide Children's Doctor Named Pediatrician of the Year



The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics honored Nationwide Children's Hospital physician **Jonathan Price, MD, FAAP**, as the Outstanding Pediatrician of the Year. The award recognizes a pediatrician for distinguished achievement and outstanding contribution to the advancement of pediatric care and

education for both patients and other physicians in Ohio and across the country.

Dr. Price is a member of Emergency Medicine at Nationwide Children's and also serves as the Medical Director of the Interdisciplinary Feeding Evaluation Clinic. He joined the team at Nationwide Children's Hospital in 1986.

"Dr. Price is an outstanding pediatrician, advocate and relationship builder," said Melissa Wervey Arnold, CEO of the Ohio AAP. "His contribution to the business of pediatrics and Ohio's children is highly admirable and an inspiration to all pediatricians who have been impacted by his work."

### Jacquelyn Doxie King, PhD, Receives Early Career Psychologist Award for Excellence



**Jacquelyn Doxie King, PhD**, a pediatric psychologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital, was awarded the 2021 Ohio Psychological Association (OPA) Early Career Psychologist Award for Excellence in Service and Professional Practice.

The OPA Early Career Psychologist Award honors early career psychologists who make exceptional professional practice contributions in their communities and/or professional psychology organizations.

Dr. Doxie King is a supervisor and mentor to students at Nationwide Children's in the pediatric psychology and neuropsychology department. She volunteers a significant amount of time toward diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at Nationwide Children's. Dr. Doxie King's contributions expand beyond the hospital and include national efforts for advocacy around child mental health, health equity and racial equality.

# Physician Recognition From Social Media

Medical staff leadership would like to acknowledge physicians for the positive comments they recently received on social media from patients and families:

## Jonathan Price, MD, FAAP, Emergency Medicine

*"Congratulations to Dr. Price on your brilliant achievement as the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Pediatrician of the Year Award. This is the culmination of a lifetime of hard work, dedication and thoughtful passion in the field of pediatrics."*

## V. Rama Jayanthi, MD, Urology

*"We love Dr. Jay! He did my daughter's surgery 16 years ago."*

## Jonathan Pindrik, MD, Pediatric Neurosurgery

*"An amazing surgeon! An amazing man! Our son has had two surgeries with this team, and Dr. Pindrick has been thoughtful with the whole family and is part of an amazing team that takes the time to answer all questions and make sure the patient and their family is comfortable."*

## Edward Shepherd, MD, Neonatology

*"Nationwide Children's Hospital has saved our baby girl! We are currently on day 162 of the NICU; we are so thankful for all of her nurses and doctors!"*

## Charles Elmaraghy, MD, FACS, FAAP, Otolaryngology

*"We love, love, love Dr. Elmaraghy! He is so awesome to all the kiddos who are blessed to be so cared for!"*

## HOME CARE UPDATE

# Homecare Announces New Vice President

David Wessells is the new vice president of Nationwide Children's Hospital Homecare. David has been with Nationwide Children's Hospital for more than eight years, serving as program manager for Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy. David has more than 20 years of clinical experience, beginning his career providing physical therapy to patients in their homes. While Homecare welcomes David on board as vice president, the team would like to recognize Paul Seese, Home Health Manager, for his leadership and support as interim vice president during this time of transition.

As a service line of Nationwide Children's Hospital, Homecare offers the following services to support the hospital:

- Home Medical Equipment
- Hospice & Palliative Care
- Infusion Pharmacy

- Intermittent Nursing
- Private Duty Nursing
- Skilled Therapies (OT, PT, Speech Therapy)

In the months to come, we will be holding One Team meetings with referring providers within the hospital and in the community, listening to your needs and sharing updates on our growth to continue to support best outcomes for pediatric patients. If you have not been contacted and would like to set up a meeting, email [Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org). For details on services, visit [ANCHOR](https://ANCHOR.NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare) or [NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare](https://NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare).

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

# 2022 Technology Showcase

Thursday, March 3, 2022 | 1 – 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Office of Technology Commercialization

*Presented virtually from Nationwide Children's Conference Center*

Learn about impactful innovations as well as new startup companies generated from Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Join the Office of Technology Commercialization as it presents five talks highlighting novel interventions from Nationwide Children's researchers. Learn more at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/2022techshowcase](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/2022techshowcase).

# 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 37th Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference.

The featured topics include:

- COVID-19 update
- Evaluation of the febrile infant
- Infectious Diseases screening and medical care of refugee and internationally adopted children
- Infections associated with group childcare

There will also be a multidisciplinary discussion panel on *coronobacter sakasakii*. For more information, visit [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com).

# 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 [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/cloud-cme).

## Best Outcomes in Pediatric Occupational and Physical Therapy: Translating Knowledge into Practice

Friday, April 29 – Saturday, April 30, 2022

This two-day virtual conference, designed for physical and occupational therapists, will review best practice recommendations for a variety of pediatric populations. You can choose breakout sessions that best match your interests and area of practice. Course topics will include:

- Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Cerebral Palsy
- Seating and Mobility Tips and Tricks
- Congenital Muscular Torticollis Practice Guidelines
- Best Practices in Continuum of Care
- Promoting Participation for Children with Developmental Disabilities

For more information contact Interprofessional Education at Nationwide Children's Hospital (614) 355-0650 or **Courtney.Cooke@NationwideChildrens.org**.

*12 CEU credits have been approved through the Ohio Physical and Occupational Therapy Association.*

## Other Conference Updates

Nationwide Children's 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](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/cloud-cme).

- April 21-22, 2022 Pediatric Home Health Care Conference - *Virtual*
- April 23, 2022 Neuroscience Nursing Symposium - *Virtual*
- May 5-6, 2022 12th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference - *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!)

### Nursing Licensure and Education

By Susan Copeland, MS, RN, NPD-BC, PED-BC

In Ohio, there are three categories of licensed nurses: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). The education, licensure and scope of practice for all categories of Ohio nurses are regulated by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Nationwide Children's Hospital currently employs all three categories of nurses throughout the organization.

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN):** LPNs must complete a minimum of 30 weeks of full-time content (typically 12-24 months) to qualify to take the LPN licensing exam, the NCLEX-PN.

**Registered Nurse (RN):** The RNs scope of practice includes delivering nursing care that requires specialized knowledge, skill and judgment. While there are a variety of educational pathways to prepare individuals to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam, Nationwide Children's Hospital prefers to hire RNs with a bachelor's degree or above. RNs hired without a bachelor's degree must agree to obtain one within five years of hire. Many RNs validate their expert specialty knowledge, skills and clinical

judgment by becoming certified in their nursing practice specialty. There are over 180 different types of nursing certifications.

**Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN):** To become licensed as an APRN in Ohio, the nurse must maintain their RN license, complete a graduate degree in their nursing specialty, and pass a national APRN certification exam specific to their specialty. Many APRNs have prescriptive authority and practice in collaboration with physicians via Standard Care Arrangements. APRNs are employed throughout Nationwide Children's in the inpatient, ambulatory and operative areas.

**Nursing Continuing Education Requirements**

All nurses renew their license every two years. RNs and LPNs must complete 24 contact hours of continuing education within the two-year renewal period. One contact hour each renewal period must specifically relate to the Ohio Board of Nursing law and rules. An APRN must renew both their RN and APRN license every two years. To renew their APRN license, the nurse must maintain their national specialty certification and complete an additional 24 contact hours of continuing education beyond those required for their RN license renewal, with at least 12 of those hours consisting of advanced pharmacology content. Nurses may utilize in-person classes, webinars, independent study, and academic credit toward their licensure continuing education requirements. The Ohio Board of Nursing will accept continuing education credit from a variety of discipline-specific national accreditation systems and state regulatory boards, in addition to nursing-specific continuing education credit. RNs and APRNs who hold specialty certification beyond licensure will have additional continuing education requirements.

**Impact of IPCE at Nationwide Children's for Nurses**

Joint accreditation supports continuing education planned and implemented "by the team, for the team." Attending interprofessional education programs enables healthcare team members to learn from each other, communicate and work collaboratively to improve patient care. Nurses have benefited from the variety of educational experiences, enhanced interprofessional collaboration and improved patient outcomes supported by IPCE.

*Susan Copeland, MS, RN, NPD-BC, PED-BC, began working at Nationwide Children's Hospital as a staff RN and is currently a professional development nurse specialist in the Professional Development department. With over 30 years of experience in nursing education and professional development, Susan focuses on nursing continuing education and certification, including representing nursing on the IPCE Education Committee. Susan serves as a National surveyor for both the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Primary Accreditation and the Joint Accreditation programs. She also is a peer reviewer for continuing education applications and Continuing Education Committee member for the Ohio Nurses Association.*

**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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds).

Upcoming sessions are listed here:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
1/6	Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia	Leif D. Nelin, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Neonatology
1/13	Transfusion Science: When and How to Transfuse Patients with Blood Products	Jennifer Muszynski, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Critical Care
1/20	Immigrant and Refugee Health	Cara Harasaki, MD, MPH, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Hospital Pediatrics



1/27	Pediatric Workforce	Debra Boyer, MD, MPH, Nationwide Children's Hospital
2/3	Newborn Screening	Margie Ream, MD, PhD & Dennis Bartholomew, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Neurology/Genetics
2/10	TBD	TBD
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

## Physician Connect App

Download the Nationwide Children's Physician Connect App for FREE CME Podcasts and On Demand CME opportunities. 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, January 26, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
  - Speaker: Micah Skeens, PhD; CPNP-PC
  - Topic: Kids COVID Experience: Beyond the Disease, Understanding Children's Well-being During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
  - Speaker: Meghan Miller, PhD
  - Topic: Early Identification of Autism and ADHD: A Transdiagnostic Perspective
- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (12 – 1 p.m.)**
  - Speaker: Geeta Ilipilla, MD & David Axelson, MD
  - Topic: Irritability & Mood Dysregulation in Youth

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](mailto: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:

- January 14 – Ashley Ebersole, MD, New Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Updates
- February 11 – Reid Chambers, DO, Orthopedics

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





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