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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Doctor's Day is March 30

Doctor's Day is Thursday, March 30. Every day, physicians and scientists at Nationwide Children's Hospital provide the highest level of care, develop life-saving treatments, and live out our commitment to best outcomes and health equity for all children. We salute you and celebrate your contributions to our community and the world.

### Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Clinic is Moving

The Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Clinic will be located on the fifth floor of Outpatient Care, across the hall from the Pulmonary Clinic, and is scheduled to open the week of March 8, 2023. All six-minute walk testing, high-altitude simulation testing (HAST), cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services will take place in this new location. Call the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program coordinators at (614) 722-4975 or visit [NationwideChildrens.org/Cardiopulmonary-Rehabilitation](https://NationwideChildrens.org/Cardiopulmonary-Rehabilitation) for more information.

### Pinwheel Garden Dedication Ceremony

A hero can be someone with a superpower or who does something unimaginable in a difficult situation. The Solid Organ Transplant teams here at Nationwide Children's Hospital view 'Heroes' as the patients and families who have made the selfless decision to donate their organ(s) to those waiting for a lifesaving transplant. These Heroes have forever changed the

lives of many patients and families. On April 14 at 10:30 a.m., please join the Solid Organ Transplant teams of Nationwide Children's as they honor Heroes and transplant recipients during the annual Remember me Pinwheel Ceremony on the front lawn of the hospital.

### 2023 Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend

The 2023 Medical Alumni Reunion will start immediately after the Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ID) Conference at Nationwide Children's Conference Center. All Nationwide Children's physicians and their guests are welcome to attend. During the evening of April 21, there will be a reception and dinner with the announcement of the Golden Stethoscope award recipients and recognition of the physician leaders who have served Nationwide Children's over the years. The next day, on Saturday, April 22, reunion attendees are invited to attend a family fun activity at the Franklin Park Conservatory. You can register for any part or all of these activities at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NCHAlumni2023](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NCHAlumni2023). The registration deadline is Thursday, April 13. If you have any questions, please email [Alumni@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Alumni@NationwideChildrens.org).

## COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

### Central Ohio Pediatric Society

Central Ohio Pediatric Society (COPS) invites members, honored past presidents and friends to attend the final gathering of the organization to commemorate 75 years on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Scioto Country Country Club, on 2196 Riverside Dr., Columbus. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and drinks payable to Central Ohio Pediatric Society, 5383 Stratford Ave., Powell, OH, 43065. Please RSVP by April 20. Seating is limited. RSVP early to save your spot. For questions, contact [Amyjo.Hernandez@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Amyjo.Hernandez@NationwideChildrens.org).



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# Dr. John T. Schaeufele Pediatric Summit

Friday, April 28, 2023

*Presented from Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center*

Nationwide Children's - Toledo is excited to partner with Mercy Health to present this year's Dr. John T. Schaeufele Pediatric Summit in April. This multidisciplinary conference provides a forum for pediatric specialists to present their valuable perspectives on the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric patients. Primary care physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, residents, medical students and allied health professionals are welcome to attend. Visit [eeds.com/live/943262](https://eeds.com/live/943262) to register.

## Free and Low-cost Resources for Patient Families

The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP4Kids) is a website that provides free and low-cost resources for your patient families – all in one place. CAP4Kids has resources for child care, summer programs, food pantries and assistance, transportation and more. Visit [CAP4Kids.org/Columbus](https://CAP4Kids.org/Columbus) to learn more, and sign up for their monthly newsletter to share these resources with your patient families.

### FEATURED PHYSICIAN



**Ellen Chung, MD**, is chief of Radiology at Nationwide Children's. She completed medical school at Georgetown University, residency at Tripler Army Medical Center, and pediatric radiology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Chung is also a retired US Army colonel. While in the Army, she served as the integrated diagnostic radiology chief during the merger of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. While assigned to the military medical school, the Uniformed Services University, she was elected president of the Faculty Senate. She served as the pediatric section chief at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and later American Institute for Radiologic Pathology from 2003-2020, teaching pediatric radiologic-pathologic correlation to nearly all radiology residents in the United States and 28 other countries. Dr. Chung joined Nationwide Children's in 2019 as associate chief of Radiology.

In addition to faculty development, Dr. Chung's interests include establishing a multicenter radiologic-pathologic correlation conference with other pediatric hospitals and

developing a robust practice of contrast-enhanced ultrasound at Nationwide Children's. She is also interested in non-fiction reading, leadership skills development, personal productivity and helping people communicate more effectively.

### MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In 1997 the Children's Surgery center opened
- In 1998 Thomas Hansen, MD, appointed CEO of Nationwide Children's

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## Physician Recognition

Medical staff leadership would like to acknowledge physicians for recently receiving positive comments from patients and families. These comments are only a brief sample of the many compliments our physicians receive regularly.

**Laurie J. Glader, MD, Section Chief, Complex Care**

*"The cerebral palsy clinic is such a great program, especially for parents that live a way away from Columbus. It allows a comprehensive and cohesive care approach, and you don't have to make numerous trips for different appointments. I would and do recommend Nationwide Children's and its caregivers to my acquaintances who have special needs children. Your cerebral palsy clinic and its caregivers are top-notch."*

**Joy Lynn Mosser-Goldfarb, MD, Dermatology**

*"Dr. Mosser-Goldfarb is wonderful! She talks to my daughter (and me) as an adult and includes her in all decisions. She also realizes that life gets in the way of the perfect medicine regime and plans alternatives to still tackle the issues. She takes the time to really listen and explain things."*

**Morgan Wurtz, DO, Emergency Medicine**

*"Dr. Morgan Wurtz was so very kind to my son and explained everything to him prior to doing her exam. She explained everything to me in a way I could understand. I felt very confident in the plan outlined and what to look out for when I took him home. Would recommend this facility to anyone who has a child and needs emergency services. I was reassured my concerns about my son's respiratory issues were valid and never once felt judged for bringing him in to be evaluated. The care and concern offered by the entire team made me feel so much better as a worried parent. I can't thank the team enough."*

## Cory N. Criss, MD, Pediatric Surgery

*"Every single staff member we came across was amazing, patient and helpful. The RN, Eden (Braun) went above and beyond, and she never left the room without a smile on my and my son's face. She was like a breath of fresh air every time she checked on him. His surgeon, Dr. Cory Criss, was so kind, and informative, listened to and answered all questions in a way that was easy to understand and was amazing with my child."*

## Anne M. Connolly, MD, Neurology

*"Dr. Connolly is patient/family centered in her care delivery. She speaks candidly and compassionately. She goes above and beyond in the time she spent with us. I actually feel guilty about how generous she is with her time. She is patient and gives us warm fuzzies every time we have met with her, in spite of a difficult diagnosis. She treats us with humanity and emphasizes the strengths of our son. I am so grateful she takes care of my child."*

## Peter J. Mustillo, MD, Allergy

*"Thank you for your patience with our son - being on the spectrum he has a lot of anxiety about new people/trying/doing new things. You really helped make an otherwise scary experience tolerable for him to successfully complete the allergy testing."*

## Janice Townsend, DDS, MS, Chief, Pediatric Dentistry

*"The dentist went through everything and made my 5-year-old comfortable. He even sat still for x-rays. I love the fact she listened to us about my son being a wiggle worm. She was great when my son wanted to love on her. She gave hugs back."*

## Richard J. Wood, MD, Chief, Pediatric Colorectal & Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery

*"I am more than pleased with our experiences with Dr. Wood. You can tell he truly cares for his patients and families."*

## Jorge A. Vidaurre, MD, Neurology

*"Dr. Vidaurre is the most responsive, brilliant and compassionate doctor we could ask for. He personally calls us almost every single time we call in with a question or concern. On the occasions when a nurse calls us back, they are always great! I always feel that our daughter's needs are addressed quickly and thoroughly. Dr. Vidaurre is an amazing doctor and a wonderful person. He is always so kind, patient and thorough in his discussions. He always takes time to explain everything. Importantly, he knows our daughter. He knows us. He honestly treats us like family. He is brilliant in his field, always up on the latest medications and treatments being explored. I cannot emphasize how much his care for our daughter means to us. He is like a lifeline to us as parents when the scariness of having a child with a seizure disorder overwhelms us."*

## HEMOCARE UPDATE

# Synagis Dosing Ends Early and Medicaid Patient Eligibility

As predicted, the dosing of Synagis for RSV Season 2022-2023 ended at Nationwide Children's on January 30, with the last in-home dosing completed on February 3. Per Dr. Pablo Sanchez's letter to providers, "The RSV season in Ohio continues to be extremely unusual with September 12, 2022, being the start of the RSV season in Columbus. We at Nationwide Children's Hospital follow the weekly RSV positivity rates performed in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory. Since January 14, 2023, the RSV positivity rates have remained less than 10%, the most recent being 6% on January 28, 2023. Therefore, we can now declare that this past year's RSV season in Columbus has ended, and prophylaxis with Palivizumab (Synagis) is no longer indicated or needed." Dr. Sanchez and his staff will continue to monitor RSV positivity. They will inform providers when it is time to initiate prophylaxis for the 2023-2024 RSV season.

Medicaid eligibility is a major plank in Homecare's Vision statement - *To be the premier home care and hospice program, recognized for its excellence in quality, evidence-based care, research and equitable access.* This vision means little without equitable access to the premier programs. Homecare supports Partners For Kids efforts in spreading the word about Medicaid redetermination, which could impact many patients. As providers, we all have a role in keeping eligible patients' Medicaid coverage.

During the public health emergency of the pandemic, redetermination had been suspended. However, that ends in April when the redetermination of benefits will begin. Ohio Department of Medicaid estimates that about 70% of existing Medicaid patients will receive automatic recertification for eligibility. The other 30% will need to take some action to keep their coverage, including approximately 38,000 children in central, south-central and west-central Ohio.

More information to share with patient families, if they have not enrolled recently in another benefit program, such as SNAP, they may be in jeopardy of losing their coverage. For those parents who are unsure, they can call (800) 324-8680 or visit [ss.benefits.ohio.gov](https://ss.benefits.ohio.gov) – and tell them to select 'Access my cash, food, medical or child care assistance,' and select – 'Report a Change to My Case.' For support materials, visit [PartnersForKids.org/news-updates/](https://PartnersForKids.org/news-updates/) and open *New Materials to Encourage Patient Update Medicaid Information* window. Nationwide Children's providers can order hot cards through SmartWorks and search 'Medicaid Redetermination' on ANCHOR for additional resources.

If you have questions regarding Homecare's services or programs, would like to arrange a tour of our facilities, or schedule a meeting, contact [Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org).

## 2023 Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Symposium

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

*Presented virtually and in person from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center*

Join us for the 2023 Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Symposium, a hybrid conference that is directed to presenting clinical updates and research discoveries for the otolaryngologic care of children. This one-day meeting will include expert panels, multidisciplinary discussions and strategies to improve quality of care.

Topics include:

- Electrocochleography in cochlear implantation
- Pediatric hearing and vestibular disease
- A gene-corrected autologous airway stem cell therapy to treat cystic fibrosis sinus disease
- Frontal sinus trauma

For more information and to register, visit [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ENT23](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ENT23).

## Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

Friday, April 21, 2023

*Presented in person and virtually from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center*

The 40th Annual Dwight A. Powell Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference *in conjunction with* the 38th Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference, will feature topics:

- Kawasaki disease and Kawasaki-like syndromes
- The Mpox (monkeypox) conundrum
- Multidisciplinary discussion panel: COVID-induced vasculitis
- Community-acquired pneumonia
- Resurgence of vaccine preventable diseases
- ID nursing narratives: Lyme disease

*Featuring Nationwide Children's Hospital alumni and current faculty speakers, including Preeti Jaggi, MD, who will also present at Pediatric Grand Rounds on April 20, 2023.*

Register today at [bit.ly/NCHID2023](https://bit.ly/NCHID2023).

## 13th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference

Friday, May 5, 2023

*Presented in person from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center*

This conference is designed for pediatricians, family practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists, social workers, pharmacists, and clinical staff from hospitals, urgent care, primary care, and school facilities with students/patients who have asthma and allergies.

Topics Include:

- Case-based approach to stepping up and down asthma medication therapy using the 2020 NHLBI-focused updates
- Biologic therapy: available treatments and patient selection
- Effect of asthma on mental health
- Using asthma self-management to empower patients

For more information, visit [bit.ly/Asthma2023](https://bit.ly/Asthma2023).

## Neonatal and Fetal Conference: From the Womb and Beyond

Wednesday, May 17 to Friday, May 19, 2023

*Presented in person and virtually from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center*

This conference will highlight concepts of continuous quality improvement and safety in fetal and neonatal practice. The rapidly expanding evidence in both specialty areas poses challenges for the health care professional to remain current and to recognize opportunities for change in thought and practice. The goal of the conference is to offer science, methodology, practice initiatives and discussion points for the participant to explore.

This conference is designed for practitioners, clinicians, and students in neonatology, pediatrics, obstetrics, genetic counseling, maternal-fetal medicine, fetal surgery, pediatric surgery, cardiology and sonography.

For more information and to register, visit [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NeoFetal23](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NeoFetal23).

# First Annual Pediatric Cardiology Symposium

Friday, June 23, 2023

*Presented in person and virtually from Nationwide Children's Hospital Conference Center*

The first annual Pediatric Cardiology Symposium will address the diagnosis, management, and indications for referral for common pediatric cardiology diagnoses through a combination of lectures, panel discussions, and small group sessions. This symposium is designed to provide general pediatric practitioners with the cardiology knowledge and tools needed for patients with common and not-so-common pediatric cardiology complaints.

Topics include:

- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- Dizziness, Syncope, POTS
- ECG Pearls
- Family History – when to worry
- Marfan Syndrome – when to refer

For more information, visit [bit.ly/3HNcLKR](https://bit.ly/3HNcLKR).

## Additional Conferences

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://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com).

- June 9, 2023 13th Annual Bodies in Motion Conference
- June 13, 2023 CCHEOR Annual Health Equity Summit
- September 7-9, 2023 2nd World Congress on Pediatric Neurogastroenterology and Motility (PNM) 2023
- September 21-22, 2023 Robotic Surgery for Pediatric Surgeons: Program Development and Beyond
- October 20, 2023 Pediatric Dermatology Symposium
- November 10, 2023 Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

# Get a Head Start on Your MOC Part 4 Requirements

Submit all application materials no later than October 15, 2023, for new MOC4 QI projects. Submit an attestation form no later than November 12, 2023, for physician credit for existing projects. For more information, search 'MOC' on ANCHOR or email [MOC@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:MOC@NationwideChildrens.org).

## Simulation and Outreach Center 2022 Recap

The mission of Nationwide Children's Simulation Center is to integrate agile and immersive simulation that leads to the best outcomes in pediatric health care. 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.

Sim Center "By the Numbers" 2022 Recap

- Number of Learners – 6,906 (40% increase from 2021)
- Learner Hours – 2,400 (26% increase from 2021)
- Number of Sessions - 840 (45% increase from 2021)

Sim Center Session Evaluations (based on a scale of 1-5, where 1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree)

- Improved Clinical Skills: 4.75
- Likelihood of Changing Practice: 4.56
- Can Perform Task Better: 4.76

## Event and Conference Planning Support

Nationwide Children's Hospital supports continuing education through the provision of professional conferencing services via the department of Interprofessional Education and Conferences. Depending on the size and scope of your event, our conference and event coordinators provide a full range of services to ensure your event is a success. Send an email to [IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org) for more information.

## Professional Conference Service Fees

Interprofessional Education and Conferences provides full-scale professional conferencing services for divisions, sections and departments of Nationwide Children's. A new conference fee model will be based on the provision of standard services for a flat rate based on length and complexity. A la carte fees are described

for additional requested services beyond standard services. The new conference fee model will go into effect for any new conference agreements signed for conferences occurring on or after July 1. Conference agreements previously signed for 2023 or conferences that occur prior to this date will be assessed fees based on the current structure. For more information on the fee structure, search ‘Conferencing’ on ANCHOR.

GRAND ROUNDS

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds takes place every Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. A schedule of upcoming and prior recorded sessions is on the Nationwide Children’s Physician Connect app and the hospital intranet (ANCHOR) calendar. Learn more about Pediatric Grand Rounds at [bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds](https://bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds).

Upcoming sessions are listed:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/Department
3/9 – virtual only	Shared struggles: Stories from parents to pediatricians	Barry Markovitz, MD, MPH, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Ann Schrooten, Author and Attorney
3/16	The 2023 AAP Clinical Practice Guideline for Childhood Obesity: What is new, old and blue?	Marc Michalsky, MD, MBA and Ihuoma Eneli, MD, Nationwide Children’s Hospital
3/23	Changing the landscape of UTI in children	Emily Stonebrook, MD, and Laura Schwartz, MD, Nationwide Children’s Hospital
3/30 – virtual only	Child abuse and domestic violence	Gunjan Tiyyagura, MD, MHS, Yale University School of Medicine
4/6	The sacred calling of caring for children	Richard Gunderman, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine
4/13	Movement disorder program	Toni Pearson, MD Nationwide Children’s Hospital
4/18	Climate change	Infectious Diseases Conference-Preeti Jaggi, MD, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Cloud CME and Physician Connect App

To register for educational activities, manage your profile and view your transcript, log in to [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com). Click the “Help” button if you need assistance getting started or have other questions. You can also 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. You can find it on the App Store for Apple iOS and Google Play for Android. Use the group code to get started: [nationwidechildrens](https://nationwidechildrens.org).

Download the Physician Connect app for a wide array of expert pediatric content direct from Nationwide Children’s. The app includes resources, calculators, a provider directory, Nationwide Children’s locations, news and more.

Lounge and Learn

The Medical Staff Office is pleased to welcome you to the upcoming Lounge and Learn sessions on the second Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m. via Webex. If you have 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.

Upcoming Virtual Sessions:

- March 10 – Praveen Goday, MD, New Feeding Practices for GI Patients
- April 14 – Garey Noritz, MD, and Laurie Glader, MD, Caring for Patients with Cerebral Palsy
- May 12 – David Michalec, PhD, Evaluation of Developmental Delay/Autism

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