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NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Region's First Proton Therapy Center Now Open



Nationwide Children's Hospital is proud to launch the first proton therapy treatment facility in central Ohio. In partnership with The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, the proton therapy center houses the most advanced radiation treatment capabilities in the world, including FLASH therapy, which has shown to deliver a

high-energy proton beam to cancerous tissue at ultra-high dose rate, providing what would normally be six weeks of traditional radiation in under one second.

Patients with cancer brain tumors and other specific cancers will no longer need to leave Columbus to receive state-of-the-art care. To learn more about the center and proton therapy, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Proton-Therapy.

Nationwide Children's is Authorized Treatment Center for Sickle Cell Gene Therapy

Nationwide Children's Hospital has recently been designated an authorized treatment center for CASGEVY™ (exagamglogene autotemcel (exa-cel)), a gene therapy for the treatment of sickle cell disease.

In December 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved CASGEVY, which was developed by pharmaceutical company Vertex Pharmaceuticals and CRISPR Therapeutics, for the treatment of sickle cell disease in adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older who require regular red blood cell transfusions.

With Vertex Pharmaceuticals' designation, Nationwide Children's becomes one of a handful of facilities throughout the United States certified to have the advanced facilities and specially trained staff necessary for the administration of CASGEVY.

CASGEVY is a CRISPR-based gene therapy that edits a patient's own blood stem cells to produce high levels of the healthy, oxygen-carrying hemoglobin that is typically produced in utero. For more information, visit NationwideChildrens.org/newsroom.



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2024 Physician Recognition Award Nominations

The Medical Staff Recognition Committee is accepting nominees for the 2024 Career Contribution Awards, Golden Stethoscope Awards and Art of Medicine Awards. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the Physician Recognition Awards event on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Watch your email for guidelines and nomination forms. Nominations are due to the Medical Staff Office by March 31. If you have any questions, email Yvonne.Jackson@NationwideChildrens.org.

COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

Ohio Amblyope Registry

The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) is the first and only statewide program in the United States designed to serve the needs of children with amblyopia (commonly known as “Lazy Eye”), their families and eye doctors. It is a voluntary registration program to increase knowledge about amblyopia, its treatment and prevention. The OAR provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, free literature about amblyopia and its causes, as well as other important services to help families of children with amblyopia. All services are free of charge (restricted to Ohio residents only). The OAR is part of the Save Our Sight program that receives voluntary contributions from the check-off donation box on the Ohio License plate renewal forms.

2024 Addressing Racism in Maternal-Infant Care Continuing Education Series

Tuesday, February 20, at noon and Wednesday, February 21, at 7 a.m.

Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, and livestream

Ohio Better Birth Outcomes is hosting several upcoming workshops. This year’s series will focus on patient/provider relationships. Portia Newman, PhD, associate vice president, Education and Engagement, Chartis Center for Health Equity & Belonging, will be the speaker for the February workshops.

Breakfast or lunch will be provided. To register, visit [Redcap.link/February2024ARMIC](https://redcap.link/February2024ARMIC). Stay tuned for additional workshops in May and August.

Rare Disease Day

March 1, 2024, 2-3 p.m., booths and exhibits are open, 3 p.m., program begins

Stecker Auditorium, Nationwide Children’s

Rare Disease Day at Nationwide Children’s is part of a global observance to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impact on patients and families. Please join us to learn more—and encourage your patients and families to be part of this educational event. If you have questions or for registration, contact RareDiseaseDay@NationwideChildrens.org or call Community Education at (614) 355-0662.

Project ECHO Series

Project ECHO is a collaborative, tele-mentoring program designed to bring together subject matter experts and community providers in an “all teach, all learn” environment. ECHO creates ongoing learning communities where community-based providers from a variety of disciplines receive support and develop the skills they need to diagnose and treat pediatric patients. Designed to help move knowledge, not patients, through case discussions and didactic presentations, Nationwide Children’s offers ECHO groups across a range of topics. Registration is available at no cost to participants and is currently open for the Pediatric Pain and Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders series. Visit NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO to learn more and register.

Partners For Kids®: Unified Preferred Drug List

Partners For Kids’ Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL) for Ohio Medicaid Plans is now available for review. The Ohio Department of Medicaid’s UPDL is developed and implemented by the single Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Gainwell Technologies. PFK has condensed the UPDL into commonly prescribed drug classes for pediatric primary care and behavioral health providers. There are important updates to asthma medications and otic antibiotics that may impact your Ohio Medicaid patients. For more information, visit PartnersforKids.org.

Cystic Fibrosis Newborn Screening in Ohio: Need to Know Information for the Primary Care Provider



May 9, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m.

Virtual Conference

To register, scan the QR code or go to <https://t.ly/ITINa>.

If you have questions about an abnormal cystic fibrosis newborn screen, email CFnewbornscreen@NationwideChildrens.org.

FEATURED PHYSICIAN



Sarah Denny, MD, FAAP, works as an attending physician in the Division of Primary Care Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and as an associate professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Denny is director of Resident Advocacy Education at Nationwide Children's and enjoys teaching pediatric residents how pediatricians can effectively advocate for

the needs of their patients. She also works in School Health, serving as the medical director of the partnership between Nationwide Children's and Reynoldsburg City Schools. She is medical director of injury prevention initiatives for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Denny sits on the board of directors for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is the co-chair of the advocacy pillar.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In 1937, Dr. Earl Baxter, a practicing pediatrician, became the first chair of the Department of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University but was housed in our present site of Nationwide Children's.
- In 1953, the present onsite library became associated with The Ohio State University libraries.

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.

Reid C. Chambers, DO, Orthopedics

"Excellent experience with Dr. Chambers. He brought visual aids and helped us learn to physically handle our newborn with a broken arm by demonstrating with her. He was very nice and had thorough explanations. We didn't feel rushed at all."

Alex C. DiBartola, MD, MPH, Orthopedics

"Everyone from the moment we walked into the surgery center to the time we left was helpful, friendly, caring and attentive. We felt comfortable and had all the information we needed for our child's procedure. The doctor communicated very clearly what was going to be done and why. He was attentive and patient, making sure to answer our questions and address our concerns. We felt comfortable throughout the surgery and leaving the hospital."

V. Rama Jayanthi, MD, Pediatric Urology, and Mark A. Ranalli, MD, Pediatrics

"As a health care worker myself, I am more than impressed and grateful for the high level of collaboration between different disciplines my son and I engaged for his episode of care. Urology, oncology and the surgery center could not have handled this any better. We felt well supported and informed."

Kaitrin K. Kramer, DDS, MS, PhD, Dentistry

"Dr. Kramer and staff continue to be favorites for my daughter. We were even at another appointment on the same floor, and my daughter was excited just for Dr. Kramer to stop in and say hi."

John M. Russo, MD, Pediatrics

"My daughter has seen Dr. Russo for years, and we love how he talks with her and asks her questions. He asks questions and gives answers! Very personable! We love the clinic, and everyone is very sweet and informative. We never have to wait long, and Dr. Russo and the staff are thorough!"

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

2024 Kidney and Urinary Tract Center Symposium

March 13, 2024, 5-7 p.m., Discovery Auditorium, Opening Address

March 14, 2024, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Nationwide Children's Conference Center, State-of-the-art in Congenital Obstructive Uropathy

The overall goal of this symposium is to provide a current, high-level summary of the mechanisms and management of congenital obstructive uropathy due to bladder outlet obstruction, highlighting knowledge gaps and making recommendations about next steps for research to guide

the care of patients at all phases of their disease course. Nationwide Children's physicians and staff can register at [Tinyurl.com/2s3zvttt](https://tinyurl.com/2s3zvttt). All others can email Symposium@NationwideChildrens.org to register.

2024 Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research's Communities Aiming to Reach Equity Summit

April 2, 2024, 4-6:30 p.m., Interactive, educational pre-summit symposium panel discussion presented by WE GOT US NOW and reception

April 3, 2024, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research's Communities Aiming to Reach Equity Summit: Standing Against Structural Racism

This summit will highlight the state of research and practice around addressing structural racism and its impact on the community and clinical settings. This year's attendees will have the opportunity to engage with researchers, our local and national partners and community members. Register now at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/CCHEORCARES24.

2024 Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Symposium

April 17, 2024

The 2024 Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Symposium will present 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. Register now at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ENT24.

2024 Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

April 19, 2024

The 41st Annual Dwight A. Powell Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference in conjunction with the 39th Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference, will present material covering a variety of infectious diseases seen in the pediatric population as encountered by various primary care professionals. Register now at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ID2024.

14th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference

May 3, 2024

This conference will highlight emerging information and practical advice regarding asthma management for providers of asthma patients across all levels of care. This conference is designed for pediatricians, family practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists, social workers, pharmacists and clinical staff from hospital, urgent care, primary care and school facilities with students/patients who have asthma and allergies. For more information, visit NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/asthma2024.

2024 Neonatal/Fetal Conference: From the Womb and Beyond

May 14, 2024, Neonatal Main Conference

May 15, 2024, Neonatal and Fetal Main Conference

May 16, 2024, Fetal Main Conference Neonatal Post Conference: Foundations of Care and Infant Function

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 healthcare 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. Register online at [Tinyurl.com/2jw2249x](https://tinyurl.com/2jw2249x).

2nd Global Symposium of Research Methodology Innovation in Trauma and Emergency Care

May 22-23, 2024

The overarching goal of the symposium is to share innovative ideas, new research methodologies, and emerging technologies that address gaps in trauma and emergency care research. Experts in trauma care, emergency medicine, and research recognize the need for innovative approaches, rigorous scientific methods, and strong implementation science to ensure robust study design, sound statistical approaches, unbiased reporting of results, and effective translational efforts to disseminate research findings into medical care in real-world settings. Register online at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/TEC24.

Additional Conferences

To learn more or register for an upcoming conference, visit [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/conferences). For information on event and conference planning support, email IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org.

- June 7, 2024, 14th Annual Bodies in Motion Conference: Evaluation and Treatment Considerations for the Adolescent Athlete
- July 19-21, 2024, Clinical and Scientific Advances in Urinary Tract Infections Conference
- July 24-27, 2024, Future Directions Forum
- August 21-23, 2024, 2nd Annual Robotic Surgery for Pediatric Surgeons Conference
- September 19-20, 2024, 2024 IMPAACT Summit
- September 27, 2024, Sickle Cell Trait and Disease in 2024: Primer for the Primary Care Provider
- October 3-4, 2024, Multidisciplinary Early Recovery After Pediatric Cardiac Surgery (MERCURY) Meeting
- October 11, 2024, 2nd Annual Cardiology Symposium
- October 18, 2024, 2024 Dermatology Symposium
- November 7-9, 2024, Integrated Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies in Pediatric Oncology Symposium
- November 15, 2024, Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

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.

Upcoming sessions include:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
2/15/24	Perinatal Marijuana Exposure and Considerations	Rakhi Gupta Basuray, MD Nationwide Children’s Hospital
2/22/24	Supporting Bereaved Siblings/Surviving Children: Research Based Approach to Understanding Childhood Bereavement, the Surviving Child’s Experience and Interventions Available/ Endorsed	Megan Schaefer, PhD, and Priyal Patel, DO Nationwide Children’s Hospital
2/29/24	Rewriting the Textbook: How Studying a Rare Disease can Lead to new Insights Into Human Molecular Physiology	Rare Disease Day Helen Su, MD, PhD National Institutes of Health and Whitney Ward, Patient Speaker
3/7/24	Picky Eater	Praveen Goday, MD Nationwide Children’s Hospital
3/14/24	Microaggressions	Nichole Washington, MD Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

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 session invitations, email **Bruce.**

Meyer@NationwideChildrens.org or **Rhonda.Burk@NationwideChildrens.org** or call our office to leave a message at (614) 722-4550.

Upcoming virtual sessions:

February 9 – James MacDonald, MD, Exercise Prescriptions

March 8 – Mahmoud Kallash, MD, Hypertension Update

April 12 – Laura Rust, MD, Future Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Practicing Clinicians

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21, for the 2024 “A Healthy You and 22q Conference.” This event is hosted every two years at Nationwide Children’s to bring together families and those affected by 22q. Programming will include updates on medical research, information on the 22q medical profile, breakout sessions on various topics, programming for kids of all ages, a catered lunch and more. For additional information, check out **22qfamilyfoundation.org**.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Pam & Jack Beeler Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

Join upcoming virtual sessions via the listed Zoom link from noon to 1 p.m.

February 15 - Griffin Stout, MD and Heather Thobe, LPCC-S, MPH, Eating Disorders **<https://zoom.us/j/93705986731>**

March 21 – Cody Hostutler, PhD, Behavioral Health Integration
<https://zoom.us/j/91876076410>

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