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NEWS YOU CAN USE



Beth Kozel, MD, PhD, Named Division Chief of Genetic and Genomic Medicine and Director of

Constitutional Genomics Translational Research

Beth Kozel, MD, PhD, has joined Nationwide Children's Hospital as the division chief of Genetic and Genomic Medicine and director of Constitutional Genomics Translational Research in the Steve and Cindy Rasmussen Institute for Genomic Medicine. She is also a principal investigator in the Institute for Genomic Medicine.

Dr. Kozel is a clinical geneticist with extensive experience in genetics, vascular and matrix biology, with recent research efforts focusing on designing methods for genetic modifier discovery in rare disease cohorts, specifically Williams Syndrome and Isolated Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis. She previously directed the multidisciplinary Williams Syndrome Center at Washington University School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital. She has served on governing bodies and promoted equity in science throughout her career.

Dr. Kozel was co-awarded the 2023 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director's Award as a member of the Vascular Diagnostics Center team for establishment of the first of its kind center at the NIH.

Dr. Kozel has authored more than 75 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and is active in multiple research and clinical societies. She is engaged in local, national and international research and patient-focused advocacy. To date, she has mentored more than 30 undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, medical students and post-doctoral fellows in various capacities.

Nationwide Children's Top Ranked as Employer for Diversity



Nationwide Children's once again has been named one of "America's Best Employers for Diversity" in 2024 by Forbes. Nationwide Children's ranked second among all hospitals in Ohio and in the top five among children's hospitals nationally, ranked 76th overall among all employers in the nation, and eighth nationally in the health care and social services category.

This honor comes on the heels of Nationwide Children's recently being recognized on Forbes' 2024 'America's Best Large Employers' list.'



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Close To HomeSM Will Expand to Grove City

We are pleased to announce an expansion of our Close To Home network with a new site planned in early 2026 in Grove City on Stringtown Road. The Grove City Close To Home with Urgent Care will offer clinical therapies, lab services, imaging, EKGs and an urgent care.

By growing the network of Close To Home Centers, Nationwide Children's is making important pediatric care convenient and accessible to families in Grove City and southwestern Columbus.

Nationwide Children's Receives HRSA Grant, Strives to Improve Maternal and Infant Health in Southeast Ohio

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded Nationwide Children's a \$4.7 million grant for the implementation of the *Healthy Start Initiative*, striving to improve the health of moms and babies in three Appalachian Ohio counties.

The hospital's award is the only Ohio Healthy Start award exclusively serving rural Appalachian families. In this area of the state, infant mortality rates are higher than statewide and national averages, according to the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Barriers that contribute to infant health disparities in these counties include economic well-being, housing affordability, access to childcare and rural landscape challenges such as broadband access and transportation.

In collaboration with community partners in Ross, Pike and Scioto counties, and in alignment with priorities outlined by the Ohio Department of Youth, four key strategies will be implemented through the *Healthy Start* funding:

1. *Embedding community health workers* into prenatal and pediatric settings to help families access evidence-based programs and address needs related to social determinants of health, such as food security and stable housing.
2. *Building and expanding support* around health education, legal services, home visitation, behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment.
3. *Establishing a community consortium* composed of local health care, public health and social service partners to coordinate clinical care and social support services, share health outcome data and promote health education.

4. *Growing a sustainable voice of local community members* to co-lead the community consortium to help ensure *Healthy Start* implementation reflects community needs.

Read more at [NationwideChildrens.org/Newsroom](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Newsroom).

COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

Partners For Kids' Asthma Toolkit

Partners For Kids has designed a toolkit to help health care professionals address the needs of their patients with asthma. The toolkit includes a list of resources for providers and patients, including prescribing guidelines, educational webinars, action plans, tips for inhaler usage and more – all in one place. The information is updated regularly based on current clinical guidelines, recommendations and data. For more information, visit PartnersForKids.org.

Food Resources for Families

Help families find free resources, including places to get meals, walk-in food pantries, food stamp (EBT) assistance and more through CAP4Kids. CAP4Kids is a website that provides many activities and resources to help families in the central Ohio area. Check out their food resource insert card to share with patient families. To find more helpful resources for patient families, visit CAP4Kids.org/Columbus.

Project ECHO Educational Programming

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a collaborative and innovative tele-mentoring program designed to create virtual communities of practice by bringing together subject matter experts and community providers.

Summer/Fall Series:

- ECHO Autism: Primary Care
- ECHO Telehealth Autism Assessment
- ECHO Pain Continuity
- ECHO Behavioral Health in Primary Care: Foundations
- ECHO Obesity: Continuity
 - Preventive Cardiology
 - Nephrology

For your patient families, Family ECHO: Autism is also available. Visit [NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/ECHO) for additional information.

Partners For Kids' Care Coordination Awarded NCQA Accreditation

Partners For Kids' Care Coordination was awarded a three-year accreditation status upon completion of the NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance) Complex Case Management accreditation survey. This is the highest category awarded by NCQA for service and quality, which demonstrates strong performance of rigorous requirements for case management.

The NCQA is a central figure in driving improvement throughout the United States health care system and is recognized as the highest standard of accreditation and validation of health care programs. Are you interested in referring a patient to Partners For Kids' Care Coordination? Contact PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org or call (855) 562-4735.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In 1979, 55 members of the medical staff were full-time faculty of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Currently, there are over 800.
- In 1979, there were 443 physician members on the medical staff. Presently, there are 1,662 physician members.

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.

Linda Chun, MD, Pediatrics

"We are absolutely amazed at the care that is given by Dr. Chun. We are so very happy with how she shows great concern for our daughter. Communication with her is top notch. We love her, and she really cares."

Scott Leibowitz, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

"We are so grateful to have our child in Dr. Scott Leibowitz's care. He is supporting us as a family, and we couldn't be more thrilled with the THRIVE Program. The doctors all work as a team, and our care has been excellent. The THRIVE Program is a game-changer for families with transgender children. Dr. Leibowitz's management of the program supports the total family and allows for 360° care of the child. He and his team are literally saving lives."

Casey Levy, MD, MPH, Pediatrics

"Dr. Levy has a great balance of professionalism and personality and makes me feel involved and informed with my care."

Alok Moharir, MD, Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine

"Dr. Moharir talked calmly to my daughter which made her very trusting in him, and she wasn't afraid to go with him to get ready for surgery. This was the most family-oriented atmosphere I have ever entered. We were quickly assisted and kindly spoken to while getting ready for surgery."

John Mytinger, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Mytinger is absolutely the best. He always listens to our concerns, is very understanding, and takes the time to explain his responses and what he sees with our son. I could not have found a better neurologist for our little boy! We are so thankful he works at Nationwide Children's in Columbus and was there when we first went in four years ago!"

Reno Ravindran, MD, Pediatrics

"We feel very comfortable with Dr. Ravindran and know that he is giving us the best care! I tell people about him all the time. He is the first person I think of when considering a sports medicine doctor for my kids."

HEMOCARE UPDATE

Delivering HME Supplies to All 88 Counties

Home Medical Equipment (HME) supplies are available to pediatric patients throughout Ohio. HME provides everything from aerosol equipment to formula, enteral pumps and supplies, wound dressings, and incontinence supplies. The only HME equipment currently not available outside Homecare's primary nine-county service area is phototherapy. This is due to Joint Commission regulations, which require a Homecare HME technician to provide evaluation and setup in the patient's home. The HME team is piloting some options to allow for the expansion of delivering phototherapy equipment to all of Ohio's 88 counties. See the updated HME fact sheet in this month's mailing for more information.

To initiate a referral, call Homecare at (614) 355-1100 or (800) 466-2727. Providers need to sign and complete a physician order via Epic, or for those not on Epic, a referral form is available on our Professionals page at [NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Homecare).

Homecare's updated service area map notes new areas of expansion for many of its services. Therapy Services provides care to pediatric patients in Delaware, Fairfield and Franklin counties. In addition to Homecare's primary nine-county referral area, the Intermittent Skilled Nursing team is accepting

referrals for patients living in Knox and Muskingum counties. Intermittent Skilled Nursing and Therapy Services are now provided to pediatric patients in the Toledo counties of Lucas, Wood and Hancock. Homecare has a satellite office in Toledo to provide those specific services.

For questions regarding any Homecare services or programs, email Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

2nd Annual Robotic Surgery for Pediatric Surgeons Conference: Program Development and Beyond

August 21-23

The conference will focus on robotic surgery program development and common clinical applications in addition to a hands-on lab experience designed to introduce robotic surgery to practicing pediatric surgeons. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/robotics2024.

Multidisciplinary Early Recovery After Pediatric Cardiac Surgery (MERCURY) Meeting

October 3-4

Learn to safely reduce postoperative morbidity and ICU/hospital length of stay by utilizing Nationwide Children's MERCURY approach to early recovery after surgery. Immerse your team in a two-day hands-on experience to gain confidence in achieving reliable and safe intraoperative extubation, lowered device days and reduced blood transfusion for congenital heart surgery. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/MERCURY24.

2nd Annual Pediatric Cardiology Symposium

October 11

The Pediatric Cardiology Symposium is for health care providers who treat and evaluate pediatric patients. The conference will address the diagnosis, management, and indications for referral for common pediatric cardiology diagnoses through lectures, panel discussions and small group sessions. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/Cardio2024.

2024 Nationwide Children's XR Symposium

October 15

The conference will highlight emerging technology, research findings, and innovative applications and create partnerships in the field of extended reality across a number of industries. Our goal in hosting this conference is to bring together extended reality (XR) enthusiasts from across the Midwest to share exciting XR projects, happenings, and lessons learned, generate new ideas, stimulate collaboration and foster a multi-industry XR community in the region. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/XR2024.

3rd Annual Pediatric Dermatology Conference

October 18

Hosted by Nationwide Children's Dermatology Clinic, this conference will highlight updates on pediatric dermatologic conditions frequently seen in the primary care practice. The goal is to equip primary care providers with the knowledge and resources to confidently care for these patients and to gain insights into the pediatric dermatology clinic. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/2024Derm.

Pediatric Gastroenterology for Primary Care Clinicians

November 1

This one-day hybrid conference is aimed to provide primary care and general pediatric clinicians with up-to-date information on the identification, diagnosis and management of common gastrointestinal conditions. Additionally, attendees will receive practical resources to help care for their patients and the opportunity to build community with the pediatric gastroenterology team at Nationwide Children's via discussion and socialization. Registration at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/GI2024

Additional Conferences

To learn more or register for an upcoming conference, visit NationwideChildrens.org/conferences. For information on event and conference planning support, email IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org.

- August 16, 2024, Adaptive Sports Medicine Conference
- September 19-20, 2024, IMPAACT Summit
- November 7-9, 2024, Pediatric Oncology Integrated Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies Symposium
- November 15, 2024, Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

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 ANCHOR. Learn more at bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds.

Upcoming sessions include:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
7/11	Geospatial Analytics: Bringing Place to Pediatric Research, QI and Population Situational Awareness	Andrew Beck, MD, MPH Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
7/18	Addressing Racism in Pediatric Liver Transplantation: A Moral Imperative	Peace Dike, MD Stanford Medicine
7/25	The Future of Clinical Trials	Derek Angus, MD, MPH University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and University of Pittsburgh
8/1	TBD	
8/8	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Medicine	Wayne Liang, MD Emory University School of Medicine
8/15	Physical Activity and Sport Participation in Youth With Disabilities: Research Updates and Applications	Mary Dubon, MD Harvard Medical School
8/22	Pediatric Long COVID	Amy Edwards, MD University Hospitals
8/29	Personalized Management of Sleep Disordered Breathing in Children	Maninder S. Kalra, MD, PhD Nationwide Children’s Hospital

2024 Maintenance of Certification Part 4 Credit

Do you have a MOC cycle ending this year? Be sure you claim your Part 4 Credit in time. For new MOC4 QI projects, submit your application materials no later than October 18, 2024. To receive credit for existing projects, submit an attestation form no later than December 1, 2024. For more information, visit the ANCHOR MOC page or email MOC@NationwideChildrens.org.

The Pam & Jack Beeler Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

Join upcoming sessions in Allen Auditorium at Nationwide Children’s Conference Center, 520 Butterfly Gardens Drive, or via Zoom link from noon to 1 p.m.

July 18 – Oliver Lindiem, PhD, Digital Tools for the Assessment of Child Psychopathology and Delivery of Parenting Interventions, Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/98503682841>

August 15 - Rasim Somer Diler, MD, University of Pittsburgh, Novel Approaches in Diagnosing and Monitoring of Mixed Presentations in Youth With and at Risk for Bipolar Spectrum Disorders, Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/97623458841>

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