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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Nationwide Children's Renames Center for Gene Therapy, Honoring Jerry Mendell, MD

Nationwide Children's announced in September the renaming and dedication of the **Jerry R. Mendell, MD Center for Gene Therapy** at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute, in honor of Jerry Mendell, MD, a pioneer in the fields of neurology and gene therapy and a catalyst for advancement in the treatment of multiple neuromuscular disorders.

Dr. Mendell's work in neuromuscular disease began more than 50 years ago, when he saw his first patient with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Thanks in part to his passion to develop new treatments for patients with neuromuscular disorders, he led the pivotal clinical trials for two of the first eight gene therapies approved by the FDA.

Established in 2002, the Center for Gene Therapy aims to investigate and employ the use of gene -based therapeutics for prevention and treatment of human diseases. In addition to clinical trials in muscular dystrophies, the center has a range of programs directed toward central nervous system disorders. Center faculty are also evaluating the use of a variety of techniques, including delivery of surrogate genes, vectorized exon skipping, nonviral gene delivery, gene editing with CRISPR-based systems, modulation of gene expression, and fetal gene therapy approaches.

Currently, Dr. Mendell serves as an advisor to the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's, as well as senior advisor at Sarepta Therapeutics. He is also an emeritus professor of pediatrics and neurology at The Ohio State University.



Elizabeth Kryszak, PhD, Honored With Excellence in Psychological Assessment Award

The Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (SCCAP) and the American Psychological Association

(APA) were thrilled to honor **Elizabeth (Liz) Kryszak, PhD**, with the 2024 R. Bob Smith Excellence in Psychological Assessment Award, presented at the APA Convention in Seattle in August.

Dr. Kryszak's exceptional contributions to psychological assessment have been instrumental in developing the Virtual Evaluation Diagnostic Assessment model. This interdisciplinary evaluation approach for autism spectrum disorder, initiated during the global pandemic, employs telehealth observation measures such as the Autism Detection in Early Childhood-Virtual (ADEC-V) model. Her work on the "Project ECHO Telehealth Autism Assessment" and the creation of a nationally applicable clinical curriculum to disseminate best practices to clinicians in remote or underserved areas have further solidified her impact. Dr. Kryszak's efforts have reached a global audience, including partners and participants from Australia, Argentina, Canada and China.



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37th Annual Celiac Conference

The 37th Annual Celiac Conference will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Nationwide Children's Education Center. This fun, educational day is designed for children and adults who have, or know someone who has, celiac disease. Nationwide Children's experts will share the latest research and updates on celiac disease and a gluten-free diet. Attend one of three tracks within the conference, each designed for specific age groups: adults, teens and school-age children. Registration includes educational materials, access to professionals, lunch and more. For more information, contact Community Education at (614) 355-0662 or email CommunityEducation@NationwideChildrens.org.

Supporting Families With the Free Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

Raising children can be challenging. The Positive Parenting Program offers free workshops to help parents and caregivers of children aged 0 to 12 years. Designed to fit each family's unique needs, the program aims to reduce stress and boost confidence to help raise happy, successful kids. These sessions offer simple, practical strategies that can be adapted to fit each family's values and beliefs. Be sure to share this free, valuable resource with your patient families. To learn more, visit NationwideChildrens.org/TripleP.

New Guidance for Safe Contraceptive Use: Key Updates from the CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Reproductive Health released the 2024 U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC) for Contraceptive Use on August 8, marking the first major update since 2016. Key updates include new guidelines for obesity, lupus, sickle cell disease and chronic kidney disease. The companion guide, Select Practice Recommendations, now includes advice on IUD (intrauterine device) placement, managing bleeding with contraceptive implants and more. These updates aim to reduce medical barriers and support patient-centered, non-coercive contraceptive services. Access the updated guidelines by downloading the CDC smartphone app or visiting cdc.gov.

Free Spanish Mental Health Resources

Visit KidsMentalHealthFoundation.org/Para-Ustedes for links to Spanish mental health resources and downloads. Families can learn about **Ariana Hoet, PhD**, the executive clinical director of The Kids Mental Health Foundation, pediatric psychologist, Spanish speaker and immigrant from Venezuela.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In 1964, Dr. Bruce Graham was named department chair of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University and medical director of Columbus Children's Hospital (now Nationwide Children's Hospital).
- In 1978, Dr. Grant Morrow III was named department chair of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University and medical director of Columbus Children's (now 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.

Seth Alpert, MD, Pediatric Urology

"The doctor was wonderful, and I would absolutely recommend him to anybody needing his service. By far one of the best hospitals, I've ever been to. Thank you to everybody who helped us out."

Linda Baker, MD, Pediatric Urology

"Dr. Baker and her team were extremely accommodating. We traveled all the way from Mississippi to see Dr. Baker and we would do it again."

Kim Bjorklund, MD, Pediatric Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

"Dr. Kim B. was simply amazing! She is truly a godsend. I was nervous to have to do surgery. She made me feel so comfortable, provided excellent care and made me feel at ease during surgery. She was so informative and so kind. She truly loves her job, and it shows! She is amazing."

Erin Fastzkie, PhD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

"Dr. Erin has helped my daughter so much. I believe she improves with every session. This has been, by far, the best experience my daughter has had in dealing with her issues. It's incredible to see the improvement in her."

Chelsea Kebodeaux, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology

"I am so thankful for this team. Our primary care provider called and got our daughter in the next day for an urgent visit. Dr. Kebodeaux was not supposed to be in the clinic that day, but she came in to see my daughter. She was patient, explained everything to both of us and knew exactly what the diagnosis was. We are beyond thankful for their expertise, professionalism, and teamwork with our primary care provider. We would recommend them any day!"

Vanessa Ng, MD, Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine

"The anesthesiologist was outstanding. I loved her! She reassured me that my son would be okay, she explained every step of the way as well as answered any and all questions. I felt that my feelings were valid and that any question was ok to ask. She was very friendly and patient. I'd recommend her to anyone! I was nervous and she was there for me as well as my son! Everyone seemed like a family, everyone was outgoing and kind. Everyone as a team made us feel "at home" too. It really made us feel comfortable and well taken care of!"

Benjamin Prince, MD, Pediatrics

"He listens and patiently explains so that I can understand thoroughly the needs of my special needs child. He is amazingly knowledgeable and thorough with the details I need to help my son. I ask more questions than most and need lots of reminders. The whole team always goes above and beyond to help me. They give us quality of life and deserve recognition."

HEMOCARE UPDATE

Homecare RSV Season Reminder

The use of single dose nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) for RSV prevention is recommended. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met in June and made no changes to the recommendations for infant prophylaxis with monoclonal antibodies such as nirsevimab. According to the ACIP, "all infants are recommended to be protected by either maternal RSV vaccination or nirsevimab for the 2024-2025 RSV season."

Resources regarding the use of nirsevimab (Beyfortus™):

- Partners For Kids® (PFK) newsletters have updated information for community providers, accessible online at **PartnersForKids.org**. The updated PFK RSV prevention website includes new tools and resources from American Academy of Pediatrics, CDC and Sanofi.

Additional information and a link to the recording of the webinar with **Pablo Sanchez, MD**, from September 12, are available at **NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare** under the "Professionals" tab. Please feel free to share this information with your staff and colleagues.

If you have questions regarding services or programs, call (614) 355-1100, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding national holidays, or email **Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org**.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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. Register at **NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/GI2024**.

Pediatric Oncology Integrated Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies Symposium

November 7-9

This hybrid symposium, sponsored by the Nationwide Children's Hospital Division of Hematology, Oncology, and Blood & Marrow Transplant, in collaboration with Department of Pathology and the Institute for Genomic Medicine, will provide a comprehensive three-day overview of current and developing diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, allowing pediatric oncology teams to integrate these new tools at each stage of care of children with cancer. Register at **NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/TargetedTherapies2024**.

Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

November 15

This conference is designed for health care providers who treat pediatric patients with sports medicine injuries and orthopedic problems. Attendees may choose to attend in person or virtually and afternoon breakout tracks in sports medicine, rehabilitation and MSK ultrasound will be available. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SMED24.

40th Annual School Health Update Conference

December 13

This hybrid conference will highlight dynamic speakers on topics such as sleep equity, substance misuse, mental health in school-aged children and more. Participants will have access to hands-on skills sessions in the simulation center. The event objectives include identifying new evidence-based practices in pediatric care that support student health. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SHU2024.

10th Annual Pediatric Update for Advanced Practice Providers

January 31, 2025

The Annual Pediatric Update for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) is the continuing education conference hosted by the Nationwide Children's APP Council. A variety of topics will be covered that will provide all APPs with information that can improve their care of pediatric patients. Additionally, there will be opportunities for networking and gathering with other nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/APP25.

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.

- February 20-21, 2025, Kidney and Urinary Tract Symposium: State-of-the-Art in Pediatric UTI
- February 28, 2025, Therapeutic Recreation Conference
- March 7, 2025, Ohio EMS for Children Conference
- March 14, 2025, CapABLE Conference: A Piece of the Pi – Sweetening the Pediatric to Adult Transition Journey

- April 8-9, 2025, Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research's Communities Aiming to Reach Equity Summit (CCHEOR C.A.R.E.S)
- April 11, 2025, Infectious Diseases Conference
- April 23, 2025, Otolaryngology Research Symposium
- May 9, 2025, Asthma Conference
- May 13-15, 2025, Neonatal/Fetal Conference
- July 11, 2025, Sickle Cell Trait and Disease in 2025: Primer for the Primary Care Provider

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 ANCHOR. Learn more at bit.ly/PediatricGrandRounds.

Upcoming sessions include:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
10/10	Preventative Cardiology	Andrew Tran, MD Nationwide Children's Hospital
10/17	Chronic School Absenteeism in School Aged Children	Rohyans Lecture Heidi Schumacher, MD University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine/Vermont Child Health Improvement Program
10/24	Youth Substance Abuse Disorder	Heiser Lecture Scott Hadland, MD, MPH Mass General for Children/Harvard Medical School

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/ Department
10/31	The Color of Justice: Inequities in the Youth Legal System and its Impact on Health Outcomes	Eaton Lecture Brooke Burns, Youth Defense Department, Office of the Ohio Public Defender, Ruchelle Pride, MS, CDE®, CPC Office of Justice Policy & Programs/ CASA of Franklin County, Alexandra Price, CPNP, PMHS Nationwide Children's Hospital Franklin County Juvenile Intervention Center Clinic, Megan Rosenfeld, Center for Family Safety and Healing Nationwide Children's Hospital
11/7	The Changing Face of Bronchiolitis	Todd Karsies, MD Nationwide Children's Hospital
11/14	Preparing the Next Generation of Pediatricians: Continuing the Transition to Competency-Based Education and Assessment	David Turner, MD American Board of Pediatrics
11/21	TBD	The Humphrey Family Hospice and Palliative Medicine Lectureship Lindsay Ragsdale, MD Kentucky Children's Hospital

All Teach, All Learn: Join Project ECHO's Innovative Approach to Pediatric Care

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a tele-mentoring program that connects subject matter experts and community providers. Using videoconferencing, short presentations and case-based learning, these sessions create a collaborating environment where everyone learns from each other. Best practices are shared to reduce health disparities, improve patient outcomes and provide specialty care to patients in their own communities. Learn more at NationwideChildrens.org/echo.

Last Call for 2024 MOC Part 4 Credit

Do you have a MOC cycle ending this year? Be sure you claim your Part 4 Credit in time.

- New QI project application materials must be submitted no later than October 18, 2024.
- Credit claims on existing projects must be submitted no later than December 1, 2024.

For more information, visit the ANCHOR MOC page or email MOC@NationwideChildrens.org.

Lounge and Learn

Plan to join the upcoming virtual sessions at 7:30 a.m. via Webex. If you have questions or want 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:

October 11 – A. Jay Freeman, MD, Recognizing Pancreatitis in Primary Care

November 8 – Patricia Witman, MD, Warts, Molluscum and Things That go Bump in the Night

December 13 – Laura Rust, MD, Future use of Artificial Intelligence for Practicing Clinicians

Visit NationwideChildrens.org/MedStat for additional information regarding many of these articles.

The Pam & Jack Beeler Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

Make plans to join upcoming sessions from noon to 1 p.m. on the dates listed below:

October 17: Matthew Goodwin, PhD, “Wearable Biosensing to Predict Imminent Aggressive Behavior in Psychiatric Inpatient Youths With Autism,” Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95532857270> or Allen Auditorium at Nationwide Children’s Conference Center, 520 Butterfly Gardens Drive.

November 7: Anna Van Meter, PhD, “Constant Companions – How Digital Devices Can Improve Diagnosis and Treatment for Youth,” Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/92588688918> or Nationwide Children’s Baxter Auditorium.



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