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NEWS YOU CAN USE



Nationwide Children's Tops Forbes List

Nationwide Children's has ranked first on Forbes' 2024 'America's Best Employers for Women' list. Nationwide Children's was recognized as number one among 600 companies based on a survey of 150,000 women working for companies with at least 1,000 employees in the United States.

Zanesville *Close To Home* CenterSM

The Zanesville *Close To Home* Center opened on August 22 and offers clinics for cardiology and adult congenital heart disease, genetics, hematology and oncology, laboratory services and urology. For more information, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Zanesville.

Advance Practice Provider Week

Advance Practice Provider (APP) Week is recognized nationally in the fourth week of September. Nationwide Children's currently has over 600 credentialed APPs. Celebrate APP Week and send a 'thank you' to recognize the dedication and care APPs provide throughout the year. You can send your wishes via tinyurl.com/APPThankYou.

Nationwide Children's Patient Financial Assistance Program

Nationwide Children's is committed to offering financial assistance to people who have health care needs and are not able to pay for care. No child will be denied care due to inability to pay for services. We accept most insurance plans, including Medicaid. Nationwide Children's has financial assistance programs for those who qualify. Financial support staff are available to help families sign up for Medicaid or to find out if they qualify for financial assistance. For more information or to obtain a copy of our Financial Assistance Policy, contact Patient Accounts at (614) 722-2055 or visit NationwideChildrens.org/Financial-Assistance. For Nationwide Children's Toledo, contact Patient Accounts at (888) 908-2498 or visit NationwideChildrens.org/Locations/Toledo/Patient-Resources/Financial-Assistance.

COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

Partners For Kids[®] Care Guide Program

Partners For Kids' care guide team can provide short-term support to patients to assist with Medicaid enrollment, re-enrollment and other public benefit enrollment. The care guide team can also assist with facilitating referrals and connecting to community resources, medical services and other support services identified by the patient. To refer a patient to the care guide program, email PFKCareCoordination@NationwideChildrens.org or call (855) 562-4735.



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CAP4Kids: Autism Care Comprehensive Resources

CAP4Kids has launched a new section on its website specifically designed to connect parents and caregivers of children with Autism to essential resources in the central Ohio area. In this section, you'll find a comprehensive list of resources ranging from childcare and parenting classes to support for life transitions, applied behavior analysis providers and more. Visit CAP4Kids.org/columbus/autism to explore the new section and spread the word to positively impact the lives of children and families.

Free and Low-Cost Community Resources for the School Year

Find what families need to thrive this school year, all in one place! Visit CAP4Kids.org/Columbus to access reliable, up-to-date resources in the central Ohio area for children and families.

CAP4Kids has all the back-to-school resources, including:

- School clothing
- Afterschool programs
- Vaccines and sports physicals
- Mentoring and tutoring programs
- School food help and more!

FEATURED PHYSICIAN



Molly C. Dienhart, MD, is an attending physician in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Nationwide Children's and an associate professor of Clinical Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She attended Virginia Commonwealth University for her medical education and residency and completed her fellowship in gastroenterology at Nationwide

Children's. Dr. Dienhart is the director of the Center for Intestinal Rehabilitation and Nutrition Support, which encompasses both the Intestinal Rehabilitation Program and the Nutrition Support Team (the "TPN team"). Professionally, she is passionate about improving the care of children with intestinal failure and short bowel syndrome, as well as others who require specialized nutrition support. Outside of work, she is passionate about supporting the early soccer careers of her three boys.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- In July 1917, there were 77 total admissions to Columbus Children's Hospital, including four medical, 14 surgical and five ophthalmology.
- In July 2024, there were 1,854 total admissions.

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.

Julie Aldrich, MD, Pediatrics

"The physician, Dr. Julie Aldrich, listened to all the history and was extremely thorough. She explained all the test results and plan of care to us thoroughly and answered all our questions. While it's always stressful to go through these tests, we had a very good experience and are thankful for Nationwide Children's services."

Rohan Henry, MD, MS, Pediatrics

"Dr. Henry is very approachable, listened to our input and took his time during our visit. He was thorough and we appreciated his follow up regarding lab work after the appointment."

Mahmoud Kallash, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Kallash and the staff there are awesome! He shows compassion and shares his expertise and knowledge in our appointments. It's like he already has a game plan before seeing my son. He and the office staff always have a smile on their face even before I start making jokes. And I just recently switched my daughter to him. I recommend Dr. Kallash to anyone with a child that needs help."

Marc Leder, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Marc was awesome. We have seen him a couple times and he is always great. We were in right at closing, and I didn't feel like he rushed through his exam or anything. On the contrary, he was showing my daughter a picture of a fish that had washed ashore. It was very cool."

Christopher Miller, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Miller is fantastic! He is so patient, shows how much he cares, and is wonderful with my son! I highly recommend him!"

Nathan Rosenberg, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Rosenberg is absolutely wonderful - he makes your visit feel like you are his only patient of the day and gives you 100% of his attention."

Ammar Shaikhouni, MD, PhD, Pediatric Neurosurgery

"Dr. Shaikhouni took the time to answer any questions we had and did so with an exceptionally personal touch. We didn't feel rushed in any way whatsoever, and he showed genuine care for my daughter. Would highly recommend Dr. Shaikhouni and Nationwide Children's Neurology to everyone!"

Patrick Walz, MD, FAAP, Otolaryngology

"Dr. Walz is incredible. He had a wonderful bedside manner and was so kind to our daughter. He eased her fears about having ear tubes removed, explained the process, and thanked her for trusting him. I was so impressed and appreciative that he treated her, a kid, with such compassion and humanity. All doctors should strive to be like that."

Homecare Update

Homecare RSV

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met in June. It did not change recommendations for infant prophylaxis with monoclonal antibodies, such as nirsevimab. Use of a single dose of nirsevimab (*Beyfortus*[™]) for RSV prevention is recommended. According to the ACIP, "all infants are recommended to be protected by either maternal RSV vaccination or nirsevimab for the 2024-2025 RSV Season." Any additional updates from both the American Academy of Pediatrics and ACIP will be posted at [NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Homecare).

Pablo J. Sanchez, MD, is providing an RSV prevention webinar to community providers in September. A link to view the recorded presentation will be available on the Homecare webpage under the "Professionals tab."

Asthma Treatment Update

The change of seasons and activities can often increase breathing issues for children diagnosed with asthma. The Homecare Asthma Express program assists families with managing asthma symptoms, ensuring children remain active both at home and in school. This year, Asthma Express invites families to participate in the Breathe Smart pilot study, which helps identify allergens in homes using smartphones. Families who choose to participate will be compensated as Asthma Express patients. The study aims to develop a new system to detect allergens in homes of children with asthma. See the Breathe Smart insert for more information and to share with patient families. For questions about Asthma Express or other Nationwide Children's Homecare services, email Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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](https://www.nationwidechildrens.cloud-cme.com/Cardio2024).

2024 Extended Reality (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](https://www.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](https://www.nationwidechildrens.cloud-cme.com/2024Derm).

2024 Clinician Well-being Summit

October 23-25

The Fourth National Summit on Promoting Well-being and Resilience in Health Care Professionals will take place at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. This national forum will focus on enhancing well-being, resilience and healthy lifestyle behaviors across all health care professions and health sciences students. Presentations will focus on factors contributing to burnout and resilience, effective interventions to reduce the

risks of burnout and promote healthy lifestyle behaviors, and changes to the systems and cultures of healthcare settings that improve employee well-being and resilience. This summit is a collaborative initiative amongst Wexner Medical Center, the Ohio State Health Sciences, Fisher College of Business, the College of Social Work, the National Academy of Medicine and Nationwide Children's. Register or learn more at go.osu.edu/cwbs2024.

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-me.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. Afternoon breakout tracks available in Sports Medicine, Rehabilitation and MSK Ultrasound. 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.

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.

- September 19-20, 2024, Annual IMPAACT Summit
- September 27, 2024, Ohio Neuropsychology Group Meeting
- January 31, 2025, 10th Annual Pediatric Update for Advanced Practice Providers
- February 28, 2025, Therapeutic Recreation 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
9/19	Diagnostic and Therapeutic Advances When Caring for the Aspiring Child	McClung Lecture Rachel Rosen, MD, MPH Boston Children's Hospital
9/26	What's New With 22q? An Update on 22q11.2 Deletion/DiGeorge Syndrome	Peter Mustillo, MD, Adriane Baylis, PhD, CCC-SLP, Kathryn Obrynba, MD, Richard Kirschner, MD, FAAP, FACS Nationwide Children's Hospital
10/3	Rare Meets Common: Williams Syndrome and Elastin Mediated Disease Through the Lens of Precision Medicine	Beth Kozel, MD, PhD Nationwide Children's Hospital
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
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

Elevate Pediatric Care: Join Project ECHO

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. Best practices are shared to reduce health disparities, improve patient outcomes and provide specialty care to patients in their communities.

Upcoming programming includes:

- ECHO Autism: Primary Care (Family ECHO: Autism is available for your patient families)
- ECHO Pain: Continuity
- ECHO Obesity: Continuity – Nephrology
- ECHO Pediatric Asthma
- ECHO Rumination
- ECHO Obesity: Continuity – Adolescent PCOS

Learn more at NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO.

2024 MOC Part 4 Deadlines

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

- **Get a new QI project approved for MOC4 Credit:** Submit application materials no later than October 18, 2024.
- **Claim MOC4 credit on 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.

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:

September 13 – Jason Newland, MD, Vaccine Update for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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.

Filling the Pipeline for Behavioral Health Professionals

As the demand for pediatric behavioral health professionals grows, Nationwide Children’s is dedicated to fostering the next generation of experts. The team offers real-world experiences for high school and undergraduate college students through internships, informational interviews, on-site shadowing opportunities and a course taught at The Ohio State University. Students can also learn more about different behavioral health career paths through a short video series with hospital experts.

If you know a student who is interested in a career in pediatric behavioral health, visit NationwideChildrens.org/BH-Career-Paths.

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

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