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## NEWS YOU CAN USE



## Nationwide Children's Ranked Among Top Hospitals in Ohio

Nationwide Children's Hospital has been named one of "America's Best Employers" by *Forbes* for the fifth consecutive year. Named to the national list of 700 top large employers (companies with more than 5,000 U.S.-based employees), Nationwide Children's is ranked as one of the top two organizations in Ohio and as one of the top five children's hospitals in the United States. [Read the full release.](#)

## Remember Me Pinwheel Ceremony

On April 21 at 10:30 a.m., join Nationwide Children's Solid Organ Transplant teams on the hospital's front lawn as Heroes and transplant recipients are honored during the annual [Remember Me Pinwheel Ceremony](#).

A Hero can be someone with a superpower or who does something unimaginable in a difficult situation. Heroes are 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.

## COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

## Annual Diabetes Fun Fair

The Annual Diabetes Fun Fair will be held on Friday, May 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. and is open to families free of charge. Visit with Nationwide Children's experts and educators who will have the latest information and updates on effectively managing Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. [Registration is required at this link.](#) For questions, call Community Education at (614) 355- 0589 or email [Sheri.Brock@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Sheri.Brock@NationwideChildrens.org).

## ADHD Academy 2025 Classes

The ADHD virtual series will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. online via Webex. The cost is \$10 per attendee. Upcoming classes will cover the topics self-esteem and alternative treatments.

The two in-person events listed below will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. at Close To Home<sup>SM</sup>, 33 N. Cleveland Ave. in Westerville:

Just For Siblings – May 3

What's This Thing Called ADHD? – May 10

To register for classes: [Community Education Program | Nationwide Children's Hospital](#)



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## FEATURED PHYSICIAN



**Emily C. de los Reyes, MD**, is an attending pediatric neurologist at Nationwide Children's and professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Neurology at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. de los Reyes, who joined Nationwide Children's in 2003, is board-certified in child neurology, neurodevelopmental disabilities and epilepsy.

She serves as director of the Nationwide Children's Batten Disease Center and was instrumental in attaining the Batten Disease Support and Research Association Center of Excellence designation. She is also co-director of the Rett Syndrome Center of Excellence and the lead specialist of the Neurodevelopmental Clinic. Additionally, she serves as the Neurology subspecialty chair of the Autism Treatment Network at Nationwide Children's.

Her research interests include rare disorders, such as Batten disease, Rett syndrome, autism and La Crosse encephalitis. She has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented at national and international organizations on these topics, among others in the field of pediatric neurology. Dr. de los Reyes is a member of the Child Neurology Society, serves on the executive committee of the Southern Pediatric Neurology Society and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Child Neurology*.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

# Comments From Patients and Families

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.

### Shawn Aylward, MD, Pediatrics

*"Dr. Aylward listened to my daughter's concerns and explained her potential options. He was open to her ideas and treated her with understanding and kindness. He speaks to my daughter directly and does not speak down to her. He is also very positive and uplifting which is so important in dealing with teenagers."*

### Lindsey Bratland, PsyD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

*"We cannot speak highly enough of Dr. Bratland and the rest of the staff. Her office is a comforting space. The care is excellent, professional and caring. We could not ask for more. I don't know what our family would do without her. My child looks forward to every appointment, and we see a noticeable improvement in her."*

### Hany Emam, DDS, MS, Dentistry

*"Dr. Emam was phenomenal. My daughter is 16 years old, and I have never been treated with as much respect for my knowledge and experience of her needs as I was by this doctor. He trusted my account of what I was seeing and what I believed my daughter needed. In doing so, he very likely saved her from pain, infection and another surgery. I'm so grateful to him for working with me how medical staff should work with parents of medically complex, nonverbal children."*

### Spencer Lindsey, MD, FAAP, Otolaryngology

*"Dr. Lindsey takes the time to listen to concerns, always has a good plan and addresses everything in a way that puts us at ease. His bedside manner is wonderful, and his knowledge of my son's conditions, not just ENT-related, shows his care of his patients. Such a kind man."*

### Sara Mansfield, MD, General Pediatric Surgery

*"Dr. Mansfield is quite possibly the world's most patient surgeon. She went above and beyond to answer myriad questions and provide reassurance. We are so grateful to have had her for this procedure. Highly recommend Dr. Mansfield and her team of nurses and techs."*

### Jonathan Pindrik, MD, Pediatric Neurosurgery

*"Dr. Pindrik is just amazing with my daughter. She trusts him so much. I thank God he sent Dr. Pindrik to help and protect her. I would recommend him to everyone. From the second I met him; he helped me to feel confident to understand my daughter's condition and the treatment options available. He was crucial to my personal ability to handle her medical diagnosis and care. I couldn't have a higher opinion or praise for another human than I have for him."*

### John Russo, MD, Pediatrics

*"Dr. Russo was absolutely fantastic. He was able to put my daughter at ease, normalized talking about poop early in the conversation (which made her comfortable opening up and talking more). Dr. Russo explained everything and relayed it to her in a way she could understand. He also proactively offered for a female nurse to come in during the exam if it would make my daughter more comfortable. It made a huge impression on her. This was literally the only thing she talked about after the appointment with my husband later in the day. Thanks for making an uncomfortable appointment easy, for the conservative treatment plan and for the respect the whole staff showed my daughter!"*

### LeAnne Sancrainte, DO, Pediatrics

*"Dr. LeAnne S. was amazing! She was kind, thoughtful and thorough. She explained everything to me and my son in ways we understood. She really took her time with us, and I felt she cared for my son. She also showed concern for how he was feeling emotionally and mentally. If any of our friends or family need to see an endocrinologist, I would not hesitate to recommend her."*

## Rishabh Sethia, MD, Otolaryngology

*"My twin boys are 20 months old, and this is the best experience we had with any medical professional from when I found out I was pregnant until now. My children are twins who have never been separated, so even though only one twin needed surgery, we had to bring both boys. The care shown for both of my twins, even though only one of them was having surgery, is something I will forever be grateful for. I will always use this clinic for my children. The care shown to us was unmatched."*

## George Zakhary, DO, Child Neurology Fellow

*"Our 18-month-old son has been seen by Neurology for the last 6 months. His provider is Dr. Zakhary and he has been immensely kind, caring, and patient with us as we learn more about our son's diagnosis. He has taken time to explain and answer all our questions and has even called us after hours to explain MRI findings when we were nervous and had questions. He is extremely knowledgeable, but his kindness and compassion are what make us thankful our son is in his care. The staff are wonderful."*

## MOMENTS IN HISTORY

1890 - The genesis of Nationwide Children's began when local philanthropist Anna Wright Kilbourne started a fundraiser to establish the first children's hospital in Columbus.

1930 - The School of Nursing was established at Children's under Eva Allen Janson, who would later become nurse superintendent from 1931 to 1942.

## HOME CARE UPDATE

# Homecare Recognitions and Reminders

In March, Homecare celebrated three critical disciplines: social workers, child life specialists and musical therapists. Hospice and Palliative Care patients, as well as other Homecare complex patients, rely on these services daily. The crucial assessments and interventions provided by these disciplines support our staff, patients and families daily, resulting in best outcomes. Social workers, child life specialists and musical therapists enable the patients they care for to live their best lives in the comfort of their homes.

The warmer days of spring bring increased pollen, often triggering asthma flare-ups. Homecare's Asthma Express continues to provide care and instruction in the homes of patients who are newly diagnosed or experiencing new severe flare-ups that have led to emergency department visits or inpatient stays. Home visits by Asthma Express nurses help

patients manage their asthma, keeping them in school, at home and out of the hospital. For more information, visit [NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Homecare).

Finally, for providers submitting referrals for incontinence supplies for patients, please note that all incontinence Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) require two diagnosis codes. See the incontinence supply CMN insert for details.

For questions regarding any of Homecare's services, email [Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org).

For referrals, call Homecare at (614) 355-1100 or toll-free at (800) 466-2727 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

# 15th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference

May 9

The conference highlights emerging information and practical advice regarding asthma management for providers or 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 the hospital, urgent care, primary care and school facilities with students/patients who have asthma and allergies. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/Asthma2025](https://www.nationwidechildrens.cloud-cme.com/Asthma2025).

# 2025 Neonatal/Fetal Conference

May 13-15

The 2025 Neonatal/Fetal 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 to explore. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NeoFetal25](https://www.nationwidechildrens.cloud-cme.com/NeoFetal25).

# Sickle Cell Trait and Disease in 2025: Primer for the Primary Care Provider

July 11

This symposium aims to educate primary care providers (PCPs) regarding the diagnosis and management of sickle cell trait and sickle cell disease. A solid knowledge and understanding of

sickle cell disease are essential for PCPs to diagnose sickle-related conditions, counsel patients appropriately, and know when to refer to the academic center for evaluation and treatment. Good communication between the academic center and the primary care providers and appreciation of each other's roles is essential to ensure the patients receive optimal care. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SCD24](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SCD24).

## Multidisciplinary Early Recovery After Congenital Heart Surgery (MERCURY) Meeting

July 24-25

Learn to safely reduce post-operative morbidity and reduce 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. Develop your multidisciplinary team's coordination through live cases and simulations. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/MERCURY25](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/MERCURY25).

## 3rd Annual Robotic Surgery for Pediatric Surgeons: Program Development and Beyond

August 20-22

Nationwide Children's Center for Robotic Surgery is hosting a two-day conference focused on robotic surgery program development, common clinical application presentations and case discussions. The conference will also include a clinical wet lab experience designed to introduce robotic surgery to practicing pediatric surgeons. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ROBOTICS25](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ROBOTICS25).

To learn more about 2025 Interprofessional Education conferences, visit [NationwideChildrens.org/conferences](https://NationwideChildrens.org/conferences).

## Additional Conferences

- August 25-29, Myology Course
- September 18-19, 2025 IMPAACT Summit
- September 26, 2025 Dermatology Conference
- October 3-4, 2025 PULC Course
- October 17, School Health Update Conference
- October 28-29, Neonatal Simulation Conference
- November 7, Virtual Reality Conference (XR)
- November 21-22, Sports Medicine Conference

For information on event and conference planning support, email [IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:IPEoffice@NationwideChildrens.org).

## 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 ANCHOR calendar.

Upcoming sessions include:

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/Department
5/1	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome in Adolescents	Andrea Bonny, MD, and Manmohan Kamboj, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital
5/8	TBD	Bridgett Jones, MD, MSCR, Children's Mercy, Kansas City
5/15	Disability-based Discrimination in Pediatrics	Stefanie Ames, MD, MS, University of Utah Health
5/22	Extended Reality Technologies: A New Paradigm for Innovation in Medicine	Arash Salavitarab, MD, FSCAI, FPICS, FACC, FAAP, Nationwide Children's Hospital
5/29	What Level of Blood Pressure is Concerning in Children and Adolescents?	Joseph Flynn, MD, MS, Seattle Children's Hospital

## Join Project ECHO: Revolutionize Pediatric Health Care

Are you ready to transform pediatric care in your community? Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) offers an innovative, free program designed to bridge gaps in pediatric care.

Why join?

- Connect with experts: Engage with leading specialists and community providers in dynamic virtual practice communities.
- Improve patient outcomes: Gain the knowledge to provide high-quality specialty care, enhancing patient outcomes and accessibility.
- Learn best practices: Educational presentations and case-based discussions will equip you with the skills to tackle health care disparities and more.

Sign up today for [Obesity: Foundations](#). Visit [NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO-series](#) to learn more. For patient families, [Family ECHO](#) is available.

## Pam and Jack Beeler Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

Make plans to join the upcoming session from noon to 1 p.m.

### Thursday, April, 17, 2025

Mitch Prinstein, PhD, ABPP

Social Media and Adolescent Mental Health

Nationwide Children's Conference Center – Allen Auditorium

(Lunch Provided)

Hybrid: <https://zoom.us/j/94432412729>

### Thursday, May 29, 2025

Emily Becker-Haimes, PhD

How Decades of Research on Anxiety Management can Help

Clinicians Improve Evidence-Based Practice Delivery

Nationwide Children's Conference Center – Allen Auditorium

(Lunch Provided)

Hybrid: <https://zoom.us/j/94565824763>

## 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](mailto:Bruce.Meyer@NationwideChildrens.org) or [Rhonda.Burk@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Rhonda.Burk@NationwideChildrens.org) or call the office to leave a message at (614) 722-4550.

Upcoming virtual sessions:

April 11 - Margaret Redmond, MD, Feed the Baby! Updates on Food Allergy

May 9 - Sean Tabaie, MD, MBA, FAAOS, FAOA, What's new in Cerebral Palsy and Lower Extremity Deformities (Cerebral Palsy and Club Foot Update)



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