

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Catherine Krawczeski, MD, Is Named to List of "50 Most Influential Clinical Executives"



Catherine Krawczeski, MD, physician-in-chief and chief medical officer, has been named to *Modern Healthcare's* 2025 list of "50 Most Influential Clinical Executives." Nationwide Children's is one of only two

standalone pediatric systems represented on this year's list.

This program honors licensed clinicians in executive roles who are recognized by the senior editors of *Modern Healthcare* and selected for their exceptional achievements in driving innovation, improving outcomes, serving their communities and demonstrating exemplary leadership both within and beyond their organizations. The profiles of all the honorees are featured in the June 9 issue of the magazine and online at [ModernHealthcare.com/50Most](https://www.modernhealthcare.com/50Most).

Save the Date - 2025 Physician Recognition Awards

Tuesday, September 16 | Nationwide Children's Conference Center - Allen Auditorium B

4:30 p.m. Social Hour | 5:30 p.m. Program Begins

Nationwide Children's and the Medical Staff Office cordially invite you and your guest to join us for this special event as we celebrate the accomplishments of our fellow physicians to present the following honors:

- Bruce P. Meyer, MD, Family Art of Medicine Award
- Golden Stethoscope Award
- Career Contribution Award Recipients
- Outstanding Community Based Physician Award

In addition to recognizing our honorees, we welcome the new physicians to our medical staff and celebrate the significant milestone anniversaries of those who have served on Nationwide Children's Medical Staff for 25 years or longer. Please RSVP at NationwideChildrens.org/awards-rsvp.

Pediatric Emergency Support Care in OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

Nationwide Children's will now provide specialized care for children in the O'Bleness Hospital emergency department during peak hours — from 3 to 11 p.m. seven days a week. Outside of these hours, pediatric emergency care will continue to be provided by the O'Bleness emergency department team. Nationwide Children's nurse practitioners will rotate coverage designed to ensure that families in southeast Ohio have access to expert pediatric care without needing to leave the region. Nationwide Children's providers will work exclusively in the emergency department, offering child-focused expertise and helping to address the unique ways illnesses and injuries present in children. This is in addition to our recent opening of our [Close To HomeSM Center](#) on the O'Bleness campus, further strengthening our commitment to meet patients and families right where they are.



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FEATURED PHYSICIAN



Amy Schlegel, MD, MS, is the section chief of Neonatology at Nationwide Children's. Dr. Schlegel received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota. She completed her Pediatric residency and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, where she also earned a Master of Science degree in Medical Education.

Dr. Schlegel practices neonatology in the Newborn Intensive Care Units at Nationwide Children's and the Nationwide Children's NICU at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Additionally, she sees patients in multidisciplinary prenatal consultation in The Fetal Center at Nationwide Children's. Dr. Schlegel has expertise in caring for medically complex newborns and supporting families in understanding and caring for their child following identification of critical or complex illness. She established the Perinatal Advanced Illness Management (AIM) program within the Fetal Center and works closely with the Advanced Illness Management Team and the Nationwide Children's Hospice and Home-based Palliative Care Program in this capacity.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Comments From Patients and Families

Medical staff leadership acknowledges 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.

Molly Fuchs, MD, Pediatric Urology

"Amazing care! So scary to have your baby put under for surgery. They all helped ease the stress and anxiety and did an amazing job at explaining everything and making my baby happy and taken care of!"

Jonathan Grischkan, MD, FAAP, FACS, Otolaryngology

"Incredible experience all around from the very beginning. Everything was explained very clearly. I called with a few questions weeks prior to our appointment and got disconnected during a transfer and the woman who I was speaking with called me back. She apologized and still managed to connect me to the individual I needed to speak with. The fact that she did something so seemingly simple during a time when I was worried and stressed when no one else, anywhere else, ever made that effort, eased my mind and settled the worries."

"Our doctor was phenomenal and thorough with all explanations. The nurses who helped throughout our visit were such a light and

had the most beautiful energy making our little one all that more comfortable. Even the staff who checked us in and out of our appointment were so kind and lighthearted. This visit made us fall in love with Nationwide Children's."

Karla Hauersperger, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Hauersperger is amazing! All three of my kids have seen her several times, and every time she is incredible! I love how Dr. Karla talks to my kids. She addresses them to ask them what's going on, then looks to me or my husband to fill in any gaps or express anything extra. I am also so grateful for her medical knowledge. Dr. Karla, I could go on and on about you. Thank you for all you do for our kids! We are so appreciative and thankful you chose medicine as your calling! We are always so thankful to see your name on the whiteboard."

Albert Isaacs, MD, Pediatric Neurosurgery

"Thank you to Dr. Isaacs, the residents, the PICU nurses, the 10th floor nurses and PCAs, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychologist, social workers and cleaning staff. Everyone, in some type of way, made this terrifying experience a little less terrifying with their expertise, knowledge, skills, patience, love and attention to our daughter. We are beyond blessed to have such an amazing team to take care of her and save her life. Thank you with all our hearts and souls."

Kevin Klingele, MD, Orthopedics

"Dr. K. was amazing. We had all our questions answered and felt confident with his care and direction. He mixes education, experience and a love for kids. He gets what matters to young athletes. Everyone should have surgery at a pediatric specialty care clinic. Our son was so well cared for. He is 15 and wants to be brave but was so scared."

Kaitrin Kramer, DDS, MS, PhD, Dentistry

"My child and I love Dr. Kramer! She always greets us with a smile and a happy hello. She explains everything thoroughly and answers all our questions. My child's case is complicated, and Dr. Kramer is knowledgeable. I have recommended Dr. Kramer to several friends. I'm very grateful for the Nationwide Children's Orthodontist team!"

Emma Schoepf, PCPNP, Pediatrics

"This was simply the best medical experience that we have ever encountered. The provider was so incredibly thorough, listened and asked questions. She also helped ease my daughter's nerves and helped her feel confident. I have recommended this provider to my friends and their daughters. I am so grateful that Nationwide Children's has a clinic that deals with Adolescent Medicine. There is a large need for this specialty, as she feels too old to go to the pediatrician to talk about gynecological issues but also does not want to go see a gynecologist in a practice focused on pregnancy."

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

1910 - An outpatient department — an innovation nearly unheard of at the time — is established at Nationwide Children's, then known as Columbus Children's Hospital.

2004 - Nationwide Children's becomes the first freestanding children's hospital in Ohio to receive Magnet Recognition — the highest honor for excellence in nursing.

COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

Prescribing Nature: Introducing the Ohio ParkRx Program

Looking for a simple, evidence-based way to support your patients' physical and mental well-being? The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has launched the Ohio ParkRx program, empowering health care providers to prescribe time in nature as part of a holistic care plan.

With Ohio's variety of parks and trails, nature is a free and accessible resource for families across the state. You can use the [Ohio ParkRx prescription pad](#) to recommend outdoor activities or direct families to the website to [explore free programs](#) at state parks. Whether it's a walk in the woods, a family hike or a quiet moment by the water, nature prescriptions can be tailored to each patient's needs and abilities. Learn more on the [Ohio Department of Natural Resources website](#).

Updated Dental Care List for Providers

Did you know regular dental visits are recommended every six months, starting at age one? The Partners For Kids® oral health team knows it can be challenging for families to find a nearby dentist. That's why you can access an up-to-date list of local dental practices that are accepting new patients. Now, you can help your patient families find the dental care they need — close to home. For more information or to request the list, email Andrea.Workman@NationwideChildrens.org

Boost Well-visit Completion Rates

Partners For Kids® shares three essential tips to help you enhance well-visit completion, like conducting pre-visit chart reviews to convert sick visits into well-checks, encouraging sports physicals as comprehensive evaluations, and implementing reminder systems that reduce no-show rates. Don't miss these valuable insights to improve patient care and engagement. Visit the [Partners For Kids website](#) to learn more.

Specialized Program That Respects Individuals and Nurtures Growth

Nationwide Children's is home to the SPRING (Specialized Program that Respects Individuals and Nurtures Growth) Clinic that focuses on complex urologic, gynecologic and endocrine care, including support for rare conditions concerning reproductive organs. Previously part of the THRIVE – Differences of Sex Development program, this team consists of clinical medical social work, pediatric psychology, urology, endocrinology, gynecology and genetics.

Together, providers work closely with families from birth to adulthood to provide support, education and clinical expertise to help individuals and families make informed decisions about their care.

HEMOCARE UPDATE

Homecare Toledo Update

In February 2024, Nationwide Children's Homecare began caring for pediatric patients in the Toledo area. Since then, Homecare's monthly visit average in the Toledo area has gone from approximately 150 visits each month to an average of 700 visits per month. The Homecare office in Maumee has nursing and therapy staff who provide pediatric patients with Intermittent Skilled Nursing (ISN) care and Therapy Services (OT, PT and Speech) in the comfort of their own homes. In addition, Home Medical Equipment services, available in all 88 counties, deliver medical equipment and supplies, and the pharmacy provides services on a case-by-case basis.

ISN and Therapy Services have added counties to their service areas in central Ohio. In addition to its core nine counties, ISN accepts referrals for patients in Knox, Muskingum, Perry and Hocking counties. Therapy Services added two more counties in central Ohio and now sees patients in Licking and Fairfield counties. To see the map, visit our [website](#). Referrals for Homecare services in the Toledo area follow the same process as Homecare referrals for patients in central Ohio. For questions, providers can call (614) 355-1100 or (800) 466-2727, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding national holidays. Referral forms and other resources are available at [online](#).

Homecare's Spring/Summer 2025 Quality Initiative Report presents outcomes regarding CLABSI and Asthma Express, and the link to this report is in this month's *MedStat* email newsletter.

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.

4th Annual Pediatric Dermatology Symposium

September 26

This conference is hosted by the Nationwide Children’s Dermatology Clinic team highlighting 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 within their setting, as well as, to give providers insights into the pediatric dermatology clinic. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/derm2025.

Nationwide Children’s Extended Reality (XR) Symposium

November 7

This year’s symposium builds on the success of the 2024 event and is designed to spotlight cutting-edge applications of XR in health care — from medical education to patient care — and foster interdisciplinary collaborations across research, clinical, industry and community stakeholders. This event strives to accelerate translational research and promote community-engaged science. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/XR2025.

2025 Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

November 21-22

This conference is designed for physicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists, physician assistants and nurse practitioners

who treat pediatric patients with sports medicine injuries and orthopedic problems. Attendees may choose to attend in person or virtually on Friday, where afternoon breakout lectures in sports medicine, rehabilitation and musculoskeletal ultrasound (MSK) will be available. Saturday’s optional in-person program will feature hands-on labs in rehabilitation and MSK ultrasound. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SMED25.

Additional Conferences

- August 25-29, Myology Course
- September 18-19, 2025 IMPAACT Summit
- October 3-4, 19th Pediatric Urology Laparoscopic Course (PULC)
- October 17, 41st Annual School Health Conference: Featuring Hands-on School Nursing Skills
- October 28-29, Neonatal Simulation Conference

For information on event and conference planning support, email 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
7/10	10 Things I Have Learned About Safety	Stephen Muething, MD Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
7/17	Type 1 Diabetes: From Standards of Care to Standards of Practice	Osagie Ebekozien, MD, MPH American Diabetes Association
7/24	Update to Scoliosis: Both Idiopathic and Neuromuscular	Reid Chambers, DO, MS, FAAOS, and Heather Richard, PsyD Nationwide Children’s Hospital

7/31	TBD	Stephanie Davis, MD UNC Chapel Hill
8/7	High Value Care in Pediatric Hospital Medicine	Moises Auron, MD, FAAP Cleveland Clinic
8/14	Screen Time: Effect of Media on Children's Learning and Behavior	Jennifer Radesky, MD University of Michigan Medical School
8/21	Advocacy-informed Research: Partnering With Community to Advance Kidney Health Equity and Transform Health Care Policy	Lilia Cervantes, MD, MSCS Denver Health
8/28	TBD	Martín G. Martín, MD, MPP David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA



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