

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Match Day 2025

The Nationwide Children's Pediatric Residency programs have wrapped up recruitment season and are excited to share the results of another successful match. There will be 57 new residents who will begin training in July. The new physicians come from 38 schools in 21 states and one international, including 42 Pediatric, 10 Internal Medicine-Pediatrics and five Child Neurology residents.

### Graduate Medical Education Recognition Celebrations

Mark your calendar and plan to attend upcoming events to celebrate the class of 2025 pediatric residents and fellows who are completing their training. Both events will be in Stecker Auditorium from 8 to 9 a.m., and breakfast will be available.

Thursday, June 5 – Pediatric Medical Fellowship

Thursday, June 12 – Pediatric Residency

### Stay Connected With Alumni and Friends

Are you an alumni of a Nationwide Children's residency or fellowship program? Membership is free for all residents and fellows who have trained at Nationwide Children's for six months or more or those currently undergoing training. To stay in touch with us and receive the latest news, events and updates from fellow alumni, update your profile information [here](#).

## FEATURED PHYSICIAN



As the world's first colorectal surgeon to be fellowship trained in both pediatric and adult colorectal surgery, **Alessandra Gasior, DO, FACS**, has a unique perspective to provide the best clinical options for patients of any age.

Dr. Gasior is the medical director of Colorectal Transitional Care at Nationwide Children's and a surgeon with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. This joint role with the two institutions allows her to guide patients with colorectal conditions through a smooth transition of care once they reach adulthood. She has performed over 1,000 complex pediatric colorectal cases, including minimally invasive and robotic surgeries. Her experience with adult patients is vast, including over 500 adult colorectal cases.

Dr. Gasior's areas of clinical interest include transitional care for anorectal malformations, Hirschsprung disease, and inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis). Her research interests include improving quality of life, documenting adult experiences and enhancing the transition to adult care among adolescents and young adults with colorectal conditions.

Dr. Gasior, who also serves as associate professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) and board-certified by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the American Board of Surgery in both surgery and surgical critical care. She trained at Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, for General Surgery Residency. She completed a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship and Surgical Scholars Fellowship at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Gasior also completed both Minimally Invasive Pediatric Surgery Fellowship and Pediatric Colorectal Surgery Fellowship at Nationwide Children's. She then completed an Adult Colorectal Fellowship at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.



*When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.*

## 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.

### Kyle J. Van Arendonk, MD, PhD, General Pediatric Surgery

*"We love Dr. Van Arendonk. He has been the one constant in our little girl's journey. His staff is great, and everyone is very friendly. He's the greatest and Nationwide Children's is lucky to have him as part of their team."*

### Deborah Blackwell, DO, Pediatrics

*"I really can't stress enough how happy we were with the staff (Canal Winchester Close To Home<sup>SM</sup> Center with Urgent Care) that night, and I truly appreciate all their support. I know they close early on Sundays- we walked in around 7:40 p.m. We had to be monitored before being released to go home that night. They never once made us feel like we were keeping them or a burden. It was a late evening for that staff, and you wouldn't have known it by the way they interacted with my family."*

### Brooke Crum, DO, Pediatrics

*"This was our first experience with an infant going to urgent care, and everyone from the front desk staff to registration to the doctor was beyond our expectations. The team showed compassion for our little guy, and we are glad to be able to have such an awesome facility close to us."*

### Seth Hayes, MD, Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine

*"The anesthesiologist was very kind and even interacted with my son while he explained the procedure to me. Again, you can tell that these providers and staff truly care for the patients and try to ensure the patients and the parents have everything they need."*

### Kevin Klingele, MD, Orthopedics

*"Dr. Klingele provides information in a clear and concise manner. He is very approachable and always allows time for questions. We believe he treated our daughter the same way he would treat his own family member. We are forever grateful for the care he provided."*

### Meredith Lind, MD, FACS, FAAP, Otolaryngology

*"The absolute best experience we ever could have imagined! Every single nurse/doctor or other staff we encountered was the absolute most kindhearted humans who went above and beyond to make not only our kids but our minds feel safe and secure through all the procedures. I left with all the information I could need and more. They were so helpful and answered all my questions with kindness."*

*They helped me plan meditation times, healing times, let me know what to expect and even helped me to organize it all."*

### David Martin, MD, Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine

*"The anesthesiologist was kind and patient with our questions and reassured us. His reaction to seeing us just after our son left the room with the nurse was very compassionate. He came in to get the gurney and reassured us with some appropriate humor – he took off his scrub cap and said, 'I've been doing this since I was a brunette.' He has quite a bit of gray in his hair now!"*

### Kristina Petrich, DDS, Dentistry

*"The dentist was amazing! She explained everything and made sure her game plan for my son was ok with us and him. She was very kind and had a very warm personality. I can't say enough good things about her. My son's medical condition has made finding a dentist very difficult. We are very thankful for Dr. Petrich and look forward to our next appointment. We highly recommend her to others."*

### Crystal Seilhamer, FNP, Orthopedics

*"Crystal Seilhamer is wonderful, very attentive, efficient and pleasant every time. I appreciate the accommodations made for my son, considering he is medically complex and fragile. We aren't rushed, always offered helping hands, given space and opportunities to do what works best for my son, and given grace because it takes a lot to get him to appointments so he can get the care he needs."*

## MOMENTS IN HISTORY

1922 - The cornerstone for the new hospital was laid at its current site across from Livingston Park.

1950 - Timken Hall opens on 17th and Stone St. It was the first free-standing addition to the hospital and was used as residential quarters for 100 nurses.



### Bonus moment

- Nationwide Children's Print Shop has designed the MedStat newsletter since January 2008. Special thanks to the entire Print Shop staff for partnering with the editors of this publication for over 17 years!

## 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/SCD25](https://NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/SCD25).

## 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).

## 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
5/15	Disability-based Discrimination in Pediatrics	Stefanie Ames, MD, MS
5/22	Extended Reality Technologies: A New Paradigm for Innovation in Medicine	Arash Salavitar, MD, FSCAI, FPICS, FACC, FAAP
5/29	What Level of Blood Pressure is Concerning in Children and Adolescents?	Joseph Flynn, MD, MS
6/5	GME Pediatric Medical Fellowship Recognition Celebration	
6/12	GME Pediatric Residency Recognition Celebration	
6/19	Antibiotic Stewardship	Jason Newland, MD, MEd

## New Antipsychotic Lab Monitoring Toolkit for Primary Care Available

This Partners For Kids® toolkit is designed to assist health care professionals in monitoring and managing antipsychotics. It includes resources for providers and patient families to support decision-making and enhance patient understanding. The information is regularly updated based on current clinical guidelines, recommendations and data. [View the Toolkit Here.](#)

## Giggle 'n Groove Music Therapy

Giggle 'n Groove is a research-based music therapy class to aid a baby's growth and development through music and play. Five one-hour sessions are held every Wednesday for 5-24 months old, (adjusted age if born early) This class is led by Nationwide Children's music therapists at two locations:

- East Columbus Close To Home<sup>SM</sup> (6435 E. Broad St.) at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Westerville Close To Home (433 N. Cleveland Ave.) at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

There is no fee for NICU follow-up and Cardiac Clinic families, \$5 per class for all others. Register for classes and dates at [Community Education Program | Nationwide Children's Hospital](#). For questions, call Community Education at (614) 355-0589 or email [Sheri.Brock@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Sheri.Brock@NationwideChildrens.org).

## Transform Pediatric Health Care With Project ECHO

Are you ready to make a difference in pediatric care? Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) offers a free virtual program to bridge gaps in care. The program is an opportunity to connect with other experts, enhance patient outcomes and master best practices through dynamic communities and educational sessions.

Sign up today for these upcoming series:

- Autism Primary Care
- Adolescent Medicine
- Behavioral Health in Primary Care Foundations
- Pediatric Pain - Foundations
- Telehealth Autism Assessment

Visit [NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO-series](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/ECHO-series) to learn more.

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Let's spark joy and learning in our youngest patients this summer. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends a free book each month to children ages 0-5, promoting early childhood development and creating fun summer reading habits. Patient families can enroll for free at [NationwideChildrens.org/ImaginationLibrary](https://www.NationwideChildrens.org/ImaginationLibrary).

## Unlocking a Summer of Fun and Learning With CAP4Kids

With school out and summer just around the corner, it's important to keep kids engaged and connected to essential resources. The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP4Kids) is your go-to website for a variety of free and low-cost summer programs that can make a big difference for patient families. From free meal programs to arts and science camps to college prep courses, CAP4Kids offers countless opportunities to keep kids active, learning and having fun all summer. Encourage your patient families to explore [these resources](#) and make the most of their summer break.

### HEMOCARE UPDATE

## Homecare Nurses: The Heart of Homecare

During May, Homecare recognizes the nurses who founded Homecare 35 years ago. Their commitment to providing premier pediatric care from inpatient to home created the need for increased pediatric home health care for patients in central Ohio. To answer patient needs, Homecare began adding services that expanded the volume and type of care the team could provide. During the past three decades, Homecare has continued to grow alongside the hospital to support the community, allowing children to go home to continue or complete needed medical treatments – from life-saving infusions to enteral feeds to a variety of therapy services in their homes.

Homecare nurses provide care to children in 16 counties. In 2024, Homecare's intermittent skilled nurses expanded their services to seven additional counties: three in the Toledo region (Lucas, Wood and Hancock) and four in the central Ohio region (Knox, Muskingum, Perry and Hocking). The Homecare team appreciates and celebrates their nurses, who continue to give their best every day for patients.

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

Make plans to join the upcoming session from noon to 1 p.m. Find the events on the Zoom links listed below or attend in person in Allen Auditorium at Nationwide Children's Conference Center. Lunch will be provided for the in-person sessions.

### Thursday, May 29

Emily Becker-Haimes, PhD

#### **How Decades of Research on Anxiety Management can Help Clinicians Improve Evidence-Based Practice Delivery**

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

### Tuesday, June 17

Benjamin Goldstein, MD, PhD

#### **Heart-Brain Connections in Relation to Youth Bipolar Disorder: Is it Time to Take Clinical Action?**

Hybrid: <https://zoom.us/j/91262487552>

## Behavioral Health Learning Library

This Mental Health Awareness Month, elevate your behavioral health education with the Behavioral Health Learning Library – a collection of free, on-demand courses for professionals.

These courses teach evidence-based pediatric mental and behavioral health assessment and treatment, specifically tailored for various professional practices such as nursing, social work, psychology, pharmacy and more. The courses can even be used for continuing education credits. Learn more and get started today at [NationwideChildrens.org/BH-Learning-Library](https://NationwideChildrens.org/BH-Learning-Library). For questions, email [BHEducation@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:BHEducation@NationwideChildrens.org).



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