

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Physician of the Year and Doctor's Day Celebration – March 26

Join us for a special Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation on March 26 at 8 a.m. Arrive early for a hot breakfast buffet and enjoy a special visiting professorship lecture from **Mary Leonard, MD, MSCE**. Dr. Leonard is the Arline and Pete Harman professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine and the Adalyn Jay physician-in-chief at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. The Physician of the Year award will also be presented.

2026 Physician Recognition Award Nominations

The Medical Staff Recognition Committee is accepting nominees for the 2026 Career Contribution Award, Golden Stethoscope Award, Art of Medicine Award and Outstanding Community-Based Award. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the Medical Staff Excellence Awards event on Tuesday, September 16, at the Nationwide Children's Conference Center. The guidelines and nomination form can be found in the MedStat email PDF attachment. Additionally, nomination forms were sent on February 1 via SurveyMonkey. Nomination forms should be returned to the attention of [Yvonne Jackson](#) in the Medical Staff Office by March 31.

Your Role in Vaccine Confidence

The mission at Nationwide Children's is to keep children healthy and safe. Vaccines remain one of the most effective tools to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death in children. We encourage providers to review the updated [Vaccines FAQ](#) and share it with patient families. Familiarity with this resource can help you answer questions confidently and support informed decision-making.



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FEATURED PHYSICIAN



Wisler Saint-Vil, MD, MBA, is a fellowship-trained physician in primary care sports medicine. He serves as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University and practices at Nationwide Children's, where he provides comprehensive musculoskeletal and sports-related care to athletes of all ages. During his fellowship at Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals,

he served as a fellow physician for the Cleveland Browns, Kent State University and several collegiate and high school teams, experiences that shaped his athlete-centered and performance-driven approach to care.

Dr. Saint-Vil is the creator of ExerciseNow, an innovative health care software platform that empowers providers and patients through personalized exercise prescriptions, Remote Therapeutic Monitoring (RTM), return-to-play protocols and wellness tools. He is also the author of *Exercise: The Best Health Insurance*, a book that emphasizes the transformative power of physical activity in preventive health. His work in digital health and regenerative medicine has been featured in multiple media outlets, including WTAP News, *The Parkersburg News* and other regional publications.

A passionate global health advocate, Dr. Saint-Vil serves as executive director of the Haitian Vision Foundation, which provides education and medical care in underserved communities. He is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole and Italian, and is committed to delivering inclusive, culturally responsive care while advancing innovation in sports medicine.

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.

Benjamin Blais, MD, Pediatrics

"I couldn't be more pleased. From the cardiac cath team to the transport team, my daughter was treated like gold and so carefully cared for and that means the world to me."

Molly Fuchs, MD, Pediatric Urology

"I will recommend our doctor to everyone who may need. She encouraged us to ask questions, and she described everything in detail. This was the best staff and experience we could've asked for. I have never experienced such great care all around from a facility. Everyone seemed to love their job and enjoy being there even for how early in the morning it was. Thank you, Nationwide Children's, for the best experience and the best care for my baby."

Amy Manning, MD, Otolaryngology

"No one really wants their child to have need for surgery. It's scary for them and scary for the parent. The staff did everything they could (and then some) to put us at ease. They were compassionate, knowledgeable and encouraging. I had great confidence in their clinical care (which is most important), but the added bonus of them going above and beyond to make my child comfortable was so invaluable."

Daryl McLeod, MD, Pediatric Urology

"My child was very uncomfortable and nervous leading up to this visit. We made a plan for how we would communicate that to the doctor. He was very understanding and sensitive, and projected a calm, relaxed, but respectful demeanor that helped my child to feel more comfortable. Before this visit, I told my child that his worry was almost certainly worse than the visit would be, and his doctor would have experience working with kids and understand that this is uncomfortable. I felt mostly confident saying this to my son because I trust Nationwide Children's, but it was a relief for my pre-visit assurances to be accurate."

Greg Pearson, MD, Pediatric Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

"There just aren't enough good things to say about Dr. Pearson and the wound care nurses. They always go above and beyond. They are professional, friendly and fun. They make the best of a not ideal situation. We always look forward to their opinions and guidance."

Emily Stonebrook, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Stonebrook was very detailed with her explanations and very patient when we discussed concerns regarding a prior test done with another clinic. She wonderfully recommended we do some thorough testing to ensure we don't miss anything and make sure we come to a proper diagnosis. I will recommend her to any parent who needs a nephrologist. This team has helped ease my mind and I look forward to continuing to work with them."

Caroline Weingart, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Weingart is amazing! She takes her time, listens to all questions and answers them. Always in a good mood. She's a delight to see at each appointment!"

Kent Williams, MD, Pediatrics

"Dr. Williams is amazing. We absolutely love him! He is such a caring doctor and listens, cares and puts his patients first! I recommend him to everyone I know, including strangers. He is the absolute best!"

Helen Wu, MD, Pediatrics

"The neurologist was very attentive and spent much time getting to know the symptoms my grandson was having. She checked him over thoroughly and explained his MRI very clearly. It is a great pleasure dealing with individuals who care about their patients."

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

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

1987 - The Wexner Institute for Pediatric Research opens.

COMMUNITY PROVIDER CORNER

Ohio Amblyope Registry

The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) serves the needs of children with amblyopia, commonly known as "lazy eye," their families and eye care providers. The OAR provides free eye patches (adhesive or cloth), educational material, compliance material and literature about amblyopia. The patches provided are latex-free and hypoallergenic. All services provided by the registry are free to any amblyope child who resides in Ohio up to 18 years of age. The OAR is funded through generous donations from Ohioans when they renew their license plates via the Save Our Sight Fund.

Expand Your Pediatric Expertise, For Free!

Strengthen your pediatric care skills with Project ECHO, a free virtual learning program that connects specialists and community providers. Through expert-led presentations and case-based discussions, you'll gain practical insights while helping reduce health disparities.

Save your spot for an upcoming series:

- [Cerebral Palsy Foundations](#)
- [Obesity Foundations](#)
- [Catatonia in Autism](#)

Visit [NationwideChildrens.org/ECHO](#) to learn more. For your patient families, [Family ECHO](#) is available to provide support and education for caregivers on topics such as autism, behavior management and feeding challenges.

Help Families Access Essential Resources

Looking for an easy way to connect your patient families to trusted community resources? CAP4Kids Columbus is a free, comprehensive website featuring up-to-date information on food, housing, utilities, transportation, clothing and more. You can make a big impact by sharing this resource in your practice. Request free posters and take-home materials to display in waiting rooms or provide during visits.

Visit [CAP4Kids.org/Columbus](#) to explore resources and request materials.

Free Tax Help for Your Patient Families

Nationwide Children's Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families initiative and United Way of Central Ohio are offering free tax filing services to Franklin County residents with a total annual income of less than \$70,000. Trained volunteers are ready to help residents claim eligible credits, maximize refunds and answer tax questions at 16 free tax clinic sites across Franklin County. Appointments are available from February through April. Direct your patient families to [614FileFree.org](#) to learn more.

HOME CARE

Homecare Expansion for Nursing Services

Homecare's Intermittent Skilled Nursing (ISN) team has expanded its service area in central Ohio, while continuing to provide care in the Toledo region. The complete list of counties where ISN provides care in 2026 is included as a PDF attachment in the MedStat email. Three new counties have been added: Marion, Morrow and Richland.

Home Medical Equipment (HME) continues to deliver equipment and supplies to all 88 counties, except for phototherapy. Due to regulations, phototherapy equipment is not available in every county. Visit [NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare](#) for the most up-to-date service area maps and information on all our service lines, including ISN, HME, hospice, infusion pharmacy, palliative care, private duty nursing, respiratory and therapy services. For questions about any of Homecare's services, email Meghan.Mertz@NationwideChildrens.org or call (614) 355-1100.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Ohio EMS for Children Conference

March 6

The Ohio EMSC Annual Conference is a statewide educational event designed to advance the clinical knowledge and skills of EMS and emergency department professionals in pediatric emergency care. Through lectures, breakout sessions, panel discussions and hands-on workshops. Participants will engage in evidence-based learning focused on improving outcomes for children in emergency settings. Register at [NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/2026OHEMSC](#).

Kidney and Urinary Tract Center Symposium

The Kidney-Cancer Connection: Translating Research Into Clinical Impact

March 19-20

This symposium will showcase state-of-the-art mechanistic insights and management strategies for kidney and urological complications in pediatric oncology. It will feature cutting-edge approaches and address gaps in early risk detection and timely intervention to improve cancer treatment tolerability, long-term outcomes and quality of life. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/KUTC2026.

Pediatric Gastroenterology Conference for Primary Care Clinicians

March 27

This one-day, hybrid conference is designed to provide primary care and general pediatric clinicians with up-to-date information on the identification, diagnosis and management of common gastrointestinal conditions. 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. Register at

NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/GI2026.

Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Symposium

April 1

This conference is directed to present clinical updates and research discoveries for the otolaryngologic care of children. This one-day meeting will include expert panels, multidisciplinary discussions and strategies to improve quality care for children. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ENT26.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

April 10

The 43rd Annual Dwight A. Powell Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference, in conjunction with the 41st Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference, will present material covering a variety of infectious diseases affecting neonates, infants and children that are frequently encountered

by the primary care medical professional with pediatric patients. The goal is to share the current diagnostic techniques and therapeutic options to improve management of these conditions. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ID2026.

Pediatric Asthma Conference

May 7-8

The 16th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference will highlight emerging information and practical advice regarding asthma management for providers of asthma patients across all levels of care. A pre-conference day will focus on updates in the diagnosis and management of food allergies. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/ASTHMA26.

2026 Neonatal/Fetal Conference

May 11-14

The 2026 Neonatal/Fetal Conference will highlight concepts of the use of evidence-based principles of care in perinatal, fetal and neonatal practice. The goal of the conference is to offer science, methodology, practice initiatives and discussion points for the participants to explore. The target audience includes nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists, social workers and any other health care workers who need to broaden their abilities to support babies, parents and families in the health care setting. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/NEOFET2026.

Ohio Integrated Primary Care Conference

May 29

This conference will bring together professionals across a range of disciplines to foster connection, share best practices and explore innovative approaches that advance integrated care models for children and families. Discover how integrated primary care is transforming patients, clinicians, and communities and collaborate to shape the future of pediatric integrated care in Ohio. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/OIPC2026.

Pediatric Cardiology Symposium

June 5

The 2026 Pediatric Cardiology Symposium is designed to provide pediatric practitioners with practical, up-to-date knowledge for recognizing and managing both common and complex cardiovascular conditions in children. Through focused lectures, interactive case discussions and hands-on breakout sessions, participants will build confidence in identifying cardiac

red flags, understanding current diagnostic and treatment approaches and knowing when to refer to subspecialty care. Register at NationwideChildrens.cloud-cme.com/cardio2026.

Upcoming Conferences

- May 27-28, Foster Care Summit
- July 29, Bereavement and Tissue Donation Symposium
- August 6-7, Ohio Pediatric Forensic/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Conference
- August 19-21, 4th Annual Robotic Surgery for Pediatric Surgeons: Program Development and Beyond
- August 28-29, 20th Annual Pediatric Urology Laparoscopy Course
- August 31-September 4, Myology Course
- September 9-11, Targeted Therapies
- September 23, XR Extended Reality
- September 25, Heart Center Research
- October 2, Dermatology Symposium
- October 9, Nationwide Children's EMS Conference
- October 16, School Health Update
- November 17-19, Research Retreat
- November 20-21, Sports Medicine Conference

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
2/12	Food Allergy Updates for the Practicing Pediatrician	Anne Marie Singh, MD University of Wisconsin - Madison
2/19	The I-ACQUIRE Trial of High Dose Constraint Induced Movement Therapy in Infants and Toddlers With Perinatal Stroke	Warren Lo, MD Nationwide Children's Hospital
2/26	Rare Disease Day TBD	Tara Wenger, MD, PhD Seattle Children's Hospital
3/5	TBD	
3/12	Fighting Eczema Without a Prescription Pad: Environmental and Behavioral Mitigations for Patients and Caregivers	Ian Myles, MD, MPH National Institutes of Health - NIAID
3/19	TBD	
3/26	Doctor's Day Leading With Purpose: Lessons in Leadership for Physicians Across Medicine and Beyond	Mary Leonard, MD, MSCE Stanford University School of Medicine

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 the office to leave a message at (614) 722-4550.

Upcoming virtual sessions:

- February 13 – Charles Elmaragh, MD, Ear Tubes in Office Setting
- March 13 – Edward Oberle, MD, and Laura Pratt, MD, Hypermobility
- April 10 – Greg Pearson, MD, Update on Plagiocephaly

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.

Thursday, February 19

Paola Malerba, PhD

Sleep

Virtual: <https://zoom.us/j/93791673443>

Thursday, March 26

Sarah Beal, PhD

Leveraging Health Services Research to Improving the Lives of Children in Foster Care

In-person: Nationwide Children's Conference Center – Allen A
(Lunch will be served.)

Virtual: <https://zoom.us/j/97534333443>



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