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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Clarification: Referral Info Requested Prior to a Specialist Visit

1. **Actual images** of any radiologic study performed at an outside facility should be sent prior to the visit or with the family.
2. Pertinent question
3. Pertinent progress notes
4. Growth chart
5. Lab results if performed at an outside facility

Time is Running Out to Join the 2020 Medical Leadership Program

Interested medical staff should contact Kerry Rubadue at Kerry.Rubadue@NationwideChildrens.org or call (614) 722-4027 with their name, title and department. Final date for participant submissions is Friday, December 13.

Road Construction and Facilities Updates

Visit these websites to learn more about state and city road construction around Nationwide Children's Hospital, as well as get updates on facilities. Up-to-date information can be found on ANCHOR by searching "Campus and Facilities Update" or by visiting NationwideChildrens.org/Road-Construction.



Richard Wood, MBChB,
FCPS(SA)

FEATURED PHYSICIAN

Richard Wood, MBChB, FCPS(SA), has been appointed chief for the Department of Pediatric Colorectal & Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery at Nationwide Children's and assistant professor of Pediatric Surgery at The Ohio State University. Dr. Wood's areas of clinical interest are complex pelvic reconstructive surgery including anorectal malformations, cloacal malformations, Hirschsprung disease and the surgical management of severe constipation. His surgical expertise is expansive – having provided care to hundreds of patients at Nationwide Children's as well as his deep experience in re-operative colorectal surgery and surgical reconstructions resulting from the rarest of conditions, such as complex cloaca and complex vaginal reconstruction.

Dr. Wood completed fellowship training at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. The hospital serves as the national resource for children with colorectal reconstructive needs. Dr. Wood has been prolific in his academic productivity, publishing many peer reviewed journal articles as well as book chapters on cloacal malformations, anorectal malformations and Hirschsprung disease.



When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.SM

Musculoskeletal Radiology Now Performing Non-sedated Musculoskeletal Procedures

Nationwide Children's Radiology Department has developed a comprehensive Musculoskeletal Program which will now encompass both imaging and interventions for musculoskeletal treatments. Traditionally, all image guided musculoskeletal procedures have been performed by Interventional Radiology, including musculoskeletal joint, tendon sheath, ganglion cyst, and bursal procedures. Non-sedated musculoskeletal procedures are now performed by Musculoskeletal Radiology. These orders are now live in EPIC. *For more information, see the insert in your packet.*

New Process for TB Screening

Effective November 2019, per recommendations by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Nationwide Children's Urgent Care Centers will cease TB screenings using PPD (purified protein derivative) skin tests. Our Urgent Care Centers now only offer the Quantiferon Gold (QFTGP) blood test to screen for TB in children ages 2 and older. For Quantiferon collection questions, contact Laboratory Client Services at (614) 722-5477. *For more information, see the insert in your packet.*

Call PDC for Urgent Endo Appointments

If primary care providers have urgent or emergent clinical concerns about a patient and are looking to make a referral to Endocrinology, call Physician Direct Connect (PDC) at (614) 355-0221.

Urgent or emergent clinical concerns include:

- Newly diagnosed congenital hypothyroidism with TSH > 50
- Abnormal 17-hydroxyprogesterone on newborn screen
- New onset type 1 diabetes
- New onset type 2 diabetes with HgbA1C ≥ 8%
- New onset hyperthyroidism (elevated FT4 and very low or suppressed TSH)

The above concerns should be discussed with a Nationwide Children's endocrinologist directly to help streamline the referral. Please DO NOT send requests for these urgent referrals via fax, online, or through your EMR, as this may delay necessary and proper evaluation and care.

Ohio Amblyope Registry Provides Free Treatment Supplies

The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) is the first and only statewide registry for children with amblyopia. The OAR provides free treatment supplies (eye patches), educational

information and support to any child (under the age of 18) and their family, in the state of Ohio, diagnosed with amblyopia. Once a child is diagnosed with amblyopia, a registration form is completed online at **OhioAmblyopeRegistry.com**. Upon registration, the child receives free eye patches, educational information and additional support. When the child needs additional patches, the parent/guardian can visit the OAR website to request additional patches. Every child, regardless of household income, can receive free patches during their patching treatment.

The Ohio Amblyope Registry is a grant-funded program through donations received from the check-off box on the vehicle registration form. The program is part of the Save Our Sight fund with the Ohio Department of Health. For additional information on the Ohio Amblyope Registry, visit **OhioAmblyopeRegistry.com** or call (877) 808-2422.

**This work is funded either in whole or in part by a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Save Our Sight and as a sub-award of a grant issued by the Ohio Department of Health under the Save Our Sight Program.*

Could Cardiopulmonary Rehab Benefit Your Patients?

Did you know that cardiopulmonary rehabilitation can provide benefits for individuals of all ages who are experiencing a decline in their physical endurance or having difficulty with normal daily activities?

Patients who benefit from cardiopulmonary rehabilitation include those who are recovering from heart and lung surgery as well as those who have been diagnosed with:

- Asthma
- Congenital heart defect
- Cystic fibrosis
- Interstitial lung disease
- Neuromuscular disease
- Obesity
- Scoliosis
- Sickle cell disease

The benefits of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation may include:

- Increased energy and strength
- Reduced emotional stress, anxiety and depression
- Improved muscle tone, flexibility and range of motion
- Reduced symptoms including shortness of breath, fatigue and chest pain

To learn more about cardiopulmonary rehab at Nationwide Children's, visit: **NationwideChildrens.org/Specialties/Cardiopulmonary-Rehabilitation-Program.**

PRIMARY CARE MATTERS

Primary Care Matters is a guest column written for MedStat by a local pediatrician or primary care provider.

Reflections on Being a Part-Time Primary Care Pediatrician

Written by Bruce Meyer, MD, administrative medical director at Nationwide Children's Hospital

As we became pediatricians, most (if not all of us) looked forward to a very productive, enjoyable and even fun-filled professional life. In my case, I believe all of these characteristics came true. A past mentor once told me that the first 10 years of your practice will be exciting — it will be very beneficial as you will reaping the benefits, happiness, and rewards of all your years of training. The second 10 years will be fulfilling, and you will become settled into a lifestyle. The latter years may sometimes seem like a difficult challenge, but hopefully still fulfilling. I can't say that was my experience, as having two different professional positions (general pediatrics and hospital pediatrics) allowed me to have challenges as well as benefits when doing one or the other. A difficult time in one also allowed me to escape into the other environment.

To continue reading Dr. Meyer's article, see the insert in your packet or visit [NationwideChildrens.org/MedStat](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/MedStat).

FEATURED PROGRAM

Medication Assisted Treatment for Addiction (MATA)

Virtually all addictions start during adolescence. Almost 4 million 12 to 25 year-olds in the U.S. have a substance abuse problem, but only 9% get any sort of treatment. The rate of suspected teen suicides using opioids has risen more than 50% since 2000. Between 1999 and 2016, almost 57,000 adolescents and young adults have died from a drug overdose.

Some indicators of possible substance abuse include changes in:

- Behavior
- Grades
- How they dress
- Who their friends are
- Moods
- Irritability
- Sleep patterns
- Every day activities
- Physical signs of dependence such as intoxication or hangovers

Nationwide Children's Medication Assisted Treatment for Addiction (MATA) is an outpatient program for adolescents and young adults, ages 14 to 21, for the treatment of prescription opioids (such as Percocet or oxycodone) or heroin addiction. Treatment involves using a drug called buprenorphine to stop withdrawal symptoms and to decrease drug cravings. For more information about MATA, visit [NationwideChildrens.org/MATA](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/MATA).

INNOVATION AND DISCOVERY

Read more news from The Research Institute at [NationwideChildrens.org/Research-News](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/Research-News). Addition information on these topics at [NationwideChildrens.org/MedStat](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/MedStat).

A New Therapeutic Era in Pediatric Functional and Motility Disorders

Children with severe motility disorders had no effective treatment options two decades ago. Today, physicians can prescribe them a growing number of medications, refer them to diet and behavioral treatments, surgery and neuromodulation. Learn about some of the most promising options for children at [PediatricsNationwide.org](https://www.PediatricsNationwide.org).

Suicide Attempts Among Black Youth Increasing

A study of racial and ethnic subgroups that included nearly 200,000 high school students shows that black youth increasingly attempted suicide from 1991 through 2017. At the same time, all other racial and ethnic groups saw a decline in attempts. For black males, injury by suicide attempt rose significantly. Learn more at [PediatricsNationwide.org](https://www.PediatricsNationwide.org).

Do Seizure Action Plans Make a Difference for Patients and Families?

Providing parents of children with epilepsy with a printed seizure action plan can reduce anxiety and help the parents feel more confident in managing the condition at home, and increase their attendance at regularly scheduled clinic visits, a study shows. Learn more about these tailored plans at [PediatricsNationwide.org](https://www.PediatricsNationwide.org).

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

- 1959 — The first burn unit in the country is established at Columbus Children's Hospital.
- 1959 — The first March of Dimes Birth Defects study is created here.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Elaine R. Mardis, PhD, co-executive director of the Steve and Cindy Rasmussen Institute for Genomic Medicine at Nationwide Children's, was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), the first faculty member from Nationwide Children's to be appointed to this prestigious organization. Election to NAM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. New members are elected by current members through a process that recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care and public health.

Garey Noritz, MD, has received the 2019 Mentorship Award from the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDMD). Dr. Noritz is chief of Complex Care, which provides a medical home to children and adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities. The Mentorship Award recognizes an individual who is an active member of the AACPDMD and has demonstrated outstanding leadership mentoring trainees and colleagues in the field of childhood-onset disabilities. Particular focus is placed on the contribution and impact of the mentoring to improve services/care, promote professional education and/or promote research for children with disabilities.

Ihuoma Eneli, MD, MS, FAAP, has been appointed Vice Chair of the National Academy of Medicine Roundtable on Obesity Solutions, Washington, DC. Dr. Eneli is director of the Center for Healthy Weight and Nutrition at Nationwide Children's. Established in 2014, The Roundtable on Obesity Solutions, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) engages leadership from multiple sectors to solve the obesity crisis. The Roundtable provides a trusted venue for enhancing and accelerating discussion, development, and implementation of multi-sector collaborations, and policy, environmental, and behavioral initiatives that will increase physical activity; reduce sedentary behavior; and improve the healthfulness of foods and beverages consumed to reduce the prevalence and adverse consequences of obesity and eliminate obesity-related health disparities.

Retirement Announcement: Richard J. Brilli, MD, FAAP, MCCM

Written by Tim Robinson, CEO

It is with both sadness and the deepest admiration that I announce Dr. Richard J. Brilli will be retiring as our Chief Medical Officer in June 2020. I am happy to report that following his retirement Dr. Brilli will continue working onsite five days per month assisting with special assignment projects and supporting the onboarding of our new chief medical officer.

There simply is not room in this announcement to fully capture the impact Dr. Brilli has had on Nationwide Children's since he arrived in 2008. His vision for "Zero Hero" has transformed not only our organizational perspective on patient safety and health care quality but the perspective of the global pediatric community.

His legacy will live on through the audacious, transformative goal he set forward in 2008: eliminating all preventable patient harm. In doing so, he launched a journey that has

resulted in a 70 percent reduction in all harm events and a national movement around zero preventable harm. The five-pillar foundation for quality and safety that Dr. Brilli and his colleagues established (Do Not Harm Me, Cure Me, Treat Me With Respect, Navigate My Care and Keep Us Well) has served as an exemplary model replicated by numerous quality and safety efforts worldwide. For this, and so much more, Dr. Brilli holds a deep and lasting place in our hearts and the history of Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Always the collaborator, Dr. Brilli has worked tirelessly to spread Nationwide Children's learnings around the world. He is an inaugural member of the clinical steering team for the Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS) National Harm Reduction Collaborative, which now includes 135 hospital systems, and most recently he Co-Chairs the 50-hospital Children's Hospital Association Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes Collaborative to bring more children the benefit of high-quality care. His desire to spread knowledge is also evident in the number of professionals he has mentored during his career and the creation of the world's first peer-reviewed journal focused only on pediatric quality of care. Dr. Brilli is Co-Editor in Chief of this journal.

Dr. Brilli has also been a role model for our One Team values, and has relentlessly credited his colleagues and peers with many of these accomplishments. He has always acted in a manner consistent with his belief in the importance of elevating institutional capacity both at Nationwide Children's and other children's hospitals nationally -- insisting that a rising tide of collaborative efforts is essential for the safety and quality movement. A movement which has ultimately made health care safer for children everywhere.

I will miss working with Dr. Brilli, and I know many others will as well, but I am grateful he will still be with us part-time. And, of course, I am glad that he will be able to spend more time with his wife Cindy, their children and grandchildren. I am equally grateful to them for sharing Dr. Brilli with us for so many years and we wish them all well in this next exciting chapter of their lives.

More details to come on our search process and more importantly, the well-deserved celebrations for Dr. Brilli. Please join me in congratulating him for his transformational service.

GME NEWS

Overview of 2019 – 2020 Residents & Fellows:

- 119 pediatric residents, 40 internal medicine/pediatrics residents
- 16 pediatric dental residents
- 148 Nationwide Children's medical/surgical fellows
- 14 medical-surgical fellows in combined OSU-NCH programs
- 587 rotating residents & fellows
- **924 TOTAL Residents & Fellows at Nationwide Children's**
- **60 Nationwide Children's programs with one or more trainees**

Nationwide Children's Residents & Fellows Shine at OSU QI GME Symposium:

HALF of all talks and posters from Nationwide Children's trainees:

- o Drs. Laura Ballenger (Adolescent)
- o Philip Chang (Med-Peds)
- o Tara Cosgrove (QI)
- o Ana Delorme (Med-Peds)
- o Michelle Gillespie (Med-Peds)
- o Alissa Guarneri (Endo)
- o Amy Hiller (PM&R)
- o Basil Kahwash (AI)
- o Monica Kraft (Peds Resident)
- o Melanie Marsh (Hosp. Med)
- o Anja Zann (QI)

Dr. Tara Cosgrove was audience choice as best presentation (2nd year in a row)

Homecare Update

Homecare: A Year In Review

What a year 2019 has been for Homecare. Homecare service lines continue to experience unprecedented growth, to answer home health needs for chronic, acute and complex pediatric patients. Homecare service lines have already exceeded the below 2018 patient care stats this year.

- Infusion Pharmacy
 - o 94,718 Doses Dispensed
 - o 10,400 Prescriptions Filled
 - o 3,351 TPNs
 - o 20,172 Central Line Days
 - o 5,306 Infusion Pharmacy Deliveries
- Pediatric Home Medical Equipment – 14,936 Medical Supply Deliveries
- Intermittent (Short-term) Nursing – 7,017 Patient Visits
- Private Duty (Long-term) Nursing – 67,821 Nursing Hours
- Skilled Therapy Services (OT, PT, Speech) – 9,607 Visits
- Hospice and Palliative Care Services – 368 Hospice Patient Days and 2,080 Palliative Care Visits

In addition, the Lewis Center retail store provides families a space to view and shop for the home medical supplies their children may need, as well as a space to try on and ensure the appropriate fit for orthopedic supplies, such as sports braces and shoe inserts.

To support patients diagnosed with asthma, we have added even more content to our Asthma Express webpage with new content for families, updated parent fact sheets, a link to videos and even recent PediaCast episodes. Physicians can earn CE credit when they tune in to Episode 50, while learning the latest updates from Nationwide Children's Hospital pediatric and pulmonary experts.

As we celebrate National Home Care, Home-based Palliative Care and Hospice month, we are pleased to report that Homecare is fully contracted with Aetna and Anthem, and Homecare is "live" on Epic. Accomplishing these two goals allows us to work even more integrally with physicians and staff to provide Best patient care at home.

Information regarding payor contracts, service area and the most recent Epic referral processes can be found on ANCHOR or at NationwideChildrens.org/Homecare. Questions? Email Carolyn.Figi@NationwideChildrens.org.

EVENTS

Nationwide Children's Hospital Medical Staff Holiday Social

Saturday, December 7, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Columbus Athenaeum, Olympian Ballroom

32 North 4th Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

RSVP at HolidayRSVP@NationwideChildrens.org no later than November 30.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

2019 Pediatric Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Conference

November 22, 2019

OCLC Conference Center, 6600 Kilgour Pl., Dublin, OH

November 15 is the last day to register!

For more information and to register, call (614) 355-0650 or visit bit.ly/SportsMedConf.

Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

38th Annual Dwight A. Powell Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

in conjunction with

36th Annual Pediatric Infectious Diseases Nursing Conference

In Honor of the Retirement of Dr. Michael Brady In Conjunction with the Medical Alumni Reunion

April 24, 2020 – Conference
April 24-25 - Alumni Reunion Events

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2020ID>. Watch for more information at NationwideChildrens.org/For-Medical-Professionals or call (614) 355-0650.

Conference:

With Tom Hansen, MD, as the keynote speaker, topics for the conference will include:

- Lyme Disease
- Measles
- Hepatitis C
- Health Department Trends
- Nursing Narratives
- Multidisciplinary Discussion Panel

Medical Alumni Reunion:

- Friday Reception and Dinner
- Saturday Family Fun Event

For more information about CME at Nationwide Children's visit NationwideChildrens.org/Continuing-Medical-Education-CME. To contact the CME Office email cmeoffice@NationwideChildrens.org or call (614) 355-0650. For more information about Outreach courses, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Professional-Outreach-Education or call (614) 355-0669.

Behavioral Health Webinar Series for Primary Care Providers

The Behavioral Health Webinar Series equips pediatricians with the knowledge and resources to support patients. Webinars will take place in 2019 on the following days:

- Thursday, November 21, 2019 (12 p.m.)

Up-to-date information can be found at NationwideChildrens.org/Specialties/Behavioral-Health/For-Providers/Webinar-Series. For more information or to receive email updates, contact Sherry.Fletcher@NationwideChildrens.org

GRAND ROUNDS & LOUNGE AND LEARN

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds lectures are provided every Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the main hospital in Stecker Auditorium.

They can also be seen in the following locations: Dublin *Close To Home* Center, Dublin Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center, East Columbus *Close To Home* Center, Lewis Center *Close To Home* Center, Livingston Ambulatory Center, Marysville *Close To Home* Center and Westerville *Close To Home* Center. For directions to *Close to Home*SM Centers, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Maps-and-Directions.

Date	Topic	Speaker and Institution/Department
11/21	Teratogenic Medication Safety	Elise Berlan, MD; Kelly Wise, PharmD; Fatima Barbar-Smiley, MD; Nationwide Children's Hospital
11/28	Thanksgiving Day – No Grand Rounds	
12/5	Gluten Related Disorders: People Shall Not Live on Bread Alone	Alessio Fasano, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital for Children
12/12	Addressing Medical Trauma After the Diagnosis of a Serious or Chronic Illness: Why It Matters, What to Ask and Some Solutions	Barbara Galantowicz, MD; Nationwide Children's Hospital
12/19	Advocacy Priorities for Achieving Child Health Equity: Racism can have a long-term effect on children's health	Sara Goza, MD; American Academy of Pediatrics
12/26	Christmas Holiday – No Grand Rounds	
1/9	Down Syndrome	Murugu Manickam, MD; Nationwide Children's Hospital

Did you miss a grand rounds lecture? View past lectures, with the option of earning CME credit, at NationwideChildrens.org/CME-On-Demand.

Category 1 CME Credit Note: After a grand rounds lecture is featured live it will take approximately three weeks to post before you can view and test for credit.

Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

Date: Friday, December 13 at 8 a.m. (date moved from November 20)

Location: Discovery Auditorium

Speaker: Kitty Soldano, Ph.D., LISW-S

Topic: The Family Life Cycle in an Era of Constant Change

LOUNGE AND LEARN

Lounge and Learn will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Medical Staff Lounge (Bruce Graham Lounge) – RH1031.

Date	Topic	Speaker
11/15	Measles Vaccine Update	Dr. Matthew Washam
12/6	Pseudotumor Cerebri	Dr. David Rogers (or designee)
12/20	Future of Nationwide Children's Campus	Okey Eneli

Don't Miss Out on 2019 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4 Credit

Physician Credit for MOC: To get Part 4 credit for participating in an NCH-approved MOC project in 2019, you must submit an attestation form no later than 11/15/19.

For more information and forms, please see the ANCHOR MOC Page at <http://anchor.columbuschildrens.net/maintenance-of-certification-1>.

Send applications, attestation forms and questions to:
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