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### From the Editor

## CELEBRATIONS, FAREWELLS, & WELCOMES- Medical Education Launches a New Academic Year Amid A Pandemic

This issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* is released to highlight events that occurred in May and June 2020. This issue comes at an unprecedented time in the middle of a pandemic. This is what we normally call **“THE CELEBRATION ISSUE”**. As we were trying to conclude an academic year, our Class of 2020 trainees were concluding a chapter in their professional development. Some continuing for further training and some joining the workforce in pediatrics or one of its subspecialties. As I reflect back on the past two months, we were faced with many challenges yet, we wanted to be able to still safely celebrate on time our Class of 2020 along with their friends, families, and loved ones. During that time, the Department of Medical Education was also preparing to welcome a brand new class of interns and fellows coming from all over the country and the world. Trying to plan visas, contracts, onboarding, and orientations in the midst of quarantines and social distancing. We will certainly look back

at these times as this pandemic too shall pass.

This issue highlights the various milestones in this period:

- ◆ The Medical Education department celebrated its 60 graduates in the class of 2020
- ◆ Twenty eight pediatric residents and 14 subspecialty fellows were welcomed into the NCHS family
- ◆ Trainees continue to be recognized for their professionalism and humanism
- ◆ Despite the pandemic and its impact on national meetings, trainees continue to showcase their scholarly work nationally and in print
- ◆ Medical Education Department, in its mission & commitment to excellence in education and professional development, launches its new CME platform

### A Time to Give Thanks & Recognitions

The end of the year is marked by honoring and giving thanks to peers, other departments and disciplines, faculty mentors, and patients. Our graduation awards ceremony highlights the trainees commitment to teamwork, interdisciplinary care, and commitment to iCREATE the NCHSWay. This is a time of mixed emotions: Like the proud parents seeing their children move on to real life, we hope that we prepared them well for what is coming their way, yet feeling a bit like “empty nesters”...

As we turn the page of a new academic year, I look to a bright future in which we continue to strive for excellence, as **“better is always possible”**. Enjoy this celebration-filled issue.

Rani S. Gereige, MD, MPH,  
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Milestones in Faculty Development

## Did You Know that HIPAA Has a Minimum Necessary Rule?

The **Minimum Necessary Rule** is a key protection principle of the Privacy Rule that protects health information from being used, accessed or disclosed when it is not necessary or authorized. Under this rule, NCHS is required to have policies limiting the unnecessary and inappropriate access to and disclosure of any protected health information.

It is a violation of NCHS policy and the HIPAA minimum necessary rule to access medical records outside of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. Specifically, it is not acceptable to access your own medical record, your family's medical record that of your co-workers or patients for whom you are not actively involved in the care. Such activity will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in NCHS policy and guidance.

Violation of this rule is governed by the [Disciplinary Actions for Privacy and Information Security-Related Violations of Protected Health Information v.1](#) policy, which can be found in PolicyTech.

NCHS authorized personnel should only access the "minimum necessary" information needed to perform their job (physicians, nurses, administrative employees) including to provide treatment, facilitate payment of a claim, register a patient or for support of our health care operations.

Any observed inappropriate access or disclosure must be reported immediately to the **NCHS Privacy Officer, Dr. Jennifer McCafferty @ 786-624-3838** or by calling the **Compliance Hotline (888) 323-6248**.

HIPAA – Minimum Necessary Rule- 45 CFR 164.502(b), 164.514(d)

### Take Away

**Minimum necessary:**

- ◆ Requires you to limit your uses, disclosures and requests for PHI to the minimum necessary to do your job
- ◆ Employees **may not** utilize their NCHS access to look up their medical records, records of their family members, friends, or people whom they know. The Health Information Management (HIM) Department may provide records with written request or the patient portal may be used.

**Your responsibility:**

- ◆ Only request or access information needed to perform your job.
- ◆ Just because you have access to information and records doesn't mean you have the right to view everyone's record.
- ◆ Accessing records when there isn't a need to know is strictly prohibited and can result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

*Ethics & Compliance*



Milestones in Faculty Development

## Virtual Meetings: Tips & Tricks

Virtual meetings for the purposes of business or education have become part of our daily lives. Below are some tips & trick for virtual meetings:

### Twelve Virtual Meeting Etiquette Tips:

1. Don't be late

2. Introduce everyone at the beginning
3. Ensure that you have a clean, work-appropriate background
4. Turn on the camera
5. Sit still
6. Look into the camera when talking instead of looking at yourself

7. No eating
8. Eliminate distractions and focus on the agenda
9. Be aware of your audio and video settings
10. Close your office door
11. Don't multitask
12. If you are the host, stick around



Milestones in Faculty Development (Cont'ed)

# 25 Tips for Engaging Your Audience on Conference Call (From Furman University)

## LEADING ENGAGING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

25 Tips for Engaging Your Audience on Conference Calls

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### 1. ENGAGE

When you get to the point where you think you may be over the top with your presentation, you're not quite there yet!

Make your workshop as engaging as possible! A dry lecture can put people to sleep or prompt them to check out fairly quickly.

### 2. ANIMATE

Use your hands to be expressive and make sure your points are coming across to your participants.

### 4. SET EXPECTATIONS

Make sure that you set your expectations with your audience. Identify key learning objectives so participants can self-check once the workshop is complete to see how much they learned.

### 3. EXPRESS YOURSELF

### 5. SHARE SCREENS

Have all participants share screens to promote engagement.

### 6. ASK QUESTIONS

Advise your participants that they may be called upon to answer questions. This can serve to make sure everyone is paying attention.

### 7. CHAT STORM

Do a chat storm! Ask a question of the audience and have them drop the answer into the chat room as a message. This is a quick way to poll the audience and to keep them engaged.

### 9. SCREEN RECORD

Edit the recorded video after it's been saved to your computer. You can post it on YouTube and share the link with your participants or those that did not attend.

### 8. FACILITATE CONNECTION

Provide opportunities for participants to connect. Take a moment and ask all of the participants to share their LinkedIn profiles in the chatroom. The chat can be shared after the meeting.

### 10. BREAKOUT ROOMS

This is a great way to make a workshop engaging. Participants can learn a great deal from one another sharing experiences. Determine the number of breakout rooms and establish the number of people per room before breaking them out. The number of rooms is entered by the host.

### 11. HEADS UP

When doing breakout rooms, advise your participants that it may take 20 to 40 seconds to break everyone out into a room, as well as to reconvene.

### 12. BROADCAST FEATURE

You can broadcast a 2-minute warning to all participants when you are ready to reconvene from breakout groups.

### 14. ASSIGN AHEAD

You can also assign people to break out rooms prior to the meeting using the meeting setup. Or, have people rename themselves and break each person out into groups based on the renaming criteria they are given.

### 13. BE PREPARED

When you process the breakout, you will have people left in the room who are in. Be prepared to facilitate discussion, or manually assign these people to other rooms.

### 15. CHECK IN

Hosts and co-hosts can jump into breakout rooms to help facilitate discussions. This can also be a time to determine the needs of your customers.

### 16. PLAN AHEAD

Have a plan for how much time you will spend on introductions, presenting content, time in breakout rooms, and how much time for breakout room debrief and for Q&A and wrap up.

### 17. FOLLOW UP

Create a follow-up survey and ask participants to partake.

### 18. PREP YOUR SCREEN

It is good practice to prepare a background screen prior to the session. Use the slide show function in PowerPoint and share this screen in zoom. This is the first thing your participants will see when they enter the room.

### 19. DEBRIEF

Do a debrief with your presenters and hosts immediately following the meeting to share concerns and discuss what went well and what can be improved.

### 20. INPUT NOTES

Drop your handout or talking points into PowerPoint and present them the same way.

### 21. MUTE FUNCTION

As a host, if people are unmuted, you may have distracting dog barking or child crying. To find this participant, look for the yellow highlighted video square and mute this square!

### 22. ICE BREAKERS

For engaging participants, have them pick out an object in their home to present to the camera and tell the other participants what the object says about them. Allows for self-disclosure and learning about fellow participants.

### 24. RECORD & SHARE

Offer to share the recording of the video and the chat. Your participants can then reference past meeting details they may have missed.

### 23. GET TO KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

Ask participants to share what they are most excited about and what they are most afraid of. Hosts and presenters should share this information too.

### 25. CREATE A ONE PAGER

Develop a one pager for the participants so they can save it to reference the workshop later. Create your one pager on Microsoft Word, or any design software!

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Milestones in Graduation Celebrations

# NCH & the Department of Medical Education Celebrate the Class of 2020 Residents & Fellows' Virtual Graduation

Commencement Exercises Program for Residents and Subspecialty Residents



Graduating Class of 2020

Miami, Florida  
June 12, 2020



The Department of Medical Education hosted on **Friday June 12th 2020** the Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony & Commencement Exercises. **Dr. Kyle Yasuda; Immediate Past-President of the AAP** delivered both the **24th Dr. Ramon Rodriguez-Torres Annual Lectureship Grand Round on "Never More Essential"** as well as the graduation Keynote Address. The virtual grand

round was streamed live via Zoom and was followed by congratulatory remarks from Hospital Senior Leaders and by awards and recognitions. Two Diploma ceremonies were held live (with social distancing and masks) and were transmitted live via YouTube Live from the transformed Auditorium. A total of **60 Graduates** were celebrated including Dental Pediatric Residents, Pediatric and

Surgical Subspecialty Fellows, Pharmacy residents, PA ER Fellow, and Psychology trainees (Session I), followed by Pediatric Residents (Session II). The fellows Class address was given by **Dr. John Kotula** and the residents Class address was given by Drs **Stephen Girgis & Bianca Soto** and friends. **Congratulations to the Class of 2020.** We are proud of you!!!



Milestones in Diversity and Inclusion

# NCH Trainees & Faculty Participate along with NCH Employees in #whitecoatsforblacklives Solidarity Event

On **June 5th 2020**; Nicklaus Children's Hospital and its employees, senior leadership, and departments and staff participated in **#whitecoatsforblacklives** solidarity event.

The Department of Medical Education and its trainees and faculty participated in this event which was posted on social media sites. In addition,

Dr. Yasuda; Graduation keynote speaker for the class of 2020; used the social media post about the solidarity event in his Graduation Grand Round presentation.



Milestones in New Trainees Orientations

# NCH GME Welcomes New Residents and Fellows

NCH & the Department of Medical Education welcomed the Pediatric and Dental Residents for orientation on June 10th 2020 and the Subspecialty Fellows on July 6th 2020.

Despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic placed on onboarding, in terms of visas, quarantines, travel restrictions, and delays, orientations were held using a combination of

socially-distant live and virtual modes. A total of **44** new trainees were onboarded and oriented. Welcome to the NCHS Family!!



## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



**Anthony Liberti, MD (PGY3)**

**Dr. Anthony Liberti** received an e-Recognition from Kristen Mendez; Survivorship Program Manager; Cancer Center for his display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Mendez commented: *"I would like to recognize Anthony for being an exceptional community advocate. Today at the Starbucks I observed him pay for the police officer in line. Thank you so much for showing compassion when we need it most!"*. Congratulations Anthony on your display of the iCREATE NCHS Values.



**Niveditha Balakumar, MD (PICU Fellow - Graduate)**



**Dr. Niveditha Balakumar** received an e-Recognition from Ms Ashley Donisi, RN PICU for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Donisi commented: *"Nivea was outstanding tonight. She was being pulled in many different directions all night and still managed to give each patient (and nurse) the attention and care they deserved. You really are one of a kind and you are so appreciated! Thank you!"*. Congratulations Nivea for a job well-done. We are very proud of you!!!

**Chioma Duru, MD (CICU Fellow - Graduate)**



**Dr. Chioma Duru** received **four** e-Recognitions in the past two months:

- ◆ One e-Recognition is from Ms Alice Latorre; Clinical Coordinator; CICU for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Tirado commented: *"I would like to recognize Chioma for the NCH value of empathy. Developing empathy is a crucial part of building relationships with the patients and families that we care for in the CICU. The ability to show compassion for those who have been placed in a position of vulnerability when their child is experiencing some type of illness is apparent in the care that Chioma gives to the patients and their families. Having the ability to step into the shoes of another person helps to build trust and ultimately makes a positive impact on patient outcomes. Thank you Chioma for modeling the NCH value of empathy for our patients in CICU"*. Congratulations Chioma!!

- ◆ The second one is from Ms Betsy Tirado; CICU Nurse Manager for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Tirado commented: *"I would like to recognize Chioma. As a fellow, she not only took responsibility for her own education and learning, but also for our junior Nurses. I often hear Chioma taking the time to not just write orders, but to actually take the time to discuss the why's of any given order or intervention. She is patient with the staff and really takes responsibility for teaching them unlike any fellow I have had the pleasure to work with. She will be missed dearly!!"*. Congratulations Chioma on your

professionalism and compassion.

- ◆ The third e-Recognition is from Ms Gina Lilavois, RN CICU for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Lilavois commented: *"We had a code on Sunday and Dr Duru was great, everything went smoothly, very professional and assertive. I love working with her and I am going to miss her"*. Congratulations Chioma on job well done!!!

- ◆ The fourth e-Recognition was from Larissa De Alencar, RN Float Nursing for her display of the NCHS Values. Ms De Alencar commented: *"Dr. Duru always goes above and beyond for her patients and nurses. She is always willing to take time to teach and as a new nurse I really appreciate having someone pour knowledge into me. Dr. Duru came by to check on my patient and give me some instructions for the night since we had a new development and when I asked her to explain a surgical procedure (Mustard procedure) she did not hesitate to pull up a chair and start teaching. She patiently explained, drew out the procedure and answered all of my questions. Thank you Dr. Duru for taking the time to invest in my education!"*. Congratulations Chioma again!!!



**Ana Ramos, MD (PEM Fellow)**

**Dr. Ana Ramos** received an e-Recognition from Ms Candice Zamora; LPN ER for her display of the NCHS Value of **Improving Quality**. Ms. Zamora commented: *"Ana is professional, kind, empathetic, and so easy to communicate and get things done efficiently. Thank you for talent and hard work! The nurses in the ER appreciate you!"*. Congratulations!!!

## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions (Cont'ed)



**Adriana Rodriguez, MD (PGY3)**

**Dr. Adriana Rodriguez** received an e-Recognition from Carolina De Almagro, RN PICU for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms De Almagro commented: *"I would like to recognize Adriana for being an amazing resident in our PICU. She is extremely knowledgeable, quick to assist, and easily diffuses any misunderstanding between the medical team and the patients and families. Her friendly personality facilitates building rapport with her patients. She is a team player and a valuable asset to our medical team! Thank you Adriana for sharing your knowledge with us all and for your dedication to our patients!"*. Congratulations Adriana on a job well-done. Keep up the good work!!!



**Guido Alarcon, MD (PGY3)**

**Dr. Guido Alarcon** received an e-Recognition from Carolina De Almagro, RN PICU for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms De Almagro commented: *"I would like to thank Guido for sharing his knowledge about carbohydrate counting for one of our patients in the PICU! He was truly an immense help in calculating the amount of carbs in homemade meals and helped to effectively and correctly correct the patient's blood sugar. Thank you!"*. Congratulations Guido for a job well-done!!

**Deidre Anastas, MD (PICU Fellow)**



**Dr. Deidre Anastas** received an e-Recognition from Ms Betsy Tirado; CICU Nurse Manager for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Tirado commented: *"I would like to recognize the entire team that participated in a recent code. It was an extremely sad case with an expected outcome that for many weighs heavy on their spirit. This team took their responsibility seriously, efficiently and effectively even in the face of futility in order to provide the physiological and emotional needs of two parents not able to make a difficult decision. The compassion and dedication demonstrated cannot be over looked. The level of clear communication was literally video perfect. (...) Deidre Anastas – a new fellow to the team, alternated with Ana to perform excellent and efficient chest compressions. (...). Their team work gave her comfort and allowed her to make a decision she could not previously come to terms with. That in and of itself speaks volumes to the dedication of everyone involved in this particular code. Thank you!"*. Congratulations Deidre on a job well-done.



**Rodrigo Cavalcante, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Rodrigo Cavalcante** received an e-Recognition from Lony Vega, RN 2N for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms De Almagro commented: *"Thank you for being so approachable and helpful during such a busy shift the other night. You were so patient with every nurse in the shift and everyone collaborated so well together :) Thank you for*

*your willingness to help and answer everyone's concerns no matter how many questions the families or the nurses had!"*. Congratulations Rodrigo on your commitment to excellent teamwork.



**Sofia Colon Guzman, MD (PGY2)**

**Dr. Sofia Colon Guzman** received **three** e-Recognitions:

- ◆ One e-recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"Sofi you are Ms. Reliable! Your colleagues are so lucky to have you in their class as you are the ultimate team player! You're always willing to help. You take on challenges and you do everything well! You bring everyone together and you are so appreciated! 5T misses you!"*. Congratulations Sofia.
- ◆ The second e-Recognition is from her peer Dr. Gabriela Lins (PGY1) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *"Dr. Colon demonstrated excellent performance by training me, an incoming intern, during two consecutive night shifts this week. She showed extreme patience, kindness, and an exemplary work ethic as she diligently and systematically taught me how to use Center, put in orders, write notes, and perform the required duties of a resident. Dr. Colon truly models the NCHS values and made me feel welcome as I transition into my new role."* Congratulations Sofia on a job well done!!!
- ◆ The third e-Recognition was from Dr. Oranit Shaked; PEM Attending for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *"Sofia is an excellent resident. She is hard working, smart, great with families and is a pleasure to work with"*. Congratulations Sofia.



## Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

## NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions (Cont'ed)



**Ashish Saini, MD (PGY2)**

Dr. Ashish Saini received an e-Recognition from his peer Dr. Gabriela Lins (PGY1) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Lins commented: *“Dr. Saini went above and beyond this week by helping the night shift team on a different unit see admissions. He took initiative and was a true team player by seeing new admits and subsequently writing their history and physical notes. He also gave me, an incoming resident, a tour of the floor as well as shared incredible pearls of wisdom. Dr. Saini demonstrates the NCHS value of collaboration and is a true leader in his exemplary service to others”*. Congratulations Ashish!!

**Adriana Sarmiento, MD (Class 2020 Graduate)**



Dr. Adriana Sarmiento received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *“You were an incredible team leader Adri! Your interns were always on task and finished everything in a timely manner. You lead by example and it definitely showed. You took on the responsibility of being a team leader beautifully. You are missed!”*. Congratulations!!!

**Giancarlo Sanguineti, MD (PGY2)**



Dr. Giancarlo Sanguineti received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *“You have improved so much through the year and I am so proud of you. It was great watching you teach the new interns. You did so with such care, empathy, and skill. You are always the one to make us smile and laugh. You make the work environment a more comfortable space.”* Congratulations Giancarlo!!



**Ariella Barhen, MD (PICU Fellow)**

Dr. Ariella Barhen received an e-Recognition from Carolina De Almagro, RN PICU for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms. De Almagro commented: *“Ariella has ALWAYS been a pleasure to work with. She quickly responds to one's concerns and acts accordingly. Today, my patient in COVID became hypotensive and she walked into the COVID unit to check up on all her patients at the immediate time that I needed her. I mentioned that the patient had become hypotensive and did not have access to give a fluid bolus, and she immediately went to find the Doppler and jumped to assist. She also recruited other nurses and MDs to assist with this crisis. She is always super helpful and maintains her composure through all stressful situations. I am glad to have Ariella as part of our PICU team and to guide me during stressful situations such as today's”*. Congratulations Ariella on a job well done!!

**Sebastian Proano, MD (PICU Fellow)**



Dr. Sebastian Proano received an e-Recognition from Carolina De Almagro, RN PICU for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms. De Almagro commented: *“I would like to thank Sebastian for being such an amazing resource and fellow in our unit. Today, during an acute decompensation of my patient in the COVID pod, Sebastian, quickly came to help correct the situation. He is always very knowledgeable, empathetic, and approachable. I am glad to have a fellow like Sebastian on the team to guide us. Thank you for your help today!”*. Congratulations Sebastian on a job well done!!



**Marina Dantas, MD (PGY2)**

Dr. Marina Dantas received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *“Marina, you were an absolute pleasure to work with in 5T. Through the stressful times, your compassion and empathy shined through, for both your colleagues and your patients! You have improved so much throughout the year and demonstrated your ability to think outside of the box. You are missed!”*. Congratulations!!!





Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions (Cont'ed)



**Natasha Johnson, MD (PGY2)**

Dr. Natasha Johnson received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for her **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"The love you have for your patients is truly inspiring. It was nice seeing you bond so well with some of the kids. It really showed your great empathy and compassion :) You were a pleasure to work with and you are truly missed!"*. Congratulations!!!

*weren't willing to take. You have improved so much throughout the year and your charisma and empathy definitely showed!! You are missed!"*. Congratulations Pablo!!



**Freddy Martin, MD (PGY3)**

Dr. Freddy Martin received an e-Recognition from Dr. Oranit Shaked; PEM Attending for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Shaked commented: *"Freddy is an exceptional resident. He is motivated, hard working and highly skilled. It's been a pleasure working with him"*. Congratulations Freddy!!

*tient feel safe and comfortable, and even sat on the floor to make sure he was at eye level with the patient. It's nice to know that we have such caring doctors within our NCH family!"* Congratulations Jonathan on a great start of your residency. Keep up the great work!!

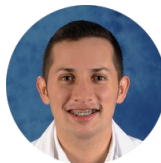


**Larissa Romanow, MD (PGY1)**

Dr. Larissa Romanow received an e-Recognition from Ms Erin Egan; Certified Child Life Specialist for her **Excellent Performance**. Ms Egan commented: *"Yesterday I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Romanow during a laceration repair. I was impressed by her skill in completing the procedure and her ability to engage with the patient and mother the entire time. She allowed the patient the opportunity to watch the procedure, which greatly helped the patient's ability to cope effectively and remain calm throughout the laceration repair. We are lucky to have her join our team and I look forward to continuing to work with her when she's in the ER!"*. Congratulations Larissa on a great start of your residency. Keep up the good work!!!



**Pablo Napky, MD (PGY2)**



Dr. Pablo Napky received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Vuong (Clinical Pharmacist) for his **Excellent Performance**. Dr. Vuong commented: *"This last month was quite a challenging one, but your clinical skills helped you shine through! There was not one challenge you*

**Jonathan Creech, MD (PGY1)**



Dr. Jonathan Creech received an e-Recognition from Ms Maria Alvarado; RN 6T for his **Excellent Performance**. Ms Alvarado commented: *"I would like to publicly recognize Dr. Creech for his incredible bedside manners. I was able to witness him approach a scared, young patient with such kindness and professionalism. He made the pa-*

Milestones in Future Chief Residents Selection

NCH Residency Selects the 2020-2021 Chief Residents



**Lauren Chiriboga, MD**

On **June 16th 2020**; the Pediatric Residency Program announced the selection of the 2021-2022 Chief Residents from a list of competitive applicants: **Drs Lauren Chiriboga & Melanie Suaris** were selected. Congratulations!!!



**Melanie Suaris, MD**



### Milestones in Medical Education Staff Recognition

## Medical Education Staff e-Recognitions



**Ms. Alina Gonzalez; C-TAGME**; Residency Coordinator received an e-Recognition from Ms Lisbet Ascon, MA Health Office; Employee Health for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Ascon commented: *“Alina is an exceptional employee, it has been a pleasure to work with her through this Pandemic-difficult times. Alina embodies all the NCHS Values, but specially collaboration, advocacy, empathy, and responsibility when it comes to process all the new Medical Residents, and meeting the Employee Health requirements. I’m*

*happy to have share on this experience with her, and I look forward to keep working along side with Alina in the future. I admire your work ethics. Thank you Alina :)”*. Congratulations Alina for being a team player!!

**Ms Galia Huerta**; Residency Coordinator received an e-Recognition from Ms Lisbet Ascon, MA Health Office; Employee Health for her display of the **NCHS Values**. Ms Ascon commented: *“Galia is a wonderful employee. She always treats others with kindness, and respect, with wonderful work ethics and*

*always willing to help. She embodies the NCHS Values, always creating a positive memory for the new incoming staff, and us her co-workers at Employee Health. Thank you Galia for exceeding all expectations, being so attentive, and everyday showing great collaboration, responsibility, advocacy, empathy, and transformation. I appreciate all you do, and I’m looking forward to continue working alongside with you. It’s been a pleasure to work the new Residents with you. Thank you Galia! :)”*. Congratulations Galia for being a team player!!

### Milestones in National Hospital Ranking

## Nicklaus Children’s Hospital 2020-2021 U.S. News Rankings - A Newsworthy Celebration!!!



Five Nicklaus Children’s Hospital subspecialty programs are again ranked among the best in the nation by **U.S. News & World Report**. The 2020-21 “Best Children’s Hospitals” results were posted online this morning. **Once again, no other hospital in South Florida has more ranked pediatric programs.**

Nicklaus Children’s 2020-21 rankings are as follows:

- ◆ **Cardiology & Heart Surgery, #46** (Highest ranked program in South Florida)
- ◆ **Diabetes & Endocrinology, #49**
- ◆ **Neurology & Neurosurgery, #23** (Only ranked program in South Florida)
- ◆ **Orthopedics, #36**
- ◆ **Pulmonology, #35** (Only ranked program in South Florida)

A total of **193** hospitals participated in the 2020-2021 *U.S. News & World Report* survey. The methodology is based on

clinical outcomes such as patient survival, infection rates and complications; the level and quality of hospital resources directly related to patient care such as staffing, technology and special services; delivery of healthcare programs that prevent infections and adherence to best practices; and expert opinion among pediatric specialists and subspecialists. The survey is updated every year, designed to account for new treatments and evidence-based best practices, informed by leading experts in the field.

### Milestones in Training Grant Award

## Dr. Arevalo is Awarded a 5-year HRSA Grant

Congratulations to **Dr. Oscar Arevalo**; Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Director; for being awarded a 5-year HRSA Grant for his project titled: **“Pediatric Dentistry**

**2.0: Curriculum Re-engineering and Safety Net Capacity Building to Enhance Outcomes”**. His newly re-engineered curriculum is expected to strengthen the

medical-dental integration with Primary Care and improve the oral health of vulnerable population of children. Congratulations!!!

## Milestones in Trainees and Faculty Publications

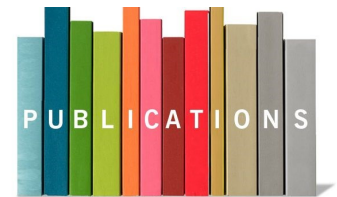
# NCH Trainees & Faculty Contribute to the Peer-Reviewed Literature

**Dr. Farouk Farouk (PGY2)** was notified that his manuscript titled: ***"The Association between Race and Survival Among Pediatric Patients with Neuroblastoma in the US between 1973 and 2015"*** was published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*; July 15 2020; 17 (14) 5119; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17145119>. Congratulations!!!!

## Publications from the NCH PCCM Division:

The NCH Pediatric Critical Care Medicine division recently has contributed to the following new publications hot off the press:

- Chegondi M; et.al. ***"The Need for Hemodialysis is Associated with Increased Mortality in Mechanically Ventilated Children: A Propensity Score-Matched Outcome Study"***. *Pediatric Nephrology*. July 19 2020; <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00467-020-04703-3>
- Sachdeva R, et.al. ***"The Impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic on U.S. and Canadian PICUs"***. *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*. 2020; 21(10)
- NCH PICU (Dr. Meyer) was part of a multi-center study titled ***"Difficult Bag-Mask Ventilation in Critically Ill Children is Independently Associated with Adverse Events"***. Published by the The National Emergency Airway Registry for Children Investigators in *Critical Care Medicine Journal*.



## Milestones in CME News

# NCH CME Department Launches the New iLearn CME Platform

On July 2nd 2020, NCH CME department launched the new **iLearn Platform**. The site is live and virtual courses are being added regularly. Existing credits/ records of previous attendees of our CME courses will be imported over into the new platform.

Below are few of the many features of the new iLearn:

- Single Sign-On (SSO) for learners with Nicklaushealth.org email address through their network log-in. No new account is needed
- Ability to sign into a session using SMS code sent to your smart phone
- Electronic paperless evaluations, surveys, and sign-in
- One stop portal for live CME, video-on-demand, registration, credits, certificates, and transcripts
- Search feature for content based on specialties and keywords

You can access the new CME Platform at: <http://ilearnpeds.com>

Check it out now!!!!

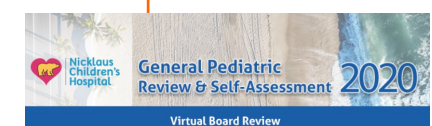


## NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES



Nicklaus Children's Hospital is a CME provider accredited with commendation by the [Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education \(ACCME\)](#). Nicklaus Children's Hospital sponsors several regularly scheduled series (RSS) and yearly conferences at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and in the community.

Continuing medical education (CME) consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.





## Medical Education Birthdays

July	
Ana Ramos	8
Larissa Romanow	11
Annette Gawron	15
Lauren Delgado Hardegree	17
Adriana Rodriguez Gonzalez	18
Stephanie Montarroyos	19
Alexandra Ramos-Garcia	25
Jennifer Navarro	26
Ashish Saini	26
Torrie Reynolds-Herbst	27



August	
Melissa Diaz	2
Daniel Nassau	11
Marleni Torres	14
Andrew Farias	24
Marianne Cardenas	25




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