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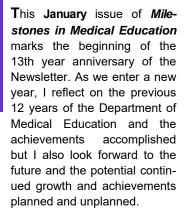
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From the Editor

Medical Education Welcomes a New Milestones Year



Looking back at the Department, as a team, we achieved a lot of Milestones and successes. We re-structured the department, accredited nonaccredited programs, expanded programs in grants and contracts, opened new accredited programs, and graduated many trainees in General Pediatrics and Subspecialty Pediatrics many of whom went across the globe as Nicklaus Children's ambassadors, and returned some to "mothership" to serve as faculty in their specialties.

Looking forward into the future, we seek continued successes, progress, expansion, and growth both in terms of our medical education programs and in terms of Nicklaus Children's mission in clinical care, education, research, and academic excellence. We look forward to several upcoming initiatives and plans.

This coming year, we will focus on our continued growth in terms of new training programs, strategic expansion of existing programs, and continued commitment to academic excellence. Here are few highlights of what is planned for the 2023 year:

- Continued commitment to eliminating health disparities and focus on health equity through education & the work of the DEI Champions and our trainees and faculty
- Alignment of fellowship training programs with the emerging NCH Institutes and strengthening the mission of the institutes through education, clinical care, and research. This involves opening new fellowships and strategic expansion of existing fellowships
- Focus of Alumni engagement. Stay tuned for new ways to engage with Alumni (current and

future) through mentorships, recruitment, and collaborations

 Focus on faculty achievements and successes through tracking and measuring.

In this issue of *Milestones* in *Medical Education*, we highlight several of the achievements of our Medical Education community of faculty and trainees including:

- ◆ Trainees compliments and e-recognitions by staff, peers, colleagues, and patients/parents
- NCH Trainees and faculty continue to contribute to the peer-reviewed published literature
- Medical Education CME offerings are part of the department's mission

I hope that you enjoy this *Milestones* issue. We look forward to the next 2 months where we unveil our newly matched residents and prepare for graduation of our class of 2023.

Rani S. Gereige, MD, MPH, FAAP - DIO

Milestones in Faculty Development

Compliance Corner - 2022 CMS Final Rule: Physician + Non-Physician Practitioner Split/Shared Visits

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) refined several longstanding Split/Shared Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit policies. Implementation Date, February 15, 2022.

For additional information from CMS, <u>click here</u>

Split/Shared Services (Physician + NPP)

A Split/Shared visit is a medically necessary encounter where both the physician and non-physician practitioner (NPP) each perform a substantive portion of an E/M visit on the same date of service with the same patient, but only one practitioner bills.

2022 CMS Split/Shared Changes:

- Additional Services Eligible for Split/Shared Billing (Critical Care, New Patient, Initial Inpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility ("SNF"), Prolonged Services).
- Updated Billing rules: substantive portion, face-toface rules, <u>new Split /</u> Shared Modifier FS.

Unchanged:

 Consultations and procedures may not be Split/ Shared.

Let's learn more about the changes to the Split/Shared Rule for 2022:

Change #1: Updated Split Shared Visits definition: facility setting/same group

Definition:

A Split/Shared service is an E/M visit in the facility setting that is performed in part by both a physician and an NPP who are in the same group, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

A split/shared service meets conditions of coverage and payment such that the E/M visit could be billed by either the physician or the NPP if it were furnished independently by only one of them.

Split Shared E/M: CMS Limiting to Facility Setting

- ◆ **Facility** (POS 19, 21, 22, 23)
- ⇒ Split Shared visits allowed in institutional setting such as hospitals (POS 21) and hospital based clinics (POS 19, 22)

Emergency Department Visits – (POS 23)

- ⇒ For emergency department visits, you must select the level of service based on the three key components. But you can determine the substantive portion either by the practitioner who spent the most time, or the key components. If the physician documents in its entirety either the history, exam or MDM, bill under the physician's NPI.
- ⇒ One of the practitioners must have a face-to-face service with the patient
- ⇒ Cannot use time for ED visits because ED visits do not have typical time

Change #2: Additional Services Eligible for Split Shared Billing

CMS also allows the below bolded visit types, some of which were not previously allowed due to "incident-to" billing rules* in certain settings:

- New*and Established patients (remember hospital/facility settings only in 2022)
- Initial*and Subsequent visits

- Critical Care Services,
- Certain SNF visits, (does not apply to visits the physician is required to perform in their entirety)
- Prolonged Services (excludes those related to ED and Critical Care visits)
- Emergency Department
- Observation Care
- Discharge Management

*Incident to: Services or supplies furnished as an integral, although incidental, part of the physician's personal professional services in the course of diagnosis or treatment of an injury or illness.

NOTE: Split/Shared billing is still not allowed for procedures or consultations (99241- 99255).

Change #3: Updated Billing Rules for Substantive portion, face-to-face rules, and new FS modifier

Only the provider who performed the **substantive portion** can bill the Split/Shared service.

- "Substantive portion" to include one of three key components: (1) history; (2) exam; or (3) medical decision-making.
- In 2022, the definition of Substantive Portion will temporarily apply until the final definition is adopted in 2023.
 - ⇒ The final rule being the physician or the NPP who performed more than 50% of the visit shall be the billing practitioner.





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Compliance Corner - 2022 CMS Final Rule: Physician + Non-Physician Practitioner Split/Shared Visits

	2022	2023	
Who Can Bill The Split / Shared Service	Non-Critical Care: a) Whomever performs one of three key compo- nents (History, Exam, or Medical Decision Mak- ing (MDM), or b) Whomever spends more than half the total visit time. Critical Care: Whomever spends more than half the total visit time.	All Services: Whomever spends more than half the total visit time.	
Leveling	Medical Decision Making (MDM) or Time may still be used to the level of the Split Shared visit, regardless of the "substantive portion" methodology used.		
Face-to- Face Re- quirement	Beginning in 2022, one of the practitioners must have had face-to-face (in-person) contact with the patient but this does not necessarily have to be the physician, nor the practitioner who performs the substantive portion and bills for the visit \square this means the substantive portion can be comprised of time that is with or without direct patient contact.		

either the inpatient or outpatient setting.

<u>Prior CMS Rule</u> = Prolonged Services may not be split shared

2022 Change = Prolonged Services may be split shared

<u>Determining</u> who bills the <u>Split Shared Prolonged Service</u>

Time as substantive portion

- Step 1: Physician and NPP will add their time together including prolonged time.
- Step 2: Whomever provided ed more than half of the total time, including the.



Policy Changes and Updates:

CMS also finalized the rule to provide important clarifications to its policy and to permit either a physician or an NPP to bill for split (or shared) visits for both new and established patients and for initial or subsequent visits. This expands the availability of split (or shared) visits billing in the facility setting.

CMS made it clear in the final rule that it will not pay for partial E/M visits. CMS also finalized its proposal to create a claim modifier that is mandatory for split (or shared) visits. This modifier will allow CMS to identify services furnished in part by NPPs and will allow for more targeted review of services furnished by physicians and NPPs. The Split Shared modifier to be used is FS.

Definition of Substantive Portion for E/M Visit Code Families					
E/M Visit Code Family	2022 Definition of Substantive Portion	2023 Definition of Substantive Portion			
Other Outpatient*	History, or exam, or MDM, or more than half of total time	More than half of total time			
Inpatient/Observation/Hospital/SNF	History, or exam, or MDM, or more than half of total time	More than half of total time			
Emergency Department	History, or exam, or MDM, or more than half of total time	More than half of total time			
Critical Care	More than half of the total time	More than half of total time			

The following chart summarizes the previous guidance and the finalized revisions to CMS's policy for split (or shared) visits in the final rule:

Change #4: Prolonged Services May Be Split Shared (billing methodology)

Prolonged Services: G2212, 99354-99359

Definition:

Prolonged Services: When a physician or other qualified health care professional provides prolonged service(s) involving direct patient contact that is provided beyond the usual evaluation and management (E/M) service in

prolonged time reports the Primary Service Code and the Prolonged Services addon code (time threshold for reporting prolonged service must be met).

Key component as substantive portion (2022 only)

Outpatient E/M Same Day G2212: For shared hospital outpatient visits where practitioners use a key component as the substantive portion, prolonged services can be reported by the practitioner who reports the primary service, when the combined time of both practitioners meets the threshold

Milestones in Faculty Development - (Cont'ed)

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for reporting prolonged hospital outpatient services (HCPCS code G2212).

- Threshold = for an initial unit of G2212, there must be at least 15 minutes beyond the time for Level 5 Outpatient E/M visit.
- Other than Outpatient E/M i.e., 99354-99359 (except Critical Care/ED)
 - ⇒ when the combined time of both practitioners meets the threshold for reporting prolonged E/M services other than <u>Outpatient E/M</u>, prolonged services can be reported by the practitioner who reports the split shared Primary Service using key component method.

• **Threshold** = typically 60 minutes beyond the typical time of the Primary Service.

Split/Shared Services Wrap-Up

- The substantive portion for non-Critical Care E/M services may be determined by:
 - In 2022: History, Exam, or MDM or whomever spends more than half the total time (time only for Critical Care).
 - In 2023: the substantive portion for ALL services will be defined as "more than half of the total time"

Note:

Reporting Prolonged Services for Split (or Shared) Visits				
E/M Visit Code Fami- ly	2022		2023	
	If Substan- tive Portion is a Key Component	If Substan- tive Portion is Time	Substantive Portion Must Be Time	
Other Outpatient*	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting HCPCS G2212	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting HCPCS G2212	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting HCPCS G2212	
Inpatient/ Observa- tion/ Hospital/ SNF	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting CPT 99354-9 (60+ minutes > typical)	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting CPT 99354-9 (60+ minutes > typical)	Combined time of both practitioners must meet the threshold for reporting prolonged services	
Emergency Department	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Critical Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Providers may choose to use the same workflow they use today for non-Critical Care E/M which is the key component as substantive portion, however, keep in mind that in 2023 this option will no longer apply.

- 2. One of the practitioners must have face-to-face contact with the patient but it does not necessarily have to be the billing provider. The substantive portion can be comprised of time that is with or without direct patient contact.
- 3. Split/Shared Visits apply to facility settings only (i.e., Hospital, SNF), and not non-institutional settings like a Physician Office (POS 11) where incident-to payment applies.
- 4. Critical Care, New Patient, Initial, and Prolonged Services may now be split shared.

Modifier Required 2022: Any split shared services will require new Split/Shared Modifier FS, including split shared Critical Care.

Next Steps

- 1. Look out for updates to Split/ Shared attestation statements to accommodate 2022/2023 changes.
- 2. Look out for more information on the workflow for Split/Shared Modifier FS.

The Billing Compliance Department is here to assist you with questions regarding billing, coding and/or guidance on new and changing laws and regulations.

For additional guidance on the new 2022 guidelines for the Split/ Shared visits, please email BillingCompli-

Save the Date

Class of 2023

Graduation

Friday June

16th 2023

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Zoe Underill, MD (PL3)

Dr. Zoe Underill received an e-Recognition from Ms Kristen Mendez; Clinical Education Specialist for her Excellent Performance. Ms Mendez commented: would like to recognize Zoe for her help and support today during an RRT on 6T. Thank you!". Congratulations Zoe!!!!

Camila De Avila, MD (PICU Fellow)



Dr. Camila De Avila received an e-Recognition from Ms Carolina De Almagro, Clinical Practice Specialist for her Excellent Performance. Ms Almagro commented: "Yesterday, Camila responded to a Code Blue in 6T and handled it amazingly. The code ran smoothly,

her directions and goals regarding patient care. She made the whole team feel comfortable. Her guidance and calm demeanor facilitated the situation. After the situation, she was also approached by other staff who responded to the code to commend her on her efforts. As a fellow, Camila has always been very approachable, knowledgeable, and hard working. We are lucky to have Camila as part of our medical team. Thank you, Camila, for all that you do!". Congratulations Camila for your team spirit.



Taimy Falcon-Rodriguez, MD (PL1)

Dr. Taimy Falcon-Rodriguez received and e-Recognition from Dr. Gabriela Lins; PL3 Resident for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Lins commented: "Taimv went above and beyond to coordinate a safe discharge for a patient on the floor navigating both social work and pharmacy concerns while meand she was confident in ticulously caring for patients

on the floor. Her caring and compassion were evident throughout the night. She went above and beyond for the patient and family!". Congratulations Taimy on your commitment to excellent performance!!!

Jake Lesser, MD (PL1)



Dr. Jake Lesser received a "Patient Experience" recognition from a patient discharged form 3 South in December. The family commented: "Dr. Lesser was amazing. So kind, patient, and helpful. He came to see us everyday and often times various times during the same day". Congratulations Jake on a job well-done!!!!



Milestones in Hospital National Recognition

NCH Named Receives Top Children's Hospital Designation

Nicklaus Children's Hospital was named a Top Children's Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group in an announcement that was released on 12/6/2022. The Top Hospital designation is bestowed by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers widely acknowledged as the toughstandard-setters healthcare safety and quality.

Top Hospitals were honored at the 2022 Leapfrog Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Over 2,200 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Nicklaus Children's received a Top Children's Hospital. A total of 115 top hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including:

- 12 Top Children's
- 32 Top General
- 13 Top Rural

This recognition speaks to the amazing work of our entire Nicklaus Children's family.



Milestones in Trainees & Faculty Scholarly Activities

NCH Trainees & Faculty Continue to Disseminate Their Scholarly Work in Print & on National Stages



Publications - Hot Off The Press!!!

Drs. Totapally, Naqvi, Sendi & Chegondi (PICU Alumni) were notified that their manuscript titled: "The Effect of Electroencephalography Abnormalities on Cerebral Autoregulation in Sedated Ventilated Children" was accepted for publication in Pediatric Reports journal. Congratulations!

Drs. Melissa Meincken & Oscar Arevalo were notified that their manuscript titled: "Motivational Interviewing to Improve Pediatric Dental Recall Attendance after General Anesthesia" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Dentistry for Children. Congratulations!!

PICU Fellow Abstract Receives Gold Snapshot Award

Dr. Camila De Avila (PICU Fellow) & her faculty mentor Dr. Totapally were notified by the SCCM Congress Panning Committee that their abstract titled: "Bone Marrow Transplantation in Pediatric Single-Gene Hemoglobinopathies: A National Database Study" was selected as one of the Gold Snapshot Awards Recipient. The award is intended to recognize excellence in critical care research. Congratulations!!

Milestones in Health Equity & Advocacy Activities

NCH Trainees & Faculty Organized & Participated in Doctors Within Borders/ Dade County Street Response

Congratulations to Dr. Nicole Jackson (PL3 & DEI Champion) for leading and organizing a very successful community health fair event with Doctors Within Borders. Doctors Within Borders/Dade County Street Response has a longstanding history in the community practicing street medicine for adult populations, but this was their first-ever pediatric event, and it

was entirely made possible by Nicole's huge efforts to organize medical and community providers together for this day.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to Drs Perdomo & Suaris (Gen Peds faculty), the 11 NCH Pediatric residents, along with 2 NCH Pediatric dental residents and a dental attending, 2 UM med-peds residents, and several UM medical students who worked together to serve close to 30 pediatric patients, many of whom were uninsured and did not have established primary care. There was a lot of the excitement following the event for future similar events and collaborations. Congratulations to the organizer(s) and participants!! You represent NCH very well in the community.





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Milestones in Fellowship Placement Match Results of Pediatric Residents

NCH Trainees Secure Strong Matches in Fellowships Across the Country and Specialties

In mid-December, specialty match results came out. We are proud of our NCH trainees for their subspecialty match results. They will represent NCH in excellent institutions, programs, and across the country. Congratulations!!!!

Below are the results of the PL3 residents' match for subspecialty fellowships:

- Daniela Aguilar Abisad, MD - Fellowship in Pediatric Endocrinology; Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA
- 2. Saleh Alsulami, MD -Fellowship in Allergy-Immunology; Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
- Melissa Castro Rivadeneira, MD - Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville. TN
- Jacob Convissar, DO -Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology; Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Baltimore, MD
- 5. Jonathan Creech, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine; Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL
- Michael Elias, MD Fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine; University of Florida Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL

- Kaela Ellis, DO Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology; NY Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY, NY
- Eva Glenn Lecea, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology; University of California - San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 9. Nicole Jackson, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
- 10.Daniel McGraw, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology; Columbia University Med Center-NY Presbyterian Hospital, NY, NY
- 11.Andrea Montano Ballesteros, MD - Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; *Nicklaus Children's Hospital*, Miami, FL
- 12.Megha Patel, DO Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology; Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 13.Larissa Romanow, DO
 Fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine; *University at Buffalo School of Medicine*, Buffalo, NY
- 14.Antonia Rovira, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology; University of Miami / Jackson Health System, Miami, FL

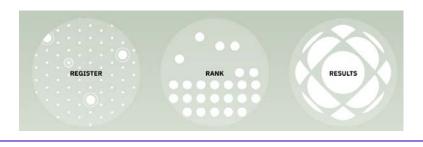
- 15.Marleni Torres Nunez, MD - Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology; St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN
- 16.Zoe Underill, MD -Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology; New York University Grossman School of Medicine, NY, NY
- 17.Ricardo Vega Auz, MD - Fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine; Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital/ Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. OH
- 18.Zara Zaidi, DO Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology; Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Baltimore, MD

Chief Residents:

- Giancarlo Giovannini Sanguineti, MD; Chief Pediatric Resident (2022 - 2023; Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL. Fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases; Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
- Stephanie San Martin, MD; Chief Pediatric Resident (2022 2023); Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL. Fellowship in Pediatric Hospital Medicine; Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL







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Milestones in Holiday Celebrations

The NCH Department of Medical Education Celebrates the Holidays with a Family-Friendly Gathering of the Med Ed Family

Part of the yearly tradition of the Department of Medical Education is to celebrate the holiday spirit with a familyfriendly gathering of the members of the Department including Department staff, trainees Monty's in Coconut Grove for a (medical & dental) and department leadership. This year, the

NCH Med Ed family got together on December 15th 2022 at fun-filled evening.







Milestones in Med Ed Staff Recognitions

Medical Education Staff Recognitions



Ms Ana Otero (GME Institutional Coordinator) received an e-Recognition from Ms Catalina Dunoyer for her Excellent Performance. Ms Dunover commented: "I just wanted to let you know that yesterday we had our first interview from the MATCH. Loved the ERAS system!!! This is great! We have 19 appli-

cants! The interview yesterday went spectacular thanks to the help of Ana Otero. that I cannot stress enough, how great she is, her bedside manners with the fellows and her experience is invaluable to us!! She is amazing! Thank you! I am excited, if we went through this first one (when we were so new to this, and I

had more than 1/3 of the faculty on vacation still, we will go through the rest without problem) and all of this thanks YOU and your team expertise and support. Thank you again, always! Catalina". Congratulations Ana on your display of the iCREATEWay and on you commitment to Operational Excellence.

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Milestones in CME News

The 58th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course is Back Live New Venue, New Dates, New Location Close to Home!

Registration opened for the 58th Annual Pediatric Postgraduate Course (PPGC) -The course will be held on March 24-26; 2023 at the brand new Loews Hotel, in beautiful Coral Gables. The course will provide 16 Hours of **CME Credits and 16 Points** of ABP MOC part 2 Points. Register todav www.ppgcpip.com.

The 2023 PPGC course will feature a blend of general sessions and hands-on interactive workshops. Live Spanish Translation will be provided to live attendees. Portions of the course (11 Hours of CME) will be recorded and released in May 2023 as an on-demand course which will not include the interactive workshops.

Join us for the live course, network with colleagues, visit with the exhibitors, and learn from our national experts, host faculty and guest faculty. See you in March 2023 at the 58th Annual PPGC. The course is designed for practical tips and hot topics in pediatric care.



March 24 - 26, 2023 | NEW LOCATION!

Practical Updates and Cutting Edge Topics for Pediatricians

- Approach to pediatric Addressing common mental health problems
- Preventive oral health in primary care
- child behavior and developmental problems
- Neurology & brain development
- Common tips for medication management
- Health Equity & food insecurity
- Interactive hands-on workshops
- Case-based discussions
- Challenging cases in bioethics



Approved by the ABP as a part 2 Activity for General Pediatrics Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - 16 points



DEI Education Events



NCH Dept of Medical Education hosted two DEI-Focused Grand Rounds with Guest Speakers of national experts:

- Dr. Joseph Wright Lead author of the AAP's Policy Statement on "Eliminating Race-Based Medicine" (12/2/2022)
- Dr. Monique Jindal Assistant Professor at Univ of Illinois Chicago & Health Equity Researcher(1/20/2023)



Medical Education Birthdays

January		
Wendy Tamayo	1	
Ifrah Waheed	3	
Aldo Majluta Yeb	5	
Camila Gonzalez Aragon	5	
Michael Elias	11	
Amanda Wedelich	15	
Roxana Navarro	17	
Stephanie Mangels	18	
Jacob Convissar	20	
Daniela Castro	23	
Christopher Carafa	24	
Giancarlo Giovannini Sanguineti	28	



February		
Freddy Martin	3	
Angela Parra del Riego	7	
Andrea Montano Ballesteros	8	
Jonathan Creech	11	
Courtney Hundzinski	16	
Manoj Chakiath	18	
Erileen Garcia Roldan	19	



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