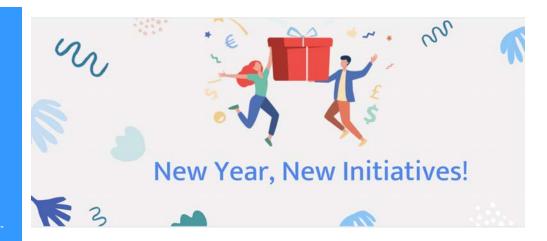


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From the Editor

The Winter Issue - New Year, New Initiatives

This March issue of Milestones in Medical Education highlights medical education milestones achieved in the months of January and February 2023. This issue comes at a time in the academic year when we wrap up our interview season, prepare rank list, and anxiously wit for match day. In addition, it is a time of the year when the Medical Education department implements educational offerings in CME to advance the medical knowledge of pediatric clinicians locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

This issue features several new projects in the works in medical education aimed at increasing engagement of our Alumni, and some are aimed at enhancing the professional development of our faculty and trainees.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Milestones in Medical Education* which highlights the following milestones:

- Our trainees continue to receive e-recognition and compliments from peers and hospital staff & faculty for their performances
- Trainees and faculty continue to disseminate their scholarly work in peer-reviewed print
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital trainees and faculty continue to represent the institution at several national meetings through presentations, workshops, and abstracts
- The 58th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course (PPGC) is back

in-person after the pandemic.

- Nicklaus Children's Hospital Medical Education
 Department celebrated
 the 2023 Thank-AResident Day and Employee Appreciation
 Day.
- Upcoming Medical Education Departmental projects.

As we enter this new calendar year, we are excited to celebrate match day and welcome to our NCH family new classes of residents and fellows. We are also looking forward to getting ready for our end of the year celebrations (Graduation, Scholarship Week, and orientations). Happy reading!!

Rani S Gereige, MD, MPH, FAAP - DIO

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Compliance Corner - CMS Final Rule - Critical Care Visits & Neonatal Intensive Care

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) revised Critical Care Visits and Neonatal Intensive Care policies. Implemented on February 15, 2022, with an Effective Date of January 1, 2022.

For additional information from CMS, click here

Critical Care Visits and Neonatal Intensive Care

Critical Care and Neonatal Intensive Care service are the direct delivery by a physician(s) or other qualified healthcare professional (QHP) of medical care for a critically ill/injured patient in which there is acute impairment of one or more vital organ systems, such that there is a probability of imminent or life-threatening deterioration of the patient's condition. It involves high complexity decision making to treat single or multiple vital organ system failure and/or to prevent further life-threatening deterioration of the patient's condition.

This is an overview of the 2022 CMS changes to Critical Care and Neonatal Intensive Care Service Billing for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes (99291-99292):

- Critical Care Visits by a Single Physician or nonphysician practitioner (NPP).
- Critical Care Visits Furnished Concurrently by Different Specialties.
- Critical Care Furnished Concurrently by Practitioners in the Same Specialty and Same Group (Follow-Up Care).
- Split (or Shared) Critical Care Visits. New Split/ Shared Modifier FS.

Critical Care Visits and Global Surgery. New Modifier FT for unrelated evaluation and management (E/M) visit on the same day as another E/M visit or during a global procedure (preoperative, postoperative period, or on the same day as the procedure, as applicable).

Unchanged:

- May be furnished on multiple days and is typically furnished in a critical care area.
- The practitioner cannot provide services to any other patient during the same period of time.

Let's learn more about the changes to Critical Care Rule for 2022:

Change #1: Critical Care by a Single Physician or NPP

CMS is adopting CPT's reporting rules for Critical Care services by a single physician or NPP.

- When a single physician or NPP furnishes 30 -74 minutes of critical care services to a patient on a given date, the physician or NPP will report CPT code 99291.
- The physician or NPP will report CPT code 99292 for additional 30-minute time increments provided to the same patient.
- Critical Care of less than 30 minutes is not reported using critical care CPT code (99291). This service should be reported using the appropriate E/M service code
- CPT code 99291 will be used only once per date even if the time spent by

the practitioner is not continuous on that date. Noncontinuous time for medically necessary critical care services may be aggregated.

For continuous services that extend beyond midnight, the physician or NPP will report the total units of time provided continuously. Any disruption in the service, however, creates a new initial service.

Change #2: Critical Care Visits Furnished Concurrently by Different Specialties

Concurrent care is when more than one physician renders services that are more extensive than consultative services during a period of time.

In the context of critical care services, a critically ill patient may have more than one medical condition requiring diverse, specialized medical services, and requiring more than one practitioner, each having a different specialty, playing an active role in the patient's treatment.

- The policy allows critical care visits furnished as concurrent care (or concurrently) to the same patient on the same date by more than one practitioner in more than one specialty.
 - (For example, an internist and a surgeon, allergist and a cardiologist, neurosurgeon and NPP), regardless of group affiliation, if the service meets the definition of critical care and is not duplicative of other services.

Change #3: Critical Care Furnished Concurrently by Practitioners in the Same Specialty and Same Group (Follow-Up Care)

Physician(s) or NPP(s) in the

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same specialty and in the same group may provide concurrent follow-up care, such as a critical care visit subsequent to another practitioner's critical care visit. This may be as part of continuous staff coverage or follow-up care to critical care services furnished earlier in the day on the same calendar date.

- When a practitioner furnishes the initial critical care service in its entirety and reports CPT code 99291, any additional practitioner(s) in the same specialty and the same group furnishing care concurrently to the same patient on the same date report their time using the code for subsequent time intervals (CPT code 99292).
- CPT code 99291 will not be reported more than once for the same patient on the same date by these practitioners.

This policy recognizes that multiple practitioners in the same specialty and the same group can maintain continuity of care by providing follow-up care for the same patient on a single date.

Change #4: Split/Shared) Critical Care Visits

Critical care visits may be furnished as split/shared visits, defined in CMS Manual System Chapter 12 section 30.6.18.

- The substantive portion for critical care services is defined as more than half of the total time spent by the physician and NPP.
- Split (or shared) visits occur when the total critical care service time furnished by a physician and NPP in the same group on a given calendar date to a patient is summed, and the practitioner who furnishes the substantive portion of the cumulative

critical care time reports the critical care service(s).

Modifier -FS (split/shared E/M visit must be appended to the critical care CPT code(s) on the claim.

♦ Consistent with all split/shared visits, when two or more practitioners spend time jointly meeting with or discussing the patient as part of a critical care service, the time can be counted only once for purposes of reporting the split/shared critical care visit.

Change #5: Critical Care and Other Same-Day Evaluation and Management (E/M) Visits.

Physicians in the same group who are in the same specialty must bill and be paid for services under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) as though they were a single physician.

If more than one E/M visit is provided on the same date to the same patient by the same physician, or by more than one physician in the same specialty in the same group, only one E/M service may be reported, unless the E/M services are for unrelated problems.

The physicians should select a level of service representative of the combined visits and submit the appropriate code for that level. This general policy is intended to ensure that multiple E/M visits for a patient on a single day are medically necessary and not duplicative.

However, in situations where a patient receives another E/M visit on the same calendar date as critical care services, both

may be billed (regardless of practitioner specialty or group affiliation) if the medical record documentation supports:

- ◆ The other E/M visit was provided prior to the critical care services at a time when the patient did not require critical care,
- The services were medically necessary; and
- The services were separate and distinct, with no duplicative elements from the critical care services provided later in the day.
- Modifier-25 (same-day significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service) must be on the claim when reporting these critical care services.

Change #6: Critical Care Visits and Global Surgery

Critical care visits are sometimes needed during the global period of a procedure, whether pre-operatively, on the same day, or during the post-operative period. In some cases, preoperative and postoperative critical care visits are included in procedure codes that have a global surgical period.

In those cases where a critical care visit is unrelated to the procedure with a global surgical period (10- or 90-days global period), critical care visits may be paid separately in addition to the procedure.

Preoperative and/or postoperative critical care may be paid in addition to the procedure if the patient is critically ill (meets the definition of critical care) and requires the full attention of the

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physician, and the critical care is above and beyond and unrelated to the specific anatomic injury or general surgical procedure performed (for example, trauma, burn cases).

Modifier- FT When critical care service is unrelated to the procedure, append the <u>modifier-FT</u> for unrelated evaluation and management (E/M) visit on the same day as another E/M visit or during a global procedure (preoperative, postoperative period, or on the same day as the procedure, as applicable).

If care is fully transferred from the surgeon to an intensivist (and the critical care is unrelated), modifiers -54 (surgical care only) and -55 (postoperative management only) must also be reported to indicate the transfer of care.

- The surgeon will report modifier -54.
- The intensivist accepting the transfer of care will report both modifier -55 and modifier -FT.
- Medical record documentation must support the claims.

Critical Care Medical Record Documentation

- Practitioners must document in the medical record the total time (<u>not necessarily start and stop times</u>) that critical care services are furnished by each reporting practitioner.
- ◆ Documentation needs to indicate that the services furnished to the patient, including any concurrent care by the practitioners, are medically reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of illness and/or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.
- ◆ To support coverage and payment determinations regarding concurrent care, services must be sufficiently documented to allow a medical reviewer to determine the role each practitioner played in the patient's care (that is, the condition or conditions for which the practitioner treated the patient).
- When critical care services are furnished in conjunc-

tion with a global procedure, the medical record documentation must support that the critical care was unrelated to the procedure, as discussed above.

Examples of split/shared critical care attestations:

- "I Dr. XXXX spent XX minutes in critical care," and "I NPP. XXXX spent XX minutes in critical care," (if joint time discussing the patient is applicable)
- 2. "Dr. XXXX and NPP XXXX spent XX minutes jointly in critical care."
- The two new FT/FS modifiers should be appended to the E/M procedure code to indicate the service was a split/shared service.

The Billing Compliance Department is here to assist you with questions regarding billing, coding and/or guidance on new and changing laws and/or regulations. For additional guidance on the new 2022 guidelines for Critical Care Visits and Neonatal Intensive Care, please email BillingCompliance@nicklaushealth.org or call 786-909-8972.

Milestones in Scholarly Activities

NCH Trainees & Faculty Continue to Disseminate Their Scholarly Work in Print and as Poster Presentations

Drs. Ana Duarte & Carole Brathwaite were notified that their manuscript titled: "Novel ANKRD26 and PDGF RB gene mutations in pediatric case of non-Langerhans cell histiocytosis: Case report and literature review" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Cutaneous Pathology. Congratulations to all!!!

Pediatric Residents Camila Pabon, MD (PL2) & Khalifah Aldawsari, MD (PL2) along with several FIU students participated in the 4th Annual Residents & Medical Students Research Competition organized by the Dade County Medical Association (DCMA) on March 4th 2023. Drs Pabon & Aldawsari presented

their poster titled: "Pulmonary Parenchymal Changes Associated with Trisomy 21". Congratulations Camila & Khalifah on representing NCH at this event. Volume 13, Issue 2

Milestones in Alumni News

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Medical Education Department to Launch a New Alumni Network Platform





It has been over 60 years since Nicklaus Children's Hospital (Formerly Miami Children's Hospital/ Variety Children's Hospital) was recognized as a teaching institution. The first accredited teaching program was in 1962. Since then, the Department of Medical Education has graduated thousands of Alumni who call Nicklaus Children's their residency/ fellowship home. Many graduates remain or are back at NCH, and many more are scattered throughout the USA and all over the world.

The Department of Medical Education in an effort to engage its Alumni, established the new Nicklaus Children's Hospital Alumni Network. This Network will aim to bring together the NCH Alumni, re-engage them with the organization, and connect them to current trainees (Future Alumni).

Alumni Connect Platform

Over the next few weeks, the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Department of Medical Education will be launching the New Nicklaus Children's Hospital Alumni Connect Platform. This interactive platform allows to re-engage with Alumni. Below are few of the features of the Alumni Connect Platform:

- ♦ Posting news and events
- ♦ Private messaging
- ♦ Hosting class reunions
- ♦ Sharing photo albums
- Job postings by members for seeking jobs or recruiting for jobs
- Mentorship program whereby mentees are matched with mentors based on prefer-

ences and specialties of interest

♦ ... and many more

A New Branding/ Logos

Below are the new Logos branding the Alumni Network.

Over the next few weeks, the platform will be launched to all current and future Alumni. Stay tuned!!!





Milestones in Faculty and Trainees Support

A New Scholarly Activities Tracking Platform is Coming Soon

The Department of Medical Education is in the process of setting up a new platform aimed at heling faculty and trainees track their scholarly activities, publications, service, teaching, mentorship, and academic activities. The platform is Faculty Success by Watermark (formerly Digital Measures) which allows

the user to generate from the information entered various CV formats including NIH biosketch. The platform also pull directly the publications from PubMed. The system will also allow the user to import their current CV from Word into the system to set up their info without having to retype everything from scratch.

Set-up and training are being conducted at the moment. Once launched, the Department of Medical Education will be scheduling training sessions and assisting core faculty and trainees with this set up.

Dr.

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

NCH Trainees Compliments and e-Recognitions



Zoe Underill, MD (PL3)



Maria Elena Arrate, DO (PL2)

Thompson

Dr. Maria Elena Arrate re-

ceived an e-Recognition from

(Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for

her Excellent Performance. Dr.

Thompson commented: "Maria

Elena was an amazing resi-

dent. Always came in with a

positive attitude and was an

important part of the team.

She will make a great pediatric

emergency physician". Con-

gratulations Maria Elena!!!!

Jennifer



Alicia German Dihmes, MD (PL1)

Dr. Zoe Underill received an e-Recognition from Dr. Andrew Sy (Pediatric Palliative Care Attending) for her display of the NCHS Values. Dr. Sy commented: "Excellent active participation in family meeting, advocating for her patient and interns a like". Congratulations Zoe on a job well-done!!!!

Dr. Sandra Rios Melendez

received an e-Recognition

from Dr. Jennifer Thompson

(Adolescent Medicine Fellow)

for her Excellent Perfor-

commented: "Sandra was an

amazing resident. Always

came in with a positive atti-

tude and was an important

part of the team. She will

make a great pediatric gas-

troenterologist". Congratula-

Dr.

Sandra Rios Melendez, MD (PL2)

mance.



Veronica Echanove Iturralde, MD (PL2)



Dr. Veronica Echanove Iturralde received an e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Thompson commented: "Vero was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great neonatologist". Congratulations Vero on a job well-done!!!!



tions Sandra!!!!

Gretel Rodriguez, DO (PL2)

Thompson

Dr. Gretel Rodriguez received an e-Recognition from Jennifer Thompson (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Thompson commented: "Gretel was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great pediatrician". Congratulations Gretel!!!!



Angela Parra Del Riego Freundt Thurne, MD (PL2)

Dr. Angela Parra Del Riego Freundt Thurne received an e-Recognition from Dr. Jennifer Thompson (Adolescent Medicine Fellow) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Thompson commented: "Angela was an amazing resident. Always came in with a positive attitude and was an important part of the team. She will make a great pediatric hematologyoncology physician". Congratulations Angela on a job welldone!!!!

Dr. Alicia German Dihmes received two recognitions:

- 1. An e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Mack (Clinical Pharmacist) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Mack commented: "Alicia, I am so proud of you. You care so much about your patients and truly go the extra mile to learn more about their disease states and guidelines to defend your treatment plans. You carry yourself so well and always question things when they don't seem right. You have grown so much during your intern year and I can't wait to see how much you will grow in the next 2 years!". Congratulations Alicia on a iob well-done!!!!
- A recognition from a family through the Press Ganey Patient Experience. The family commented: "Dr. Alicia German was great!!". Excellent work Alicia!

Jonathan Creech, N (PL3)



Dr. Jonathan Creech received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Mack (Clinical Pharmacist) for his Excellent Performance. Dr. Mack commented: "Dr. Creech, not only does your spirit, but your clinical skills make the world a better place. You are such a kind and caring soul. You exceled at team leader and really lead your team through a rough month. 5T misses you and knows you will do so well in fellowship". Congratulations Jonathan on a job well-done!!!!

Milestones in Humanism and Professionalism

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



Stephanie Montarroyos, DO (PHM Fellow)

Dr. Stephanie Montarroyos received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Mack (Clinical Pharmacist) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Mack commented: "Dr. Monti, you did an extraordinary job as primary rounding hospitalist. You are organized, analytical, and even find time to teach. We always finished rounds in a timely manner and you always made sure that we covered all of our bases. You have grown so much as a clinician and will make an incredible hospitalist in the coming months!". Congratulations Stephanie on a job



well-done!!!



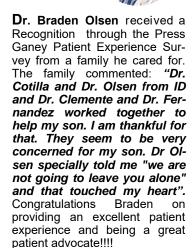
Dr. Milena Fraustro Sanchez received an e-Recognition from Dr. Marry Mack (Clinical Pharmacist) for her Excellent Performance. Dr. Mack commented: "Milena you are the definition of a team player. Last block, you were a pivotal team member and always stepped in to your co-residents through a crazy month. Your clinical skills have improved so much and you did an excellent job. 5T misses you!!". Congratulations Milena on a job well-done!!!!



Mark Pilarski, DO (PL1)

Dr. Mark Pilarski received Recognition from a family he cared for. The family commented: "We LOVED Dr. Mark Pilarski. He is amazing!! Extremely knowledgeable, great bedside manner, and very comfortable. He checked on my son several times. Always followed through with what he said he was going to do. I cannot say enough good things about him". Congratulations Mark on providing an excellent patient experience!







Saleh Alsulami, MD (PL3)

Glenn Lecea, (PL3)



Megha Patel, DO (PL3)

Devarshi Desai, DO (PL2)



Claudia Mattos, DO (PL2)

The PICU Team Drs. Saleh Alsulami, Eva Glenn Lecea, Megha Patel, Devarshi Desai. and Claudia Mattos were recognized by Dr. Totapally (PICU attending) who commented: "I would like to commend the group of excellent residents who rotated through PICU during the last block. They were diligent, thorough, engaged and efficient. It was a pleasure working with each of them. Please convey my thanks for all their work". Congratulations team on a job well-done!!!!



Milestones in Graduate Performance

NCH Pediatric Dentistry Residency Graduates Excel in their **Performance**

NCH Pediatric Dentistry Resigraduates dency Program ranked in the top 20% of programs across the nation on 7 out of 8 domains on the 2022

Oral Examination for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. This is a loud testament of the quality training of the NCH Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program and the excellent academic outcomes of the program. Congratulations to the graduates and Dr. Arevalo and the faculty team for this excellence in academic performance.



Milestones in Graduation Preparation

Immediate Past-President of the AAP to Give the Class of 2023 Graduation Keynote Address



Class of

NCH GME to

Celebrate the

NCH Department of
Medical Education is
pleased to celebrate the
graduation of the Class of
2023 Residents and Fellows
on June 16th 2023 at the
Marriott Hotel Biscayne
Bay. The day will start with
Pediatric Grand Round in
the Main Auditorium by
Keynote Speaker Dr. Moira
Szilagyi, MD, PhD - 2023
Immediate Past President
of the AAP

The Nicklaus Children's Hospital Class of 2023 Graduation Grad Round & celebration will be held on Friday June 16th 2023 at the Marriott Biscayne Bay. This year, the Graduation Keynote Address will be delivered by Moira Szilagyi, MD, PhD, FAAP; 2023 Immediate Past-President of the AAP.

Moira Szilagyi, MD, PhD, FAAP, is the 2023 Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Dr. Szilagyi is a primary care pediatrician, educator, and Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA (since 2014) where she is Division Chief of Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics and Peter Shapiro Term Chair for the Promotion of Child Developmental and Behavioral Health. She completed her MD, PhD, and pediatric residency at the University of Rochester. During her 30 years in Rochester, she developed a community-based, integrated-care medical home for children in foster care, worked in a suburban private practice, precepted residents in continuity clinic, created and led a regional child abuse program, conducted research highlighting vulnerable children, and mentored trainees. Dr. Szilagyi has worked closely with the AAP for 3 decades. In the 1990s, she led a multidisciplinary team at AAP-District-II NYS that developed the first health care standards for children in foster care--Fostering Health (now the

national standards). She has served in leadership roles on the AAP's Committee on Early Childhood, Task Force on Foster Care, and Council on Foster Care, Adoption and Kinship Care. She has authored several AAP policy statements, clinical technical reports and speaks widely about child welfare, vulnerable children, and childhood trauma and resilience. A dedicated advocate, Dr. Szilagyi works closely with the AAP's Washington Office on legislation related to equity, diversity and the care of vulnerable children. She collaborates with mental health and child welfare to integrate evidencebased interventions into pediatric care. She continues to work closely with the AAP and University of Massachusetts Medical School to develop and implement curricula for pediatricians, trainees and health systems about trauma- and resilienceinformed care and relational health

Milestones in CME News

The 58th Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate Course - Close to Home in 2023

The 58th Annual PPGC will be held on March 24-26: 2023 at the Loews Hotel in Coral Gables. The conference has a line-up of practical and hot topics relevant for the practicing primary care pediatrician. The morning general sessions of the course will have simultaneous Spanish translation for our international audience. In the afternoons, attendees will have the opportunity to pick two hands-on workshops out of four options both on Day 1 and Day 2 of the conference. Checkout the conference

website at www.ppgcpip.com where you can see the speak-

ers, topics, and be able to register for the course.



March 24 - 26, 2023 | NEW LOCATION! Practical Updates and Cutting Edge Topics for Pediatricians

Milestones in Trainees Appreciation

NCH Medical Education Celebrates National Thank-A-Resident/Fellow Day

On February 24; 2023; Nicklaus Children's Hospital and its Department of Medical Education celebrated National Thank-A-Resident/Fellow Day as designated by the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Trainees were recognized with special appreciation gift and special luncheon. Two large banners "We Love Our Residents" & "We Love Our Fellows" as giant cards, were signed by faculty and staff from across the

organization giving the trainees appreciation and thanks. Thank you to all of our trainees for all you do all year round. We appreciate you, love you, and so glad that you are part of our NCHS family!











































Medical Education Birthdays

March	
Daniela Aguilar Abisad	2
Evelina Dedic	2
Estefany Cadavid	9
Maricarmen Dionisio-Santos	9
Zara Zaidi	11
Saleh Alsulami	14
Sandra Rios Melendez	17
Paulina Gines	19
Louis Durkac	24
Silvia Escudero	22
Barbara Ximenes Braz	24
Karina Delgado	25
Lorein Moya-Rodriguez	29



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Daniela Ramirez Duque	1	
Dionne May	11	
Jake Lesser	12	
Camila De Avila	16	
Savannah Moon	16	
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Magi Gabra Dickinson	23	
Najveen Alvi	24	
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