



The Victory Issue...



## MCH Pediatric Residency Claims the Winning Title at the 2013 AAP NCE Pediatric Bowl

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## The Fall... Time for Celebrations, Thanks, and Preparing Grounds...

As the fall time is upon us, this issue of the **"Milestones in Medical Education"** Newsletter highlights many of the yearly Medical Education activities of this busy time. Yet, this 2013 fall is Special as MCH Medical Education celebrates the wining of the Pediatric Residency Program the AAP 2013 NCE Pediatric Bowl. This is a celebration of excellence of the residency program in academics, medical knowledge, team-spirit, and most of all fun loving attitude.

In addition, this issue features many stories of continued successes such as:

- ◆ MCH trainees continue to showcase their scholarly work nationally and in peer-reviewed publication
- ◆ Advocacy is on the forefront of what MCH trainees get involved with
- ◆ MCH faculty continue to hold appointments to national committees
- ◆ MCH Medical Education continues to seek excellence as we prepare for a new recruitment year with another year of record applica-

tions to review, interviews to conduct, and selection of the cream of the crop

- ◆ Training programs to start implementation of the AC-GME NAS through the Clinical Competency Committees (CCC) which will launch their first meetings November 2013

Enjoy this issue of fun, celebration, and new academic year planning

Rani S Gereige, MD, MPH - DIO





## Milestones in Faculty Development

### What Do You Need to Know About the CCCs???



The ACGME Next Accreditation System (NAS) calls for a new paradigm in Medical Education and training, using milestones-based assessments using a consensus decision from a **Clinical Competency Committee (CCC)**. The ACGME expects each training program to form a CCC from a minimum of three faculty and/or non-physician faculty members. Program Directors may participate on the CCC.

MCH department of Medical Education and its training programs have formed the respective CCCs. The CCC will have their first meeting in November 2013. The following are the responsibilities of the CCC members:

#### Responsibilities of the CCC members:

- ◆ Meet at least semi-annually to discuss each individual residents' performance data
- ◆ Make a **consensus decision** on the progress of **each** resident. Initially, the CCCs will use **existing resident assessment data and faculty member observations** to inform their evaluations of residents. Data from the milestones assessments

will be used once implemented in each of the specialties.

- ◆ Serve as an **early warning system** if a resident fails to progress in the educational program, and will assist in his or her early identification and move toward improvement and remediation.

#### Membership in the CCC:

- ◆ Members should include **core faculty members** who have the opportunity to **observe and evaluate** residents
- ◆ May include other members such as assessment specialists and non-MD medical educators.

#### Description of CCC meetings:

- ◆ The program director (PD) and the GME department will prepare Milestones data summary on each resident through reports generated from various sources e.g. 360-degree evaluations, rotation evaluations, Simulations, etc...
- ◆ While the PD is part of the CCC meeting, the PD must not chair the meeting and can be available for clarification, etc..
- ◆ Each resident is given a semi-annual assessment on a dashboard in one of the following 5 categories on each of the metrics set by the program:
- ◆ The CCC will generate a report/ recommendation letter to PD on each resident. The PD will meet with each resident and communicate the recommendation, design an improvement plan, etc..
- ◆ Thresholds will be set by the CCC. Interventions a program might consider include assigning a mentor with expertise in a given area of

deficiency, additional required readings, sessions in a skills lab, and/or added rotations in a given area. If, after remediation, a resident still fails to advance sufficiently on one or more milestones, a CCC might consider extending education, or counseling the resident to consider another specialty or profession.

- ◆ Aggregate, de-identified information for all residents in the program will be reported to the ACGME

The Department of Medical Education and its trainees are grateful to the following faculty who agreed to volunteer their time and serve on the CCC:

#### Pediatric Residency Program:

Marcos Mestre, MD  
Melissa Clemente, MD  
Jose Rosa-Olivares, MD  
Amanda Porro, MD  
David Lowe, MD  
Michelle Blumstein, MD  
Bala Totapally, MD  
Hernan Cruz, MD  
Athena Pefkarou, MD  
Metee Comkornruecha, MD  
Veronica Etinger, MD  
Marielys Rodriguez, MD  
Michael Leoncio, DO  
Alejandro Diaz, MD  
Jason Katz, MD  
Jesse Reeves-Garcia, MD

#### Adolescent Medicine:

Metee Comkornruecha, MD  
Michelle Hospital (FIU)  
Jacquelyn Verme, MSN, PNP-BC

#### Pediatric Cardiology:

Plato Alexander, MD  
Danyal Khan, MD  
Juan Carlos Muniz, MD  
Darren Berman, MD

Juan Bolivar, MD  
Nancy Dobrolet, MD

#### Pediatric Critical Care:

Keith Meyer, MD  
Andre Raszynski, MD  
Juan Bolivar, MD  
Michael Leoncio, DO  
Ana Paredes, MD

#### Pediatric Emergency Medicine:

Marc Linares, MD  
Michelle Blumstein, MD  
Marla Friedman, MD  
Laura Umbrello, MD  
Barbara Pena, MD  
Karen Franco, MD

#### Clinical Neurophysiology:

Ian Miller, MD  
Trevor Resnick, MD  
Catalina Dunoyer  
Prasanna Jayakar, PhD

#### Craniofacial Plastic Surgery:

Chad Perlyn, MD  
Jaime Flores, MD  
Sanjiv Bhatia, MD  
Joe Garri, MD

#### Pediatric Radiology:

Rachel Pevsner, DO  
Marty McGraw, MD  
Cynthia Christoph, MD

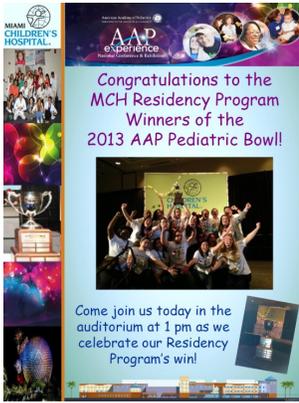
#### Pediatric Surgery:

Colin Knight, MD  
Carmen Ramos, MD  
Leopoldo Malvezzi, MD  
Raquel Pasaron, ARNP

#### Pediatric Urology:

Miguel Castellan, MD  
Andrew Labbie, MD  
Kristin Kozakowski, MD  
Calvin Olson, PA

### Milestones in Academic Excellence and National Victory MCH Pediatric Residency Program is the 2013 AAP NCE Pediatric Bowl Winner



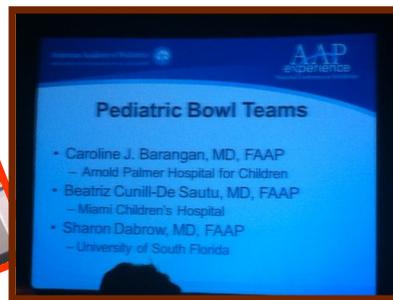
In a room filled with excitement, healthy competition, and energy; MCH Pediatric Residency program took the stage at the AAP 2013 NCE meeting in Orlando on Tuesday October 29th, 2013. MCH residency program competed in the 2013 Pediatric Bowl against the USF Residency Pro-

gram and the Arnold Palmer Residency Program. The competing teams answered questions related to pediatrics, medicine, history trivia. Teamwork was dominating with "cheerleaders", "Tweeter", and audience supporters... The event was also "Face-timed" to MCH main Auditorium.

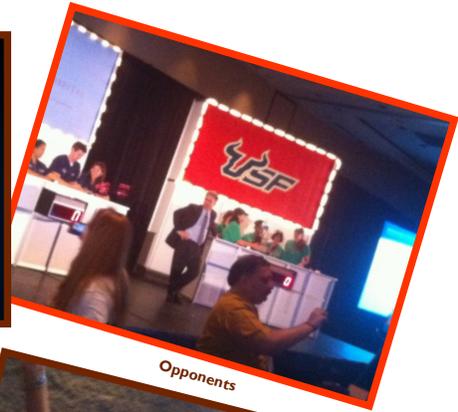
At the end of the hour of competition, the scores were in and MCH Residency Team was announced as the Winner of the 2013 AAP NCE Pediatric Bowl, winning the "Meconium Cup". Below are some pictures from that event.



MCH Team



Competing Teams



Opponents



Cheerleaders- The Doctors are IN



Teamwork!!!



Winner Announced!!!



Winning Team with the AAP Pediatric Bowl Faculty

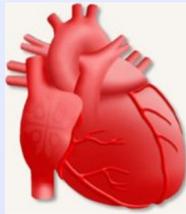


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Team Shirts Designed by the Residents



### Pediatric Cardiology Holds A Pediatric Cardiac Morphology Symposium (October 2013)

Pediatric Cardiology Faculty, Fellows, and interested residents attended a 4 day Pediatric Cardiac Morphology Symposium.

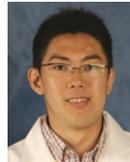
The Symposium included lectures, video demos, and hands-on experiences with real heart specimens. The Symposium was arranged by Dr. Katz and was presented by Diane Spicer, PA (Congenital Cardiac Morphology, University of Florida)

## Milestones in Publications Hot off the Press!!!!

### MCH Trainees' Publication Milestones

The following MCH trainees have made the following major contributions to the published literature:

1. **Dr. Jun Sasaki** was notified that his manuscript titled: **"Outcome of Children with Acute Encephalitis and Refractory Status Epilepticus"** was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Child Neurology*.



2. Congratulations Jun **Dr. Varun Aggarwal** had the following manuscripts published:
  - Aggarwal V,



Mukherjee SB, Gulati P, and Aneja S.

**"Syndrome of megalencephaly, mega corpus callosum, and complete lack of motor development: exploring the phenotype"**. *Clinical Dysmorphology*. 2013; 22: 164-168.

- **Aggarwal V & Khan D.** **"Pediatric Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PPAHS): Beliefs and Practice Among Physicians on the Use of Phosphodiesterase Inhibitor (Sildenafil)"** - Abstract published in *Congenital Heart Dis*. 2013; 8: 457-498. (Abstracts form the AAP Section

on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery)

- **Aggarwal V**, Nagpal A, Agarwal Y, et.al. Case report: **"Plasmodium vivax Malaria Complicated by Splenic Infarct"**. *Pediatric and International Child Health*. 2012; 1-3
- **Aggarwal V**, Dobrolet N, Jayakar P, Zablach J, Ammous Z, and Fishberger S. **"Hcm and Wpw Syndrome With Life Threatening Arrhythmia in an Adolescent Female: PrKag2 Mutation"**. *Journal of Atrial Fibrillation*. October 2013. [www.jafib.com](http://www.jafib.com) Congratulations Varun!

## Milestones in Professionalism

### Inter-professional Recognition and Compliments



**Batool Alsheikh, MD (PL3)**

The RN Director of 3S; Maria Soto recognized **Dr. Batool Alsheikh (PL3 Resident)** and the ED team for her humanism, professionalism, and excellence in patient care as she cared for a patient in the ED. Congratulations Madhura-dhar and Batool for your excellent display of the MCH Way.

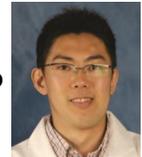
**Rosa Gomez De Jesus, MD (Adolescent Medicine Fellow)**

**Dr. Rosa Gomez De Jesus (Adolescent Medicine Fellow)** and **Dr. Lorena Siqueira** received a recognition from MCH Marketing department for the excellent feedback, coverage, interest, and PR that the "Healthy Chicas" program has received. SFLTV/CW network aired a story about the program along with interviews with Dr. De Jesus part of "Inside South Florida" program. Congratulations!!!



**Jun Sasaki, MD (CICU Fellow)**

**Dr. Jun Sasaki (CICU Fellow)** was awarded the AAP Section on Critical Care Medicine Physician-in-Training Travel Grant Award for his oral presentation of his abstract titled: **"Heart Rate Variability in Patients with Diabetic Ketoacidosis in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit"**. Congratulations Jun.



### Milestones in Scholarly Activities

## MCH Trainees Continue to Showcase their Scholarly Work Nationally

### Strong MCH Critical Care Presence at the SCCM 2014 Critical Care Congress

Paul Martinez, MD (PCCM Fellow),



Dr. Paul Martinez was notified that his abstract titled: **"The Prevalence and Outcome of In-hospital Cardiopulmonary Arrest in the Kids Inpatient Database"** was accepted for a poster presentation at the 43rd Critical Care Congress in 2014.



Stacey Humphreys, MD (PCCM Fellow)

Dr. Stacey Humphreys was notified that her abstract titled:

**"Time and outcome of rapid response calls and unscheduled transfers to PICU in a pediatric hospital"** was accepted for a poster presentation at the 43rd Critical Care Congress in 2014.

Madhuradhar Chegondi, MD (PCCM Fellow)



Dr. Madhuradhar Chegondi was notified that his abstracts titled: **"Carbamazepine overdose presenting as diabetes insipidus in a child"** and **"Epinephrine induced cardiomyopathy in a child with anaphylaxis"** were accepted for a Case Report or Abstract presentation at the 43rd Critical Care Congress in 2014.

Congratulations to PCCM Fellows and their faculty mentors for this excellent achievement.

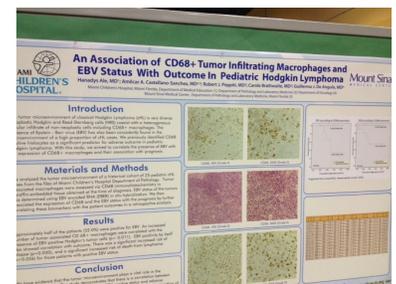
### Resident Scholarly Presentations

Hanadys Ale, MD (PLI)



Dr. Hanadys Ale presented her abstract titled: **"An Association Of CD68+ Tumor Infiltrating Macrophages And EBV Status With Outcome In Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma"** as a poster presentation at the CAP13 Meeting in Orlando, October 2013.

Congratulations Hanadys!!



The 2014 MCH Pediatric Critical Care Self-Assessment (A Board Review Course) Receives ABP Approval for Pediatric Critical Care Part 2 MOC (20 Points). The Course will take place May 15-17th, 2014 at the Miami Beach Convention Center

### Milestones in CME News

## Registration Opens for MCH 2014 CME Courses

MCH CME Department is proud to announce opening of the online registration of the 2014 CME Courses:

**1- The 49th Annual PPGC and e-PPGC** - Designed to Meet the Needs of the Practicing Generalist - **February 27-March 2, 2014** at the **Intercontinental Hotel Downtown Miami**. Register at [www.ppgcpip.com](http://www.ppgcpip.com). You may attend the course live (PPGC) or virtually (e-PPGC). You may register for all 4 days or one to four days.

**2- The 17th Annual Pediatric Board Review Course - May 15-18th, 2014** at the **Miami Beach Convention Center**. This year National speakers include Basil Zitelli, MD along with national experts for the Sunday concurrent sessions in Emergency Medicine, Gastroenterology, and Neonatology. Registration is opened at [www.mch.com/boardreview](http://www.mch.com/boardreview) and obtain 20 Part 2 ABP MOC points.

**3- The 2nd Annual MCH Pediatric Critical Care Self-Assessment (A Board Review Course) - May 15th-17th, 2014** at the **Miami Beach Convention Center**. Registration is opened at [www.mch.com/boardreview](http://www.mch.com/boardreview) and obtain 20 Part 2 ABP MOC points.



*Milestones in Advocacy*

**MCH Resident Advocates for State Graduate Medical Education Funds**



On October 28, 2013 MCH Pediatric Resident (PL1) and FIU Alumnus **Dr. Hanadys Ale** joined other FIU and MCH officials at FIU campus in a meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott and Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Liz Dudek, and more than a dozen local hospitals to highlight their commitment to

graduate medical education through the new Statewide Residency Program. For the first time, hospitals are receiving a supplemental payment specifically for graduate medical education, which was made possible by the \$80 million appropriation recommended by Governor Scott in the Florida Families First Budget. Dr. Ale is the example of a graduate of a Florida Medical School who elected to stay in Florida for residency. Few years ago, the State opened few new medical schools yet with no increase in residency slots, graduates of these schools will not be retained and will have to leave the State. This promised funding will help

support GME training programs to make positions available for Florida Medical School Graduates to train and hopefully work after graduation in Florida.

Congratulations Hanadys and thank you for helping advocate for State Graduate Medical Education Funding.

[Read the full story >>>](#)



**FIU College of Public Health Features two MCH Fellows in their Newsletter**

**Dr. Paul Khalil (PEM Fellow) and Dr. John Fitzwater (Pediatric Surgery Fellow)** were featured in FIU COPH Newsletter in an article titled:

**“Training Physicians on How to Conduct Research After Medical School”**

The Article featured the MCH Fellows’ Research Minicourse held this past summer at MCH in collaboration with FIU College of Public Health

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*Milestones in National Committee Appointments*

**MCH Medical Education National and International Presence**

**Dr. Cunill to Serve another Term on the NBME USMLE Committee**

After serving for 2 years on the USMLE Step 3 Ambulatory test Writing Committee, **Dr. Beatriz Cunill** was appointed to serve as a member of the USMLE Children’s Health Test Material Development Committee (TMDC) and the Pediatrics Test Committee.

The Pediatric Test Committee is responsible for development of the Pediatrics subject test provided by the NBME to medical schools and other institutions with a legitimate interest in the education of physicians and other health professionals.

The TMDC will work closely

with the NBME staff, who will manage test development, scoring, analysis, and reporting. USMLE is the sole licensing examination for allopathic physicians in the United States and is designed to assess the examinee’s understanding of and ability to apply concepts and principles that are important in health and disease and that constitute the basis of safe and effective patient care. This appointment will be effective in January 2014.

Congratulations Dr. Cunill on this prestigious appointment.



**Dr. Gereige Appointed as Editor of the AAP News Today**

As part of serving on the AAP NCE Planning Group, **Dr. Rani Gereige** was appointed to serve as the editor for the AAP News Today, the official Newsmagazine of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Gereige had the debut of his role at the AAP NCE in Orlando in October 2013.

[Read the Issues from 2013 NCE >>>](#)



*Milestones in Alumni Connections*

**MCH Booth at the 2013 AAP... Alumni Gathering and Reconnection to the “Mothership”**

The AAP NCE is a meeting that bring together several thousands of Pediatricians locally, nationally, and globally.

This year, MCH exhibit booth at the NCE was a meeting place for former MCH Alumni who reminisced and reconnect-

ed to the “mothership”. Below are some of the moments captured in Orlando - October 2013.



**Tiffany Blockson, MD**  
2007-2010



**Lisa Machado, MD.**  
1995-1998



**Jocelyn Plesa, MD.**  
2008-2011  
**Sabrina Zabolkovskaya, MD.**  
2007-2010. ER fellow



**Nai Yu Tang, MD**  
2006-2009



**Sejal Shah, MD**  
2004-2008  
**Amanda Davila, MD**  
2009-2013



**Krithika Lingappan, MD**  
2006-2009



**Jennifer Munoz, MD**  
2008-2011



**Yanet Rios, MD**  
2003-2006



**Paul Ufberg, DO**  
2002-2006



**Larissa Negron, MD**  
2004-2007





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# Milestones in Medical Education

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## GME Welcomes New Babies to the Family

**Dr. Chad Rudnick (PL3)** became the proud father of a beautiful baby girl **Aria Gem Rudnick** on October 7th, 2013



## Medical Education Birthdays

November	
Wenliang Geng	1
Sakil Kulkarni	4
Caren Pichardo	5
Kaitlin Kobaitri	11
Brianna Ruiz	11
Priscilla Badia	19
Manuel Cruz-Diaz	21
Varun Aggarwal	21
Anamaria Pulido	28

December	
Sherrie Acoba Baysa	3
Maria Pereira	6
Stefania Saint-Hilaire	9
Nina Phillips	9
Rossana Sanchez	13
Mona Yasrebi	14
Heidi Hagerott	20
Adi Suta	22
Batool Alsheikh	23
Dominick Figueroa	24
Pedro Pagan	25
Christopher Bob	27
Joshua Kurtz	27