From the DIO
Medical Education Summer: Energy, Fun, & New Beginnings...

This summer issue of the “Milestones in Medical Education” Newsletter is filled with new successes and new beginnings. As we look at summer times, we think of time off, relaxing warm days, hot sunny beaches, recharging times with family and friends. As we look back at the past two months, our new classes of residents and fellows have been busy adjusting to new environment, new city, meeting new friends, and bonding with the MCH family. Summer time in Medical Education is a time of renewed energy, time to plant new seeds of new beginnings hoping that at the end of the academic year, the residents, fellows, and faculty harvest the fruits of hard work and learning.

As we embark on this new academic year, we reflect on past experiences, we remember alumni and their achievements, but we are confident that this year will be as successful and fruitful as we aim to be. We are confident that our faculty and trainees will continue to plant seeds of learning only to harvest crops of well-trained, knowledgeable, and humanistic pediatric providers who will continue to spread the mission of MCH anywhere their professional and life take them.

Rani S Gereige, MD, MPH - DIO

This issue of Milestones in Medical Education features many milestones achieved by residents, fellows, and faculty… milestones that prove that summer in Medical Education has been anything but slow, relaxing, or quiet… however, it has been a time full of energy, sunlight, and new horizons. The following are a few highlights from this issue:

- MCH trainees continue to shine with compliments from family and staff
- MCH educational programs continue to be recognized nationally with excellence and commendation from accrediting bodies
- MCH faculty and trainees continue to achieve major milestones in scholarly activities showcasing their work nationally
- MCH Medical Education continue to provide state of the art educational sessions in research, community events, and faculty development.
- MCH Medical Education members continue to represent the hospital in national and international forums.
**Milestones in Research Readiness**

**MCH Medical Education Hosts Fellows Research Minicourse with FIU COPH**

On July 29th-Aug 2nd, 2013; MCH Department of Medical Education hosted faculty from the FIU College of Public Health for a 5 day training in research. Topics discussed included:

**Monday July 29**  
- Introduction to Research  
- Basic Biostatistical Concepts

**Tuesday July 30**  
- Overview of Ethics  
- Monitoring Clinical Trials

**Wednesday July 31**  
- Clinical Epidemiological Studies  
- Overview of Translational and Effectiveness Research  
- Paper Discussion

**Thursday August 1**  
- Testable Hypotheses  
- Steps in the Study

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**E-mails: A Blessing or a Curse in Disguise??**

**While we all appreciate that electronic communication has enhanced our professional and personal lives in many ways, we need to step back and consider the ways that its overuse is hindering us. The 10 points of the email charter below focus on reducing the time, effort and stress required of responders.**

**The E-mail Charter: 10 Rules to Reverse the Email Spiral**

(From: Closing Pandora’s In-Box. Chris Anderson, Washington Post, October 6, 2011)

1. **Respect Recipients’ Time.** Minimize the time it takes someone to process your messages by taking more time to clearly articulate your intention.

2. **Short or Slow is not Rude.** Mutually agree to cut each other some slack. It’s OK if replies take a while in coming and don’t give detailed responses to all your questions.

3. **Celebrate Clarity.** Clue in the recipient by starting with a subject line that clearly labels the topic, and maybe includes a status category [Info], [Action], [Time Sensitive] or [Low Priority]. Avoid strange fonts and colors.

4. **Quash Open-Ended Questions.** Instead of asking “How can I help?” offer easier-to-answer questions like “Can I help best by (a) calling (b) visiting or (c) staying out of it?”

5. **Slash Surplus cc’s.** Be judicious in your use of cc’s. Don’t default to “Reply All” when there are multiple recipients. Maybe you need to cc only a couple of people on the original thread.

6. **Tighten the Thread.** Before forwarding a long email conversation, delete what’s not relevant.

7. **Attack Attachments.** Don’t use graphic files as logos or signatures that appear as attachments. Include text into the body of the email rather than sending as an attachment.

8. **Give these Gifts: EOM NNTR.** If your message fits into the subject line, put it in, followed by EOM (End of Message). Ending a note with NNTR (No need to respond) is a wonderful act of generosity.

9. **Cut Contentless Responses.** A response is not required for every email, especially not those that are themselves clear responses.

10. **Disconnect!** If we all agreed to spend less time sending email, we’d all get less email. Schedule time offline or set up an auto-response that references this charter.
Milestones in Publications

Hot of the Press!!!

**MCH Critical Care Division Publication Milestones**

3. Notification by Pediatrics of acceptance of the manuscript titled: “Parent Health & Functioning 13 Months After Infant or Child NICU/PICU Death” for publication.

**MCH Hematology-Oncology Milestones**

Dr. Will Geng co-authored with Dr. Khatib an article titled: “Chemotherapy in the Management of Retinoblastoma”. The article appeared in Future Medicine on August 2013; pp: 78-89 as part of an issue on Retinoblastoma: Clinical Advances and Emerging Treatment Strategies. (www.futuremedicine.com)

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**Milestones in Scholarly Award**

**MCH Resident Claims First Prize Poster Presentation at the FMA Meeting**

Dr. Varun Aggarwal (PL2) presented his poster titled: “A Comparison of Calcium, Vitamin D, or both for the Treatment of Nutritional Rickets in Children” at the FMA Conference in July 2013. Dr. Aggarwal was awarded first prize for his poster presentation.

Congratulations Varun!!!

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**Milestones in Professionalism**

**Inter-professional Recognition and Compliment**

The nursing staff recognized Dr. Madhuradhar Chegondi (PICU Fellow) and Dr. Batool Alsheik (PL3 Resident)

**Humanism, Professionalism, and excellence in patient care as they cared for a very complicated and critical patient in the PICU. Congratulations Madhuradhar and Batool for your excellent display of the MCH Way.**

Dr. Chad Rudnick (PL3 Resident) received a compliment from the nursing staff for his leadership and teamwork as a team leader. “He worked well with interns and nurses and went above and beyond to get everything done for our patients”. Congratulations Chad on being a role model for the new interns and setting a great example of teamwork and leadership.
Milestones in Scholarship
MCH Trainees Continue to Showcase Their Scholarly Work Nationally

Critical Care Scholarly Milestones

Paul Martinez, MD (PICU Fellow)

1. Dr. Paul Martinez (PICU Fellow) was notified that his abstract titled: “Neonatal Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformation: A Neonate With Pulmonary Hypertension” was accepted for presentation at the 2013 Chest Annual Meeting in Chicago in October.

Pediatric Gastroenterology Scholarly Milestones - Strong MCH presence anticipated again at 2013 NASPGHAN meeting

Lauren Mullinax, MD (PL2)

15th International Conference Jackson Hole, Wyoming September 10-14, 2013

Pediatric Cardiology Scholarly Milestones

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Drs. Aggarwal were notified that his abstracts titled: “Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus: Five year Experience with Amplatzer Vascular Plug II” and “Pediatric Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Survey (PPAHS): Beliefs and practice among physicians on the use of phosphodiesterase inhibitor (Sildenafil)” accepted for poster presentation at the Southeastern Pediatric Cardiology conference in September 2013

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**Milestones in Institutional CME Accreditation**

**MCH CME Program Receives ACCME “Accreditation with Commendation”**

On July 19th 2013, MCH Department of Medical Education was notified of the outcome of the survey conducted in February 2013 by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and awarded *Accreditation with Commendation* for six years as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians.

The ACCME employs a rigorous, multilevel process for evaluating institutions’ continuing medical education programs according to the high accreditation standards adopted by all seven ACCME member organizations. These organizations of medicine in the US are the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the US, Inc.


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**Milestones in CME News**

**MCH Board Review Courses Grow and Move to Beautiful South Beach in 2014**

MCH Board Review Course will celebrate its 17th year in 2014. The course outgrew its capacity. In 2014, the 17th Annual Pediatric Board Review Course will be held at the *Miami Beach Convention Center* in conjunction with the 2nd Annual MCH Pediatric Critical Care Board Review Course. The course will feature new concurrent sessions and will be held in new venue, new dates, and new flavor. Registration will open in late September 2013.

The dates for the Board Review Course are:

1– The 17th Annual Pediatric Board Review Course: May 15th-18th, 2014
2– The 2nd Annual Pediatric Critical Care Board Review Course: May 15th-17th, 2014

**MCH 2014 Pediatric Post Graduate Course (PPGC) - Designed to Meet the Needs of the Practicing Generalist**

Planning for the MCH 49th Annual Pediatric Post Graduate Course (PPGC) is underway. The course will be designed with the practicing generalists in mind. The following changes are made to meet the need of the practicing pediatricians:

- The course will be held *February 27th 2014 - March 2nd 2014* at the Intercontinental Hotel Downtown, Miami. Convenient dates over the weekend for less missed days from practice.
- Topics will feature common practical information relevant to the practicing physicians’ day to day practice
- The course will make use of technology in education

Registration will open late September … Stay Tuned!!!
Dr. Gereige and the Children’s Dental Health Project

On July 11, 2013, Dr. Rani Gereige was notified that his nomination to the Children’s Dental Health Project (CDHP) Board of Directors was approved by the board. Dr. Gereige will be the first pediatrician to be a member of the CDHP Board of Directors.

Dr. Gereige as External Examiner at Kuwait University

In June 2013, Dr. Rani Gereige participated as an invited external examiner at Kuwait University. Dr. Gereige was one of six international Pediatric examiners who administered the OSCE final examination to Kuwait University Senior Medical students. In addition, he presented a faculty development session to the Pediatric Faculty on “The Art of Giving Evaluation and Feedback”.

Dr. Cunill re-appointed to USMLE Committee for Another 2 year term

After serving for the past two years on the USMLE Step 3 Ambulatory Care Test Material Development Committee (TMDC), Dr. Beatriz Cunill was notified by the USMLE that she is appointed to the Children’s Health TMDC for another two year term to start in 2014. Members of the Children’s Health TMDC will write test items for the Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) examinations, in addition to writing for the Step 3 examination.

Milestones in National and International Appointments

MCH Medical Education National and International Presence

On Tuesday October 29, 2013 MCH Pediatric Residency Program will be competing in the Pediatric Bowl against the USF and the Orlando residency programs as part of the NCE in Orlando. MCH team will consist of Chad Rudnick, MD; Rossana Sanchez, MD; Stefania Saint-Hilaire, MD; Will Geng, MD; and Sakil Kul-karni, MD. The team also includes the program director Beatriz Cunill, MD, and Naomi Cohen, MD (Team Twitter), and Gabriella Saca (Program Rep). If you are attending the AAP NCE make sure to attend this entertaining and fun session and cheer for our MCH team!!!!

MCH to Host the CARES FOUNDATION Event

On Saturday October 19, 2013, MCH will be hosting the CARES Foundation (Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research, Education, and Support) from 8:00am- 4:30pm. This conference is designed for families and adults affected by classical and non classical CAH. Participants will learn about advances in the treatment and management of the disorder. The conference will feature national experts including our own Alejandro Diaz, MD who was the contact person for the conference. The conference is held for the first time in the southeast part of the United States. http://www.caresfoundation.org/productcart/pc/events/Miami13/Miami13.html

MCH Residents to Compete at the AAP NCE Pediatric Bowl

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Milestones Upcoming Medical Education Events

MCH Medical Education Awarded AAP Preceptorship on Bereavement

The American Academy of Pediatrics, in partnership with the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement and the New York Life Foundation, has initiated a Pediatric Bereavement Lectureship Program. The purpose of this program is to offer training to pediatricians and other pediatric health care providers to increase their skills and effectiveness in supporting grieving children and their families.

Miami Children’s Hospital Department of Medical Education is one of 7 institutions who received in 2013 the American Academy of Pediatrics Bereavement Lectureship Program (see: http://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-

Disasters/Pages/Bereavement-Lectureship-Program.aspx)

MCH will host for two days a national expert (Dr. David Schonfeld – Drexel University) will be spending September 19, 20th 2013 at MCH. Below is the schedule of the two days events planned for the medical staff, nursing, and the community:

MCH Brings CME to the Community

Practical Community Pediatric CME

Two sites, One Program

September 14th, 2013

MCH West Kendal and MCH Dan Marino

https://cmetracker.net/MCH/login?form name=regloginli ve&eventid=165

The MCH Department of Medical Education
Proudly Presents

The AAP Pediatric Bereavement Lectureship Program

September 19-20th, 2013

Visiting Professor:
David Schonfeld, MD, FAA
Pediatrician-in-Chief and Director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine

Schedule of Events

- THURSDAY September 19th, 2013
  - 9:50am-11:05am – “Supporting Children and Families at Times of Crisis” – Session for MDC Students - MDC Public Affairs Forum – MDC
  - 2:00pm-3:00pm – “Childhood Bereavement and Dealing with the Aftermaths of Disasters” – Session for Pediatric Nursing Instructors and Nursing Students – MCH Main Auditorium
  - 5:00pm-7:30pm – “Recognizing and Responding to Loss in Children” - Community Event – Co-sponsored by MCH and Children’s Bereavement Center – MCH Main Auditorium – RSVP at https://cbctalk.eventbrite.com/

- FRIDAY September 20th, 2013
  - 8:15am-9:15am – “Supporting the Grieving Child and Family” - MCH Pediatric Grand Round – MCH Main Auditorium (CME event)
  - 9:30am -11:00am – Community Partners Focus Group/Networking Session – MCH Main Auditorium
  - 12:15pm-1:15pm – “Supporting Children and Families in the Aftermaths of Disasters” - Pediatric Residents Core Curriculum Lecture – MCH Main Auditorium

*This event is made possible through the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Pediatric Bereavement Lectureship Program provided to Miami Children’s Hospital. The Pediatric Bereavement Lectureship Program is implemented through a partnership of the AAP, the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, and the New York Life Foundation. It is sponsored in part by an educational grant from the New York Life Foundation, and is administered with Support from the St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children*
Milestones in Medical Education

GME Welcomes New Babies to the Family

Dr. John Fitzwater (Pediatric Surgery Fellow) became the proud father of a beautiful baby girl 
**Clara** on August 12th, 2013

Dr. Roopali Mittal (PL3) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl **Brijanshi** on August 28th, 2013

Dr. Grace Padron (PL3) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl **Layla** on August 18th, 2013

Dr. Lizabeth Saint-Hilaire became the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl **Diana** on May 23rd, 2013

Danays Hernandez (Medical Education Coordinator) became the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl **Victoria** on May 29th, 2013

Medical Education Birthdays

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