

**IN THE STATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

BETHELHEM GETU HUNDIE &  
GETAHUN BIRHANU,  
AS SURVIVING PARENTS OF MAYA  
GETAHUN, DECEASED; AND  
BETHELHEM GETU HUNDIE, AS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
ESTATE OF MAYA GETAHUN,

PLAINTIFFS,

V.  
PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE, INC.;  
PIEDMONT EASTSIDE HOSPITAL, INC.;  
EASTSIDE MEDICAL CENTER, LLC;  
RICHISA SALAZAR, MD;  
AND JOHN/JANE DOES 1-10,

DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION

**25-C-04275-S3**  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

**PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

COME NOW, BETHELHEM GETU HUNDIE and GETAHUN BIRHANU, as surviving parents of MAYA GETAHUN, deceased; and BETHELHEM GETU HUNDIE, as the personal representative of THE ESTATE OF MAYA GETAHUN, as Plaintiffs, and file this complaint against PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE, INC.; PIEDMONT EASTSIDE HOSPITAL, INC.; EASTSIDE MEDICAL CENTER, LLC; RICHISA SALAZAR, MD; and JOHN/JANE DOES 1-10, showing this Honorable Court the following:

## INTRODUCTION

This is a case about the wrongful death of 2-year-old Maya Getahun who died needlessly because of sub-standard medical care she received at Piedmont Eastside Medical Center in Snellville, Georgia. Maya's parents brought her to the emergency department after she was bitten by ants and developed an allergic reaction. While recognizing this was an allergic reaction, the medical staff waited over 20 minutes before administering epinephrine, causing Maya's condition to worsen. The ER physician, Dr. Richisa Salazar, attempted to intubate Maya, but once she started the procedure, Dr. Salazar realized the ER did not have the correctly sized equipment necessary for a young child. Maya's parents looked on helplessly as their daughter slowly died from lack of oxygen.



1.

This action arises out of medical care negligently provided to two-year-old Maya Getahun on October 7, 2024, resulting in baby Maya's death.

2.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence against each Defendant, either directly or vicariously.

3.

Plaintiffs assert claims of ordinary negligence against each corporate Defendant, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc.; Piedmont Eastside Hospital, Inc.; and Eastside Medical Center, LLC.

4.

Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all issues.

### **Parties, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

5.

Plaintiffs Bethelhem Getu Hundie and Getahun Birhanu are citizens and residents of the State of Georgia. Plaintiffs submit to the jurisdiction of this Court and to venue in Gwinnett County.

6.

Defendant Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ("Piedmont Healthcare") is a resident of Cobb County, Georgia. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-31, Piedmont Healthcare is

subject to venue in this Court, because at least one of its co-defendants is directly subject to venue here.

7.

Piedmont Healthcare may be served with process at the offices of its registered agent, CSC of Cobb County, 192 Anderson Street, N.E., Suite 125, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, 30060.

8.

Piedmont Healthcare has been properly served with this Complaint.

9.

At all times material to this action, Piedmont Healthcare was the parent corporation of Defendant Piedmont Eastside Hospital, Inc. Piedmont Healthcare thus managed the functions of Piedmont Eastside Hospital, Inc.

10.

Defendant Piedmont Eastside Hospital, Inc. (“Piedmont Eastside”) is a resident of Cobb County, Georgia. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510(b)(3), Piedmont Eastside is subject to the venue of this Court because (i) the cause of action arose in Gwinnett County, (ii) Piedmont Eastside maintains an office in Gwinnett County; and (iii) Piedmont Eastside transacts business in Gwinnett County.

11.

Defendant Piedmont Eastside may be served with process at the offices of its registered agent, CSC of Cobb County, 192 Anderson Street, S.E., Suite 125,

Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, 30060.

12.

Piedmont Eastside has been properly served with this Complaint.

13.

At all times material to this action, Piedmont Eastside was the parent corporation of Defendant Eastside Medical Center, LLC, a disregarded entity. Piedmont Eastside thus managed the functions of Eastside Medical Center, LLC.

14.

Defendant Eastside Medical Center, LLC (“EMC”) is a resident of Cobb County, Georgia. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510(b)(3), EMC is subject to the venue of this Court because (i) the cause of action arose in Gwinnett County, (ii) EMC maintains an office in Gwinnett County; and (iii) EMC transacts business in Gwinnett County.

15.

Defendant EMC may be served with Process at the offices of its registered agent, CSC of Cobb County, 192 Anderson Street, S.E., Suite 125, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, 30060.

16.

EMC has been properly served with this Complaint.

17.

At all times material to this action, Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside,

and/or EMC was the employer or other principal of Defendant Richisa Salazar, MD, who was acting incident to, and within the course and scope of, her agency or employment.

18.

Defendant Richisa Salazar, MD is a resident of Cobb County, Georgia, and is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court and may be served with process at her place of residence at 2178 Waldrop Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

19.

At all times material to this action, Dr. Salazar was a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and held herself out to Ms. Hundie and Mr. Birhanu, and to members of the general public, as a physician skilled in the practice of emergency medicine.

20.

At all times material to this action, Dr. Salazar was an employee or other agent of Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and/or EMC, and was acting incident to, and within the course and scope of, her agency or employment.

21.

Defendants John/Jane Does 1-10 are those yet-unidentified natural and legal persons whose negligent acts and/or omissions caused or contributed to the injuries and damages complained of here.

22.

Jurisdiction is proper in state court.

23.

Venue is proper in Gwinnett County.

### **Facts**

24.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

25.

On or about October 7, 2024, Ms. Hundie and Mr. Birhanu brought their minor child, Maya Getahun, to the emergency department of Piedmont Eastside Medical Center South Campus in Snellville, Georgia (“Hospital”). Maya had been bitten by fire ants.

26.

Dr. Salazar was assigned as Maya's attending physician.

27.

Roshayla Bracely, RN, triaged Maya. Maya had wheezing, labored breathing, and a rash. Ms. Bracely assigned Maya to Acuity Level 2.

28.

Maya was exhibiting signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction.

29.

The allergic reaction was causing Maya respiratory distress.

30.

Maya required immediate medical attention, including the rapid administration of epinephrine to halt the allergic response.

31.

Providers at the Hospital allowed more than 20 minutes to pass before administering epinephrine to Maya.

32.

One dose of intramuscular epinephrine was administered to Maya.

33.

Though Maya had a blood oxygen saturation of 97%, Dr. Salazar decided to intubate Maya using rapid sequence intubation (RSI) drugs etomidate and succinylcholine.

34.

Dr. Salazar was not prepared to intubate Maya because Dr. Salazar did not confirm she had correctly sized pediatric intubation equipment available *before* she began the RSI attempt.

35.

As the RSI drugs paralyzed Maya, Dr. Salazar discovered that the Hospital lacked the equipment needed to complete the pediatric intubation.



36.

Maya died under the care of Dr. Salazar, Ms. Bracely, and the other healthcare professionals at the Hospital.

37.

Maya was two years old at the time of her death.

**Respondeat Superior Allegations**

38.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

39.

At all times material to this action, Dr. Salazar was an employee or other actual or apparent agent of Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and/or EMC, and was acting incident to, and within the course and scope of, her agency or employment.

40.

Defendants Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and/or EMC are thus vicariously liable for the negligence of Dr. Salazar, pursuant to the doctrines of agency and respondeat superior.

41.

At all times material to this action, Roshayla Bracely, RN, was an employee

or other actual or apparent agent of Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and/or EMC, and was acting incident to, and within the course and scope of, her agency or employment.

42.

Defendants Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and/or EMC are thus vicariously liable for the negligence of Ms. Bracely, pursuant to the doctrines of agency and respondeat superior.

### **Count One: Professional Negligence**

43.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

44.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence against all Defendants.

45.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence, directly, against Dr. Salazar.

46.

On October 7, 2024, Dr. Salazar owed professional duties of care to Maya Getahun.

47.

Dr. Salazar violated these duties, and her violations caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

48.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1, the affidavit of Ann M. Dietrich, MD, FAAP, FACEP is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

49.

Dr. Dietrich is an expert witness who is competent and qualified to testify to the standard of care required of Dr. Salazar on October 7, 2024.

50.

In her Affidavit, Dr. Dietrich identifies at least one act or omission constituting gross professional negligence on the part of Dr. Salazar and provides the factual basis for this opinion.

51.

Dr. Salazar was grossly negligent in the course of providing medical treatment to Maya.

52.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence, vicariously, against Defendants Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and EMC, for the negligence of Dr. Salazar.

53.

On October 7, 2024, Roshayla Bracely, RN, owed professional duties of care to Maya Getahun.

54.

Ms. Bracely violated these duties, and her violations caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

55.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1, the affidavit of Leslie R. Boyd, RN, BSN, CEN, is attached as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference.

56.

Ms. Boyd is an expert witness who is competent and qualified to testify to the standard of care required of Maya's treating nurses, including Roshayla Bracely, RN, on October 7, 2024.

57.

In her Affidavit, Ms. Boyd identifies at least one act or omission constituting gross professional negligence on the part of Maya's treating nurses, including Roshayla Bracely, RN, and provides the factual basis for her opinion.

58.

Ms. Bracely was grossly negligent in the course of providing medical treatment to Maya.

59.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence, vicariously, against Defendants Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and EMC, for the negligence of Roshayla Bracely, RN.

60.

Plaintiffs assert claims of professional negligence, vicariously, against Defendants Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and EMC, for the negligence of the nurses and healthcare providers who treated Maya on October 7, 2024.

**Count Two: Ordinary Negligence**

61.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

62.

Plaintiffs assert claims of ordinary negligence against each of the corporate Defendants, Piedmont Healthcare, Piedmont Eastside, and EMC.

63.

Piedmont Healthcare owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to develop appropriate systems to protect patient safety, specifically policies and procedures to ensure a culture of safety, and to educate, monitor, and enforce those policies and procedures.

64.

Piedmont Healthcare owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to stock the Hospital with appropriate equipment, particularly for a pediatric intubation.

65.

Piedmont Healthcare violated their duties of ordinary care, and their violations caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

66.

Piedmont Healthcare owed its patients a duty to ensure the medical providers practicing at their facility were properly credentialed.

67.

Upon information and belief, Piedmont Healthcare failed to properly credential, manage, and/or educate Dr. Salazar, Ms. Bracely, and the nurses and healthcare providers who treated Maya, thus breaching its duties.

68.

Piedmont Eastside owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to properly develop appropriate systems to protect patient safety, specifically policies and procedures to ensure a culture of safety, and to educate, monitor, and enforce those policies and procedures.

69.

Piedmont Eastside owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to stock the Hospital with appropriate equipment, particularly for a pediatric intubation.

70.

Piedmont Eastside violated their duties of ordinary care, and their violations caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

71.

Piedmont Eastside owed their patients a duty to ensure the medical providers practicing at their facility were properly credentialed.

72.

Upon information and belief, Piedmont Eastside failed to properly credential, manage, and/or educate Dr. Salazar, Ms. Bracely, and the nurses and healthcare providers who treated Maya, thus breaching its duties.

73.

EMC owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to properly develop appropriate systems to protect patient safety, specifically policies and procedures to ensure a culture of safety, and to educate, monitor, and enforce those policies and procedures.

74.

EMC owed its patients a duty of ordinary care to stock the Hospital with appropriate equipment, particularly for a pediatric intubation.

75.

EMC violated their duties of ordinary care, and their violations caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

76.

EMC owed their patients a duty to ensure the medical providers practicing at their facility were properly credentialed.

77.

Upon information and belief, EMC failed to properly credential, manage, and/or educate Dr. Salazar, Ms. Bracely, and the nurses and healthcare providers who treated Maya, thus breaching its duties.

### **Causation**

78.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

79.

Each act of negligence by each Defendant caused or contributed to the damages alleged herein.

### **Wrongful Death and Estate Claims**

80.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.



81.

Plaintiffs assert a wrongful death claim pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 51-4-1 et seq., to recover the full value of the life of their child.

82.

Plaintiff Bethelhem Getu Hundie, as the personal representative of the Estate of Maya Getahun, asserts a claim to recover damages for the conscious pain and suffering experienced by Maya as a result of Defendants' negligence.

83.

Plaintiff Hundie also asserts a claim to recover for all medical and funeral expenses, and any and all related expenses.

84.

Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants reasonable compensatory damages to be determined by a fair and impartial jury.

### **Punitive Damages**

85.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

86.

Plaintiffs show that Defendants' actions showed willful misconduct, malice, fraud, wantonness, oppression, or that entire want of care which would raise the

presumption of conscious indifference to consequences, entitling Plaintiffs to an award of punitive damages in an amount to be determined by a fair and impartial jury at trial.

**Expenses of Litigation Damages**

87.

Plaintiffs repeat, reallege, and re-aver each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

88.

Plaintiffs show that Defendants have acted in bad faith, have been stubbornly litigious, and/or have caused Plaintiffs unnecessary trouble and expense, thereby entitling Plaintiffs to recover expenses of litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-6-11.

**Prayer for Relief**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following relief:

- a. that Defendants appear and answer this Complaint;
- b. that Plaintiffs have a trial by jury;
- c. that judgment be entered in Plaintiffs' favor in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;

- d. that Plaintiffs recover compensatory damages to be determined by a fair and impartial jury;
- e. that Plaintiffs recover expenses of litigation, including reasonable attorneys fees, pursuant to OCGA 13-6-11;
- f. that Plaintiffs recover punitive damages;
- g. that all costs be taxed against some or all Defendants; and
- h. such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this 4th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Lloyd N. Bell  
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# **AFFIDAVIT OF ANN M. DIETRICH, MD, FAAP, FACEP, REGARDING MAYA GETAHUN**

PERSONALLY APPEARS before the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths Ann M. Dietrich, MD, FAAP, FACEP, who after first being duly sworn states as follows.

## **Introduction**

1. This affidavit addresses medical negligence that occurred on October 7, 2024, when 2-year-old Maya Getahun received care at Piedmont Eastside Medical Center (“Piedmont” or “Hospital”).
2. I use the term “standard of care” to refer to that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the medical profession generally under the same or similar circumstances and like surrounding conditions as pertained to the providers I discuss here.
3. I hold all the opinions expressed below to a reasonable degree of medical probability—that is, more likely than not.
4. I understand the purpose of this affidavit is to satisfy the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1 which requires the plaintiff “to file with the complaint an affidavit of an expert competent to testify, which affidavit shall set forth specifically at least one negligent act or omission claimed to exist and the factual basis for each such claim.” This affidavit does not purport to express every opinion I hold regarding negligence but rather to satisfy the requirements of Georgia law.

## **Qualifications**

5. I am more than 18 years of age, suffer from no legal disabilities, and give this affidavit based upon my own personal knowledge and belief.
6. I do not recite all my qualifications here. I recite them only to the extent necessary to establish my qualifications for purposes of expert testimony under OCGA § 24-7-702. My curriculum vitae, which is attached as Exhibit A,

provides further detail about my qualifications. I incorporate and rely on that additional information here.

7. I am qualified to provide expert testimony pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-7-702.
  - a. In 2024, I was licensed by an appropriate regulatory agency to practice my profession in the state in which I was practicing or teaching in the profession. Specifically, I was licensed by the state of South Carolina to practice as a physician. That's where I was practicing in 2024.
  - b. In 2024, I had actual professional knowledge and experience in the area of practice or specialty which my opinions relate to—specifically, the tasks identified below on which I offer standard-of-care opinions.

I had this knowledge and experience from being regularly engaged in the active practice of the foregoing areas of specialty of my profession for at least three of the five years prior to October 7, 2024, with sufficient frequency to establish an appropriate level of knowledge of the matters my opinions address. Specifically, I am a pediatric emergency medicine physician, and for many years I have had great familiarity with each of the tasks on which I offer standard-of-care opinions below.

### **Evidence Considered**

8. In forming the opinion expressed in this affidavit, I have reviewed the following records pertaining to Maya Getahun: the Piedmeont Eastside Medical Center medical records and the Death Certificate.

#### *Failure to Timely Administer Epinephrine*

9. *Requirements:* Under the circumstances ascertainable from the records identified above, the standard of care requires an ED physician to immediately inject IM epinephrine. Specifically, the standard of care requires an ED physician to recognize that the patient is experiencing anaphalactic and is at risk of losing her airway.
10. *Violations:* On October 7, 2024, Dr. Richisa Salazar violated the standard of care by causing a critical delay in the administration of IM epinephrine which

caused, or contributed to, Maya Getahun's death. This violation was a gross departure from the standard of care.

11. The factual basis for this allegation, as determined by the record review, is the following:

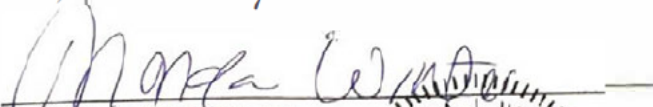
- a. On October 7, 2024 at approximately 19:16 hrs, Maya Getahun was triaged at Piedmont Eastside, South Campus.
- b. The nursing assessment showed the Patient had been bitten by ants about 30 minutes prior to arrival and was "fussy" with labored breathing with wheezing noted. Patient was well oxygenated with SpO2 at 94% Room air.
- c. Patient was clearly experiencing an anaphylactic reaction.
- d. Dr. Salazar was the attending physician.
- e. Dr. Salazar waited for approximately 24 minutes from the time of Patient's arrival to administer the IM epinephrine, a critical delay under the circumstances.

12. Again, this affidavit is given for the limited purpose of satisfying the Georgia procedural requirements under the law, and is not a reflection of all my opinions regarding this matter.

  
Ann M. Dietrich, MD, FAAP, FACEP

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

March 31, \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires



**Ann M. Dietrich, MD**      **8.19.22**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED**

Akron University, Akron, OH – B.S. 1981  
Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine – MD 1985  
Internship, Pediatrics; Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio 1985-1986  
Residency, Pediatrics; Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio 1986-1988  
Fellowship, Pediatric Emergency Medicine; Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio 1988-1990

**APPOINTMENTS**

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Division Chief      2021-  
IPM 2      2021-  
Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine,  
University of South Carolina      2021-  
Co lead Instructor of Record Acute Care      2017-2021  
Lead Faculty Primary Care      2014-2021  
Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine  
Clinical Liaison Year I Skill curriculum      2015-2021  
Director of Longitudinal Practice      2011-2014  
OSU College of Medicine  
Longitudinal Group Facilitator      2008-2014  
OSU College of Medicine  
Portfolio Coach      2011-2014  
OSU College of Medicine  
Professor, OSU      2006-2014  
Associate Professor, OSU      2000-2006  
Clinical Assistant Professor, OSU      1996-2000  
Assistant Professor, OSU      1990-1996

**MAJOR FIELD OF INTEREST**

Pediatric head and cervical spine injuries  
Risk Management  
Medical Student education  
Prehospital education

**CERTIFICATION**

National Board of Examiners      1986  
American Board of Pediatrics      1989, recertified 2000-2006, 2007-2016  
Recertified 2016-2026  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine      1992, recertified 2000-2006, 2007-2016  
Recertified 2016-2026

**LICENSURE**

OHIO Current to 4/2019      35055079  
South Carolina to

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Second place award for Best Instructional, Scientific or Technical Reporting  
in the SIPAs awards competition: *Measles and Mumps: Old Disease,  
New Outbreaks, PDMR 2020*  
NAEMT Education Service Award, 2017  
John Campbell Medical Director of the Year Award, ITLS, 2017  
Third place award for Best Scientific Writing or Technical Reporting in the  
SIPAs awards competition: *Advances in Pediatric Abdominal Trauma:*

*What's New in Assessment and Management*, Pediatric Trauma, Sept/Oct 2015

Second place award for Best interpretative or Analytical reporting, Specialized Information Publishers Association; Trauma Reports, 2014  
Third place award for Best Instructional Reporting, Specialized Information Publishers Association; Pediatric emergency Medicine Reports, 2014  
Third place award for Best Instructional Reporting in the Specialty Information Publisher's Association awards competition; *Pediatric Trauma Care: A Clinical Reference for Physicians and Nurses Caring for the Acutely Injured Child-2013*•  
First place award for Best Instructional Reporting, Specialized Information Publishers Association; Trauma Reports- 2012  
Third place award for Best One Topic Special Publication in the Specialty Information Publisher's Association awards competition; Trauma Reports- 2011  
John Mayer Prehospital Award -2010  
University of Maryland, Emergency Medicine Residency Program, Outstanding Educator Award – 2005  
Bill Hall ACEP Award - 2004  
NEPF Editorial excellence in newsletter journalism - 2001  
Best Single Topic Newsletter – Honorable Mention  
Trauma Reports  
NEPF Editorial Excellence in newsletter journalism - 2000  
Best Single Topic Newsletter – Third Place  
Pediatric Emergency Reports  
Ohio Basic Trauma Life Support award for teaching excellence -1995

## RESEARCH GRANTS

NIH, AHRQ application 1135516 **Realizing Improved Patient Care through Human-centered Design for Pediatric mental and behavioral health in the Emergency Department (RIPCHD.PED) February 2022**

SAEM 2018 consensus conference award from SAEM, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference

The EMS and School Nurse Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Collaboration Project, Dietrich AM, Mihalov M, Kovach S, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 2011-2012 Ohio Division of EMS Trauma Research, \$230,720 not funded

Post Concussive Symptoms in Children with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, Yeates K, Mihalov L, Dietrich AM, Nuss K. NIH Total direct costs: 3,014,633, Proposed start date: 12/01/2011, FTE: 3%

Impact of Crowding on ED Length of Stay. National ACEP, 2010, Mace S, Bratta I, Dietrich AM, funded

Nitrous Oxide for the I & D of Subcutaneous Abscess: Is It Effective? Stoner M, Dietrich A, Children's Research Institute Funded WOC 5%, \$16,240

PTSD Risk/Resilience Factors in Child Trauma Victims. National Institutes of Health, 4/1/2008-3/31/2113, 425, 633, Submitted

PTSD Risk/Resilience Factors in Child Trauma Victims. National Institutes of Health, impact, Ann Dietrich,

Trauma Research Project, Project No. HB138, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 07/01/02-06/30/03, \$185,371



Post-concussive Symptoms in Children with Mild Head Injuries. R01-HD39834-01. Keith O. Yeates, PI, Ann M Dietrich, Kathy Nuss, Jerome Rusin, H. Gerry Taylor, Martha Wright, Barbara Bangert. NICHD. Annual direct costs - \$600,000. 5/24/01-4/30/06

Pediatric Trauma Life Support – Working with the Ohio ACEP office and BTLS designed a pediatric trauma course for pre-hospital providers. A chapter grant was received from ACEP in the amount of \$5,900 to complete the development of the book. The Pediatric BTLS is currently published through Brady.

Can clinical findings predict cervical spine fractures in pediatrics? A Samuel J. Rossler Memorial Scholarship Fund award of \$1,408 from Ohio State University was given to Christine Curran, first-year medical student, for full-time research on this project.

Stress responses in early life traumatic brain injury. A grant application was submitted to the Children’s Hospital Research Foundation September 15, 1998. The investigators are Dr. Elizabeth Gilles, Dr. William Zipf, Dr. Keith O Yeates, Dr. Ann Dietrich, Dr. Juliann Paolicchi, Dr. Ann Pakalnis, Dr. Mary McGregor, and Dr. Tara Smith. Closed 10/1/00 due to PI relocation.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine**

Case Studies Septic Shock	2021
Case Studies Derm Review	2020, 2021
Pediatric Hematology	2020, 2021
Clinical Skills Year 1 and 2	2015-2021
Pediatric Dehydration	2015- 2021
Care of the Acutely Ill Child	2015- 2021

### **University of South Carolina**

Case study 2021, 2022, 2023  
Pediatric Risk Management 2022, 2023  
IPM 2 2022-2024  
IPM 1 2024-

### **The Ohio State University**

Longitudinal Group 2012, 2013

Medflight Pediatric Orientation 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013-

Medflight Core Competencies 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013-

Top Ten Pediatric Emergencies, Physicians, RN’s, and other Health Professionals, July 22, 2007, 2009, 2010

Introduction to Clinical Medicine. Medical Students, June 5-7 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Capstone, medical students, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Medical Humanities Program Preceptorship. Medical student, November 2001-April 2002; February –April 2003

Health Science4s Center, Master Public Health student, Public Health #685 Practicum, June-December 2002.

Ambulatory Care Sub-clerkship, Problem-based learning Pathway. Medical students 2000, 2001, 2002

ICM General Clerkship Preceptorship. Medical Students. 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

### **The Ohio State University/Children’s Hospital**

New Physician Compliance Orientation, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Pediatric Trauma Conference: Pediatric Trauma Course. PL-2 Residents, June 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Pediatric Pre-Hospital Conference: Pediatric Workshop. Pre-Hospital providers, March 2007

Advanced Pediatric Life Support Course (APLS) – 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011

Pediatric Emergency Lecture. Medical Students (year#3). Taught every 6 weeks over a 2 year period for 30-40 students per lecture.

General Clerkship/Introduction to Clinical Medicine III Course, 1991-1995, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2006-2007.

On average, teach 15 DOC students per month.

Samuel J. Roessler Research Fellowship:

1999 -1 student

1995 -3 students

1994 -1 student

1993 -1 student

Advanced Life Support – Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP) Medical Advisor – 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011

Basic Trauma Life Support Course – 1991 through 1996

Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider Course – 1991 through Current

Pediatric Resident Trauma Course – 1992 through 2002, 2008-2011

Resuscitation, Stabilization, and Transport Program Course – 1993

“Pediatrics”. Review course for nurses and paramedics – 1993

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **International Presentations**

“Improving Quality and Efficiency for Intussusception Management through a Multidisciplinary Effort to Discharge after Successful Enema Reduction” Monday, October 13, 2014 Marina Ballroom Salon F (San Diego Marriott Marquis )  
Mehul V. Raval, MD, MS1, Kelli Kurtovic1, Ann Dietrich, MD1, D. Gregory Bates, MD1, Shawn J. Rangel, MD, MSCE, FAAP2 , Peter C. Minneci, MD, MHSc1 , Katherine J. Deans, MD, MHSc1, R. Lawrence Moss, MD1 and Brian D. Kenney, MD, MPH, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH, (2)Department of Surgery, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

“e-learning Review” Ohio Chapter ACEP Board Review Course. 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

“e-learning Review” Ohio Chapter ACEP Board Review Course. August and Sept 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019

“Premorbid child and family functioning as predictors of post-concussive symptoms in children with mild traumatic brain injuries” Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the joint mid-year meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society and Finnish Neuropsychological Society, Helsinki, Finland. July, 2009

“Premorbid child and family functioning as predictors of post-concussive symptoms in children with mild traumatic brain injuries” Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Australia Society for the Study of Brain Impairment, Sydney, Australia. May 2009

“But They Said You Wouldn’t Know What to Do!” An Outreach Program Between One Children’s Hospital and One Air Medical Service and the Special Children They Serve, –AMTC 2007

“Direct Field Transfers vs. Hospital Stabilization of Pediatric Trauma Victims Transported by Air Ambulance”, presented at The Fifth International Conference on Pediatric Trauma, presented at Vail, Colorado - 2000

### **National Presentations**

Pediatric Board Review designed and implemented curriculum, HIPPO Education 2017

Pediatric Rapid Review, Renaissance Hotel, Ohio Chapter ACEP, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Pediatric Behavioral Emergencies, Emergency Care Conference, Columbus, Ohio March 2013

LLSA Fast Track , 2010, 2011, 2012,2013, 2017,2018, 2019

Pediatric Spinal Trauma, Invited Pediatric Grand Rounds Northshore Hospital, New York, February 2011

McNally, K. A., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., Wright, M., Taylor, H. G., & Yeates, K. O. (2011, February). *Relative contributions of injury characteristics versus non-injury child and family factors in predicting postconcussive symptoms following mild traumatic brain injury in children*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston.

Yeates, K. O., Kaizar, E., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., Wright, M., & Taylor, H. G. (2011, February). *Reliable change in postconcussive symptoms among children with mild traumatic brain injury*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston.

Moran, L. M., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. (2010, February). *Do post-concussive symptoms discriminate injury severity in pediatric mild traumatic brain injury?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Acapulco, Mexico.

Pediatric ITLS, ITLS Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2009

“Parent-child agreement in ratings of post-concussive symptoms following mild traumatic brain injury,” Hajek, C., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M.. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Atlanta. February 2009

“Longitudinal trajectories of post-concussive symptoms in children with mild traumatic brain injuries and their relationship to acute clinical status”. Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Wright, M., Nagin, D. S., & Jones, B. L. (2009, February). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Atlanta. February 2009

“Pediatric Concussions,” AHC Media Audio Conference, February 2009

“Post-concussive symptoms following mild head injury in children,” Taylor, H. G., Yeates, K. O., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Wright, M., & Minich, N. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Boston. June 2008

“Apolipoprotein E4 in pediatric mild traumatic brain injury,” Moran, L.M., Yeates, K.O., Taylor, H.G., Ganesalingam, K., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston. August 2008

“Cognitive predictors of postconcussive symptoms in children with mild traumatic brain injury,” Fay, T. B., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M.. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. February 2008

“Illness behavior encouragement as a predictor of post-concussive symptoms after mild traumatic brain injury in children” Glasier, P. C., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M. . Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. February 2008

“Relationships among postconcussive and posttraumatic stress symptoms in children following mild traumatic brain injury” Hajek, C., Ganesalingam, C., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. February 2008

“Educational outcomes following mild traumatic brain injuries in children and its association with post-concussive symptoms,” Ganesalingam, K., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Ginn, M. S., Rusin, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the conference, “New Frontiers in Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury,” jointly sponsored by the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute (Melbourne, Australia), University of California at San Diego, and Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment, San Diego. November 2007

“Dimensions of post-concussive symptoms 3 months post-injury in children with mild head injuries,” Ayr, L. K., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Brown, M., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M.. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Portland. February 2007

APLS Co-Course Director-at the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference-2006, 2007, 2008

“Acute clinical findings in pediatric mild head injury: Do they correlate with magnetic resonance imaging abnormalities or post-concussive symptoms?” Gewirtz, Y. R., Dietrich, A. M., Nuss, K. E., Mihalov, L. K., Rusin, J., Wright, M., Bangert, B., Taylor, H. G., Ganesalingam, K., & Yeates, K. O. Paper presented at the American Congress of Emergency Medicine, Los Angeles November 2006

“Mild closed head injury and executive functions in school-age children,” Maillard-Wermlinger, A., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M. Symposium paper presented at the joint mid-year meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, German Neuropsychological Society, and Swiss Neuropsychological Association, Zurich, Switzerland. July 2006

“*Post-concussive symptoms in children with mild head injury,*” Taylor, H. G., Yeates, K. O., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M. Symposium paper presented at the joint mid-year meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, German Neuropsychological Society, and Swiss Neuropsychological Association, Zurich, Switzerland. July 2006

“The ApoE e4 allele as a moderator of outcomes following mild traumatic brain injury in children,” Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Gastier-Foster, J., Frick, J., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, San Francisco. May 2006.

“Dimensions of post-concussive symptoms in children with mild head injuries,” Ayr, L. K., Yeates, K. O., Taylor, H. G., Browne, M., Bangert, B., Dietrich, A., Nuss, K., Rusin, J., & Wright, M. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston. February 2006

“The Current Status of Diagnosing Appendicitis: Who Requires Imaging?”-2006

Medical Director, Ohio Chapter ACEP Emergency Medicine Board Review Course -1997-present

“Pediatric Appendicitis” and “Critical Pediatric Cases”, presented at University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland - 2005

“Childhood Illnesses I”, presented at Emergency Medicine Review Course for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Columbus, Ohio – 2004

“Test Taking Psychology”, presented at Emergency Medicine Review Course for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Columbus, Ohio – 2002, 2003, 2004

“Childhood Illnesses II”, presented at Emergency Medicine Review Course for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Columbus, Ohio – 2002

“Rapid Review of Pediatrics”, presented at Emergency Medicine Review Course for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Columbus, Ohio – 2001, 2002

“Skill sessions on pediatric ED procedures”, presented at Scientific Assembly, American College of Emergency Physicians. San Diego, California – 1998

“Pediatric Chest and Abdominal Injuries”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series. Atlanta, Georgia – 1994

### **State/Regional Presentations**

Pediatric Case Studies 2020, 2021

Pediatric Case Studies, ITLS Conference 2017, 2018

The Pediatric Airway and Common Respiratory Diseases, ITLS Conference, 2014

Pediatric MICU Orientation, Medflight 2010 - 2021

Pediatric Stabilization for Prehospital Providers, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Approach to the Pediatric Trauma Patient, ITLS Conference, 2010, 2011

Top Ten Pediatric Emergencies, Physicians, RN’s, and other Health Professionals, ITLS Conference 2010

“RSI”, Airway Conference, Medflight 2009

“RSI”, Airway Conference, Medflight, October 2008

“2009 Neuroscience Nursing Symposium: A Nuero Event,” February 28, 2009

“Acute Clinical Findings in Pediatric Mile Head Injury: Do They Correlate With Magnetic Resonance Imaging Abnormalities or Post-Concussive Symptoms?”-presented at ACEP Research Forum, New Orleans - October 2006

“Recognizing and Managing Pediatric Head Injuries”, presented at 2006 School Health Update Conference, Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, Ohio – 2006

“Pediatric M & M”, presented at St Ann’s Invited Speaker- 2006

“Pediatric Trauma/Abdominal Pain”, presented at St. Vincent’s Invited Speaker Series. Toledo, Ohio – 2005

“Pediatric Risk Management”, presented at Doctor’s Annual Emergency Medicine Conference. Columbus, Ohio - 2005

“Pneumonia/Fever”, presented at St. Vincent’s Invited Speaker Series. Toledo, Ohio – 2004

“Critical Concepts”, presented to MedFlight EMS, Columbus, OH – 2002, 2003, 2004

“MedFlight Pediatric Stabilization”, presented MedFlight, Columbus, OH - 2000

“The Current Management of Pediatric Head Injuries”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pediatric Emergency Conference – 1998

“Emergency Management and Stabilization of the Potentially Critical Airway”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pediatric Emergency Conference – 1998

“Pediatric Pre-hospital Care: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You”, Ohio Chapter of ACEP – 1998

“Kids Are Unique”, MedFlight Conference, Lima, Ohio – 1998

“Pediatric Assessment”, MedFlight Students – 1998

“Ohio Emergency Care and Trauma”, Dayton Trauma Conference for EMS – 1997

“Transport of the Pediatric Emergency Patient”, Trauma Conference Toledo, Ohio – 1997

“Pediatric Radiographs and Visual Diagnosis”, Ohio Chapter ACEP Emergency Medicine Review Course – 1996

“Pediatric Trauma”, Teamwork in Action Symposium – 1996

“Controversies in Resuscitation”, Regional Trauma Service – 1996

“Pediatric Trauma”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1995

“Pediatric Assessment”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1995

“Pediatric Case Review on Eye Emergencies”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1994

“Pediatric Cardiac Emergencies”, Outreach Program – case review, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, Ohio – 1994

“Management of Asthma on Transport”, Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Conference – 1994

“Pediatric Head Trauma”, Outreach Program – case review, Urbana, Ohio – 1993

“Child Abuse”, Outreach program – case reviews, Knox County Community Hospital – 1993

“Pediatric Head Injuries”, Outreach program – case review, Morrow County – 1993

“Pediatric Head Injuries”, Outreach program – case review, Morrow County – 1992

### **Local Presentations**

“ED Risk Management,” OSU Emergency Medicine Residents, March 2010

“Top Ten Pediatric Emergencies, Physicians, RN’s, and other Health Professionals” Medflight 2010

“Pediatric Airway Emergencies,” December 2008

“Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies,” October 13, 2008

Medflight Orientation, September 2008, December 2008

“Pediatric Airway Emergencies,” August 2008

“Top 10 Pediatric Emergencies,” OSU MedNet 21, OSU CCME, June 2007

Preceptor for the College of Medicine, Introduction to Clinical Medicine Clerkship Course, June 2007

“Initial Assessment and Stabilization of the Pediatric Transport Patient” OSU Emergency Residency Program - 2007

“The Current Status of Diagnosing Appendicitis: Who Requires Imaging?” Presented at Grand Rounds CCH – 2006

“ Pediatric Stabilization”, presented at Medflight – 2006

“Pediatric Abdominal Trauma”, presented at Medflight – 2006

“Pediatric Abdominal Trauma”, presented at Washington Township Fire - 2006

“Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies”, presented at Marion General Hospital - 2006

“Pediatric Update”, presented at Medflight – 2005

“The Limping Child”, presented at Doctors Hospital Pediatrics – 2004

“Managing a Child with Pre-existing Medical Conditions”, presented to Washington Fire EMS – 2003

“Pediatric Head Injuries”, presented to Washington Fire EMS - 2002

“Evaluating a Child with Fever”, and “Pneumonia”, presented at Residency Program Advisory Committee Educational Day – 2002

“Managing the Child with a Head Injury”, presented to Doctor’s Residency Program –2002

“Introduction to Pediatrics”, presented at Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, Ohio State University Residency Program – 2000

“Stabilizing and Packaging a Child for Transport”, presented to Doctor’s Hospital Emergency Department Residents – 2000

Preceptor at Wright State University for Nurse Practitioner Course – 1998

Orientation Program for Pediatric Transport – 1998

“Pediatric Assessment”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1997

“Pediatric Morbidity and Mortality”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1997

“Pediatric Case Review”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1996

“Pediatric Head and Neck Trauma”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1996

“Pediatric Assessment”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1996

“Tertiary Care Services at Columbus Children’s Hospital”, Grant Hospital, Pediatric Trauma – 1996

“Introduction to Pediatric Emergencies”, Ohio State University Residents and Attendings – 1996

“Neurosurgery Emergencies”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1995

“Pediatric Assessment”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1995

“Pediatric Trauma”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1995

“Pediatric Head Trauma Case Review “, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1995

“Airway & Respiratory Emergencies in Children”, MedFlight personnel, Advanced Airway Program – 1995

“Pediatric Emergencies”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1994

“Tertiary Care Services at Columbus Children’s Hospital”, Riverside Methodist Hospital – 1994

“Pediatric Assessment”, Pre-hospital care providers, BTLS Symposium – 1994

“Pediatric Head Injuries”, Outreach Program – case review, Grady Memorial Hospital – 1994

“Pediatric Cardiac Emergencies”, Cardiac Symposium – 1994

“Emergency Cases in the Office”, Pediatric Pearls: Subspecialty Update Course for Clinicians – 1994

“Approach to the Pediatric Patient”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1994

“Pediatric Emergencies”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1993

“Resuscitation, Stabilization, and Transport Program Course” – 1993

“Tertiary Care Services At Columbus Children’s Hospital” Doctors Hospital – 1993

“Pediatric Medical Emergencies”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1993

“Recreational Injuries”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1993

“Pediatric Head Trauma”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1993

“Pediatrics”. Review course for nurses and paramedics – 1993

“Pre-hospital Pediatric Considerations”, Emergency Medical Services Conference – 1993

“Head and Neck Trauma in Children”, School Health Update Conference, Vern Riffe Center, Columbus – 1993

“Pediatric Trauma”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1993

“Pediatric Stabilization”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1993

“Pediatric Emergencies”, OSU Family Medicine Department – 1992

“Head Injuries”, OSU Family Medicine Department – 1992

“Introduction to Pediatric Emergencies”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1992

“Thoracic Injuries in Children”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1992

“Pediatric Morbidity and Mortality”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1992

“OSU/Children’s Pediatric Emergencies”, Grand Rounds – 1992

“Wrap-up Session Emergencies”, Grand Rounds – 1992

“Pediatric Cardiac Emergencies”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1992

“Trauma” Pediatric Morbidity and Mortality Conference – 1992

“Case Reviews”, Pediatric Transport Preceptorship – 1992

“Shock in a Pediatric Patient”, Emergency Nursing Conference – 1992

“The Identification and Management of Shock in the Pediatric Patient”, - 1992

“Shunt Dysfunction”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1992

“Air Transport Criteria”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1992

“Hypothermia, Drowning”, SkyMed Continuing Education – 1992

“Head and Neck Trauma in Children”, Pediatric Update Conference – 1992

“Approach to the Pediatric Patient”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1991



“Transport of Critically Ill Pediatric Patients”, Pediatric Residents, morning lecture series – 1991

“Pediatric Head Injuries”, Grand Rounds – 1991

“Pediatric Cardiac Emergencies”, Pediatric Emergency Care Series – 1991

“Head and Neck Trauma in Children”, School Health Update Conference, Vern Riffe Center, Columbus – 1991

“Emergency Stabilization”, Nursing Education – 1991

“Common Pediatric Emergencies”, OSU Family Medicine Department – 1990

“The Pediatric Surgical Patient”, OSU Emergency Medicine – 1990

“Trauma: Evaluation of the Pediatric Patient”, Pediatric Residents, morning lecture series – 1990

### **NCH Presentations**

“Pediatric Risk Management” presented to PEM fellows, July 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

“Pediatric Concussions,” presented to Peds Comm Physicians, Physician Lounge and Learn, January 16, 2009

“Keeping a Defensible Medical Record,” presented to Pediatric Residents PL-1, PL-2, PL-3, November 27, 2007

“Pediatric Surgical Emergencies,” presented to the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows - 2007

“Process of Litigation for Physicians in the PAA (presented to each of the sections including adolescent medicine, ambulatory, critical care, emergency medicine, endocrinology, GI, neurology, pulmonary) - 2006

“Basic Risk Management”, Pediatric Fellows – 2006

“Advanced Risk Management”, Pediatric Fellows – 2006

Pediatric Trauma Course for PL-2 Residents – 2006, 2007

“ Pediatric M&M”, presented quarterly to the pediatric emergency medicine fellows- 2005, 2006

“Orthopedic Risk Management”, Grand Rounds presented to the orthopedic faculty - 2006

“Risk Management” Adolescent Medicine -2006

“Risk Management for Nurse Practitioners” Nurse Practitioners -2006

“Risk Management for Surgeons” Section of Surgery- Part I -2006

“Risk Management for Surgeons” Section of Surgery- Part II -2006

“Risk Management” Pediatric Residents - 2006

“Coding and Billing Seminars” Ambulatory and Subspecialty Sections-2005

“Risk Management” Critical Care Section Meeting, Children’s Hospital - 2005

“Risk Management” GI Section Meeting, Children’s Hospital - 2005

“Risk Management” Neurology Section Meeting, Children’s Hospital - 2005

“Risk Management” Emergency Medicine Section Meeting, Children’s Hospital – 2005

“Risk Management” Cardiology Department, Children’s Hospital – 2005

“Risk Management” Pulmonary Department, Children’s Hospital – 2004

“Medicolegal Issues” Pediatric Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, Children’s Hospital – 2003, 2004

“Head and Neck Trauma”, presented at Pediatric Trauma Course for PL-2 Residents – 2003, 2004

“ER/Risk Management”, Housestaff Conference, Children’s Hospital – 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

“Pediatric Mild Head Injuries”, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – 2003

“Transport Dilemmas” Pediatric Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – 2003

“A System to Detect an Unusual Increase in Emergency Department Visits”, Poster Presentation – 2003

“Pre-hospital Declaration of Pediatric Death, Central Ohio Trauma System; Quarterly Trauma Education Session; Controversial Issues in Pediatric Care”, Children’s Hospital – 2003

“CPR Advances”. Lounge and Learn, Children’s Hospital – 2003

“Pre-hospital Declaration of Pediatric Death”, presented at Central Ohio Trauma System; Quarterly Trauma Education Session - 2003

“Evaluating a Child with a Fever and Pneumonia”, presented at Residency Program Advisory Committee Educational Day - 2002

“Case Studies in Transport Medicine”, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Seminar, Children’s Hospital – 2001

“ER/Risk Management”, presented at Housestaff Conference, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH – 2001, 2002

“Transport Medicine”, presented at Residency Program Advisory Committee Educational Day – 2001

“Pediatric Severe Head Injuries”, presented at Pediatric Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – 2000

“The Acute Recognition of Appendicitis”, presented at The Partners in Children’s Health Subregional Programs, Children’s Hospital, Columbus – 1999

“A Recipe for Fluids: Sugar, Water or Salt”, presented at The Partners in Children’s Health Subregional Programs, Children’s Hospital, Columbus – 1999

“Transport Systems”, Grand Rounds – 1993

“The Injured Child”, Grand Rounds – 1992

## **REVIEWER/EDITOR**

1. **Reviewer**, critically review journals:
  - a. Annals of Emergency Medicine
  - b. Pediatrics
  - c. Dynamed (Pediatrics and PEM)
  
2. **Editor**
  - a. Pediatric Emergency Medicine Report
  - b. Trauma Reports

ACEP representative to PEPP	2022 -
NEMSIS	2022-
Pediatric Emergency Medicine National ACEP comm chair	2019-2021
NAEMT representative to prehospital pediatric readiness steering committee	2019-
NAEMT representative to the EMS PECC Learning Collaborative demonstration program	2018-
NAEMT representative to PEPP	2016-2021
Becker, Pediatric Faculty	2016-2019
NAEMSP AAP liaison pediatric education	2016-
Associate Editor PEDSRAP	2016-2017
Secretary National ACEP PEM section	2014-2015
Associate Medical Director EPC	2014-
Year I Clinical Skills Liaison	2014-2021
PEPP liaison NAEMSP	2017-2021
Longitudinal Group Facilitator	2008-2014
Longitudinal Practice Director OSU	2011-2014
Portfolio Coach-OSU Medical School	2011-2014
PEMSOft Editorial Board, Associate Editor	2011-2018
ITLS Editorial Board	2010-2017
National ACEP, QPC Committee	2008-2010
National ACEP, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee	2008-2021
Combined Corporate Integrity Operations and HIPAA Committee Meeting	2008-2014
Quarterly Emergency Department Coder Meeting	2008-2011
Physician Billing Compliance Committee	2008-2011
PAA Revenue Cycle Committee	2008-2011
Intramural Grant Submission Reviewer	2008-2010
OSU Governance and Ethics Committee	2006-2015
ACEP Representative for the Pediatric Traumatic Arrest Project	2005-2015
National ACEP Section Committee	2004 -2007
State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Regional Physician Advisory Board	2001-2006
Editor, <i>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Reports</i>	1998-present
Medical Director, Franklin County Firefighters Paramedic Program	1998-2021
Pediatric Medical Advisor, MedFlight	1997-2021
Ohio Chapter ACEP Medical Director	1996-2021
Franklin County Firefighters/EMS Education Advisory Board	1995-2021
Peer Reviewer, <i>Annals of Emergency Medicine Reports</i>	1994-present
Regional Physicians Advisory Board	1994-2006
American College of Emergency Physicians Board	1994-2006
Chairperson of Pediatric EMS Sub-Committee, Ohio Chapter of ACEP	1994-2006; 2007-2021
Pediatric Medical Advisor to Sharon Township EMS	1992-2021
ACEP, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee	1996-2004
Chair, State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Regional Physician Advisory Board	2001-2005
Nominee, Ohio Chapter AAP, for appointment to the Pediatric Emergency Medicine	2000
Medical Director for Pediatric Emergency Medicine "Cutting Edge" Program, American Health Consultants	1999
Associate Editor, <i>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Reports</i>	1997-1998
The Ohio State University Med III-IV Committee	1997-1998
Pediatric Medical Advisor, Transport Team	1997-2001
Basic Trauma Life Support Pediatric BTLs Task Force	1996-2000
State Medical Director, Basic Trauma Life Support	1995-2000
American College of Pediatrics National Task Force on Resident Education	1994-1996
American Academy of Pediatrics National Task Force on Resident Education	1994-1996
Basic Trauma Life Support Advisory Council	1991-2000
Basic Trauma Support Affiliate Faculty	1991-2000

#### On-line Education

Dietrich, AM, Pediatric fever, 2022, 2024  
Dietrich AM, Newborn Emergencies, 2020, 2024  
Dietrich AM, Pediatric Fever, Relias, 2019.  
Dietrich AM, Pediatric Asthma module for Prehospital Providers, Jones and Bartlett 2018

Dietrich AM, Pediatric Special Needs Children, Jones and Bartlett 2018  
Dietrich, AM, Pediatric Board Review designed and implemented curriculum, HIPPO Education 2017  
Dietrich, AM, EPC course 2016  
Dietrich, AM, On-demand EMR 2015, 2017  
Dietrich, AM, Trauma On-demand 2017

## **BOOKS (edited)**

Dietrich AM, ed Pediatric Trauma 2025: Quality Care for Serious Pediatric Injuries

Dietrich, A M, ed What Do I Do Now: Pediatric Emergency Radiology, Oxford Press, 2023

Dietrich A M, ed Pediatric Trauma Care 2023: Practical Applications for High-Quality Care, Relias, 2023

Dietrich A M, ed Pediatric Trauma 2022: Providing High-Quality Care, Relias, 2022

Dietrich, A.M., ed , *Dr Carol Rivers' Written Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, eleventh edition*. Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2021

Dietrich, AM, ed What Do I Do Now: Pediatric Traumatic Emergencies, Oxford Press 2020

Dietrich, AM, ed What Do I Do Now: Pediatric Medical Emergencies, Oxford Press 2020

Dietrich, AM PEDIATRIC TRAUMA: Bringing the Best Care to Children, Relias 2020

Dietrich, A.M., ed Pediatric Trauma 2018: Practical Application of the Latest Standard of Care, Relias 2018

Dietrich, A.M., ed , *Dr Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Oral Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, tenth edition*. Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2017.

Dietrich AM, ed Pediatric Trauma Volume IV: Essential Care and Practical Application, Relias 2017

Dietrich, A.M., ed , *Dr Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Oral Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, eleventh edition*. Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2017

Dietrich, Ann M ed. *Pediatric Trauma Volume III: Essential Care and Practical Application*. AHC Media 2016

Dietrich, A.M., ed , *Dr Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Oral Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, tenth edition*. Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2015.

Dietrich, A. ed *Pediatric Trauma Care: A Clinical Reference for Physicians and Nurses Caring for the Acutely Injured Child second edition* .AHC Media, 2014

Dietrich, A. ed EM Clinics, Pediatric Emergencies, 2014

Dietrich, A. M., ed, King, R. W., Lukens, T. W. eds *Dr. Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Written Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, 7<sup>th</sup> edition*., Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2014.

Dietrich, A. ed *Pediatric Trauma Care: A Clinical Reference for Physicians and Nurses Caring for the Acutely Injured Child* .AHC Media, 2014

Dietrich, A.M., ed , *Dr Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Oral Board Exam in Emergency Medicine, tenth edition*. Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2013.

Dietrich, A. ed *Pediatric Trauma Care: A Clinical Reference for Physicians and Nurses Caring for the Acutely Injured Child* .AHC Media, 2012

Dietrich, A. M.,ed, King, R. W., Lukens, T. W. eds *Dr. Carol Rivers' Preparing for the Written Board Exam in Emergency Medicine*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition..., Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP), Columbus, Ohio 2011.

Dietrich A, ed, Shaner S, Campell J, ed. *Pediatric International Trauma Life Support for Paramedics and Other Advanced Providers*. Pearson Prentice hall, 2009

Dietrich A, *Trauma: Domestic Violence*. Thomson American Health 2006

Dietrich A, *Trauma Reports: Rapid Reference Guidelines*. Thomson American Health 2005

Dietrich AM, Cohen D. In: Effen D, ed. *Pediatric Photo and X-ray Stimuli for Emergency Medicine*, Vol. 2. Ohio Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians. 1997. Revised 2005

Dietrich A, Shaner S, Eds. *Pediatric Basic Trauma Life Support for Paramedics and Other Advanced Providers*. Pearson Prentice hall 2004

Dietrich A, Shaner S, Eds. *Pediatric Basic Trauma Life Support for the EMT-B and First Responder*. Pearson Prentice hall 2004

Dietrich A, *Trauma Case Studies*. ODPS 2004

Dietrich A, *Trauma Cards*. American Health 2004

Dietrich A, Shaner S, Eds. *Basic Trauma Life Support*. Basic Trauma Life Support International 1995. Revised 2000

Dietrich AM, Cohen DM. *Musculoskeletal Stimuli book for Emergency Medicine*. Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. September 1999.

Dietrich A. *Pediatric Key Concept Cards*. Ohio Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians. 1998.

Dietrich A. *Peds Care Now – Pediatric Emergency Care Guide*. Premier Health Care Services, Inc. 1997.

Dietrich AM, Cohen D. In: Effen D, ed. *Pediatric Photo and X-ray Stimuli for Emergency Medicine*, Vol.2. Ohio Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians. 1997.

## **BOOKS (chapters)**

Dietrich, AM, Foreign Bodies, In *Pediatric Emergencies*, Oxford Press, 2020

Dietrich AM, Critical Care Bounceback chapter 2020

Dietrich AM, Pediatric Assessment, American Academy of Pediatrics, PEPP 2020

Dietrich AM, Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies, American Academy of Pediatrics, PEPP 2020

Dietrich AM, PHTLS Chapter Pediatric Trauma, Jones and Bartlett, 2018

Stoner, Michael, L, Dietrich A. Injuries to the Upper Extremities. In: *Pediatric Emergency Medicine 5th edition*. 2018

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## AFFIDAVIT OF LESLIE BOYD, RN, BSN, CEN REGARDING MAYA GETAHUN

PERSONALLY APPEARS before the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, LESLIE BOYD RN, BSN, CEN, who after first being duly sworn states as follows.

### Introduction

1. This affidavit addresses medical negligence that occurred on October 7, 2024, when 2-year-old Maya Getahun received care at Piedmont Eastside Medical Center South Campus (“Piedmont” or “Hospital”).
2. I use the term “standard of care” to refer to that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the nursing profession generally under the same or similar circumstances and like surrounding conditions as pertained to the providers I discuss here.
3. I hold all the opinions expressed below to a reasonable degree of medical probability—that is, more likely than not.
4. I understand the purpose of this affidavit is to satisfy the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1 which requires the plaintiff “to file with the complaint an affidavit of an expert competent to testify, which affidavit shall set forth specifically at least one negligent act or omission claimed to exist and the factual basis for each such claim.” This affidavit does not purport to express every opinion I hold regarding negligence but rather to satisfy the requirements of Georgia law.

### Qualifications

5. I am more than 18 years of age, suffer from no legal disabilities, and give this affidavit based upon my own personal knowledge and belief.
6. I do not recite all my qualifications here. I recite them only to the extent necessary to establish my qualifications for purposes of expert testimony under OCGA § 24-7-702. My curriculum vitae, which is attached as Exhibit A,

Exhibit 2

provides further detail about my qualifications. I incorporate and rely on that additional information here.

7. I am qualified to provide expert testimony pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-7-702.
  - a. In 2024, I was licensed by an appropriate regulatory agency to practice my profession in the state in which I was practicing or teaching in the profession. Specifically, I was licensed by the state of Georgia to practice as a registered nurse. I also have a compact license which allows me to practice in over 30 states.
  - b. In 2024, I had actual professional knowledge and experience in the area of practice or specialty which my opinions relate to—specifically, the tasks identified below on which I offer standard-of-care opinions.

I had this knowledge and experience from being regularly engaged in the active practice of the foregoing areas of specialty of my profession for at least three of the five years prior to October 7, 2024, with sufficient frequency to establish an appropriate level of knowledge of the matters my opinions address. Specifically, I am an emergency department nurse, and for many years I have had great familiarity with each of the tasks on which I offer standard-of-care opinions below.

### **Evidence Considered**

8. In forming the opinion expressed in this affidavit, I have reviewed the medical records for Maya Getahun from Piedmont Eastside Medical Center South Campus. As more records become available, I will review as requested and reserve the right to modify or add to my opinions based on new or additional evidence.

### *Failure to Timely Administer Epinephrine*

9. *Requirements:* Under the facts and circumstances ascertainable from the medical records, the standard of care requires hospital nurses to promptly administer epinephrine. Specifically, the nurses are required to recognize that the patient is experiencing anaphylaxis and needs immediate medications.

10. *Violations:* On October 7, 2024, nurses at Piedmont Eastside Medical Center South, including Roshayla Bracely, RN, violated the standard of care by waiting an unreasonable amount of time before administering IM epinephrine which caused, or contributed to, Maya Getahun's death. This violation was a gross departure from the standard of care.
11. The factual basis for this allegation based on the medical records, is the following:
- a. On October 7, 2024, at approximately 19:16 hrs, Maya Getahun was triaged at Piedmont Eastside, South Campus.
  - b. The nursing assessment showed the Patient had been bitten by ants about 30 minutes prior to arrival and was "fussy" with labored breathing with wheezing noted. Patient was well oxygenated with SpO2 at 94% Room air.
  - c. Patient was clearly experiencing an anaphylactic reaction.
  - d. Piedmont nurses, including Roshayla Bracely, RN, waited over 20 minutes from the time of Patient's arrival to administer the IM epinephrine, a critical delay under the circumstances.
12. Again, this affidavit is given for the limited purpose of satisfying the Georgia procedural requirements under the law, and is not an expression of all my opinions regarding this matter.

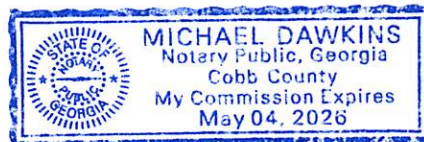
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

*April 2*, 2025

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My Commission Expires: *5-4-26*



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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

An accomplished, seasoned and pragmatic registered nurse with over 30 years experience. Broad range of healthcare experience with a focus in emergency services. Superior communication and leadership skills.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>Emory University Hospital</b> <i>Staff Nurse /Assistant Nurse Manager</i>	<b>Smyrna, GA</b>	<b>2015 –2024</b>
<b>Northside Hospital</b> <i>Staff Nurse, Emergency Department</i>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b> <b>2020 - Present</b>
<b>Emory Adventist Hospital</b> <i>Clinical Manager, Emergency Department</i>	<b>Smyrna, GA</b>	<b>2007 – 2014</b>
<i>Staff/Charge Nurse, Emergency Department</i>		
<b>Wellstar Cobb Hospital</b> <i>Staff/Charge Nurse, Emergency Department</i>	<b>Austell, GA</b>	<b>1994 – 2007</b>
<b>R.T. Jones Hospital</b> <i>Staff/Charge Nurse, Emergency Department</i>	<b>Canton, GA</b>	<b>1992 – 1994</b>
<i>Staff/Charge Nurse, Labor and Delivery Department</i>		
<i>Staff/Charge Nurse, Medical Surgical Unit</i>		

## **EDUCATION**

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 1990, *Bachelor of Science*

## **LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

State of Georgia, Active  
American Heart Association Health Care Provider, CPR, Current  
American Heart Association Health Care Provider, ACLS, Current  
American Health Association Health Care Provider, PALS, Current  
Emergency Nurses Association, Certified Emergency Nurse, Current

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