

Makayla Gilman, BSN, RN, is a dedicated traveling Registered Nurse serving on a cardiac stepdown unit at Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, Alabama. With over eight years of experience in medical-surgical nursing, she has developed expertise in orthopedic, urology, COVID-19, surgical, and cardiac care units. Her extensive background equips her to manage complex patient needs across diverse clinical settings. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her commitment to patient-centered care is evident through her proactive approach to patient education, interdisciplinary collaboration, and mentorship of new nursing staff. She is known for her adaptability, strong clinical judgment, and compassionate communication, making her a valuable asset to any healthcare team.

Kelsey McLendon, BSN, RN, is an Advanced Nurse Clinician at Children's of Alabama in the Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) clinic. With over six years of dedicated service, she plays a key role in coordinating surgical care by scheduling patients for necessary ENT procedures and managing the operative schedules of six surgeons. Kelsey brings strong clinical expertise and organizational skill to a fast-paced, multidisciplinary setting, ensuring efficient, patient-centered care. Her commitment to pediatric healthcare and surgical coordination has made her an integral part of the Children's of Alabama team.

Christa H. Neary, BSN, RN, is a Registered Nurse II specializing in pediatric cardiology at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. In this role, she provides expert nursing care to children with complex cardiac conditions, including those requiring intensive monitoring and post-operative support. Her responsibilities encompass assessing patient needs, administering treatments, and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to develop individualized care plans. By delivering compassionate, evidence-based care, she contributes to the center's mission of improving the health and well-being of pediatric patients with congenital and acquired heart conditions. Her dedication ensures that families receive the highest standard of care during these critical interventions.

Megan Weaver, BSN, RN, provides patient care as a Registered Nurse at UAB Medical West Freestanding Emergency Department. Megan brings over four years of acute care clinical experience, including three years in emergency medicine and one year in the cardiac intensive care unit. Her background has equipped her with the skills to manage high-pressure situations with confidence and provide exceptional patient care across a broad spectrum of critical conditions. Her work reflects a commitment to continuous learning, patient advocacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Megan earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.