

midweek morning show

Live from the Patient Entertainment Center (PEC), it's the Midweek Morning Show (MWMS), Children's Hospital Boston's fresh, new monthly talk show. Child life specialists Miranda Guardiani (10 East) and Suzanne Graca (9 South) host the show, which is broadcast throughout the hospital on Channel 22. Each episode features a special guest and a variety of regular segments, both live and taped. Inspired by the success and popularity of Hospital BINGO, the MWMS brings fun, entertaining, educational and most important, interactive, programming to patients. Whether they come down to the PEC or watch from their rooms, all patients are encouraged to participate through activity sheets that guide viewers through the show. With four shows under their belts, Myra Fox, director of Child Life Services, hasn't missed one yet. Myra says, "This is a wonderful opportunity for Child Life and Media Services to plan a hospital-wide program for our patients and families."



Sport-tacular

Child Life specialist Addie Rosenstock (CHPCC/PHA) takes viewers out to the field and onto the court, giving a rundown of the week's sports triumphs and losses, as well as cues on when to catch the next big game. Her segment has also featured several patients interviewing celebrity guests, like 7-year-old Caleb Jacobbe, of North Adams, who chatted with Patriot's linebacker Willie McGinest while he was visiting Children's—the taped interview aired in December. With the Pats out of the Super Bowl and Red Sox still week's away from spring training, Addie says, "We're lucky we have the Olympics in February."

Do you know how Madagascar hissing cockroaches produce their unique sound?

Each month, Museum of Science (MoS) educator Kelley Schultheis offers patients a view beyond the halls at Children's. During her taped segment, she demonstrates a quick and interesting fact or shares an exciting experiment from a MoS lab.

Investigative reporting with the clowns

In a sometimes slapstick segment, members of the Clown Care Unit try to uncover secrets related to a special guest's job or area of expertise. The humorous taped segments and the clowns' familiar faces are a hit with patients.



Ever wonder what it's like to be president of Children's?

In January, patients called in to ask just that of special guest, James Mandell, MD, president and CEO of Children's. Callers also offered advice on what they would change if they were in charge.

**If I was president of the hospital:
"I would get tape that doesn't rip
your skin off."**

—Sidney Singletary, age 15

Hazy shade of winter

Wondering if the sun will shine or the rain will pour? Get the five-day forecast from Child Life specialist Ingrid Dahlin-Doherty (9 North). Ingrid says of the January show, "It's nice once we get in the groove. This one just ran itself."



Have ideas for a special guest, call-in questions or investigative report? Contact Ingrid Dahlin-Doherty at ingrid.dahlin@childrens.harvard.edu.

Lights, camera, action

Thanks to Media Services and Audio Visual, the show's gone off without a hitch each month. Mark Whittaker and Ben Hartman (below) edit pre-taped segments and coordinate smooth transitions between live and taped segments during the show. Media Services Director Fred Mirliani has collaborated with Child Life from the beginning to provide props and brainstorm new features and interactive topics.



Answer: Madagascar hissing cockroaches make sound by pushing air out of their bodies rather than rubbing body parts (e.g. crickets) or vibrating a membrane (e.g. cicadas).