2024 Rising Star Award
Awarded to: Michael Kim, DO, FCUCM | Chris Nugent, MBA, CRA, RT(R)(CT)

Below are the biographies submitted by each awardee.

Michael Kim, DO, FCUCM: Michael Kim, DO, FCUCM, is a board-certified family physician practicing Urgent Care medicine since 2018. He is an Associate Medical Director at Northwell Health’s Go Health Urgent Care. He was instrumental in attaining UCA accreditation for Go Health’s first Fellowship Program and is the fellowship director. In addition, he is the director for all GME program rotations for medical residents, PA and NP students at Go Health. He is the Urgent Care Track Lead for Northwell Health’s Department of Family Medicine, through which family medicine residents have the opportunity over 2 years to learn and experience Urgent Care medicine. He has served as the Lead Clinical Analyst, leading a clinical team of chart reviewers to perform internal chart audits for the New York market, which currently has over 60 centers.

Chris Nugent, MBA, CRA, RT(R)(CT): Chris Nugent, MBA, CRA, RT(R)(CT), is the Director of Radiology for PM Pediatric Care. Chris worked his way up the leadership ladder in the hospital setting, starting as Lead CT Technologist, then supervisor, and finally, Manager of Radiology. Along the way, Chris earned his Master of Business Administration and gained the Certified Radiology Administrator designation. In 2022, Chris took the next step in his career, accepting the Director of Radiology role at PM Pediatric Care.

Since starting with PM, Chris has successfully updated many pieces of X-ray equipment throughout the company, hired a team of Regional Lead Rad Techs, and has worked to standardize radiology polices/procedures across the domain. He rolled out a limited X-ray licensure program in states that allow and continually keeps innovation at the forefront. Chris quickly realized that the shortage of Radiologic Technologists to work in the Urgent Care setting is a detriment to the industry, impacting our ability to provide vital radiology services to our communities. Alongside organizations like UCA, NERUCA, and others, Chris has been a staunch advocate for new legislation/changes in legislation in various states which would provide a pathway toward limited x-ray licensure for existing staff.

Chris was born with cerebral palsy and has been told many times throughout his life that “he can’t” or “won’t be able to” achieve something because of his perceived disability. This has only fueled his passion to overcome obstacles and resistance to change. He brings this drive to both PM and the Urgent Care industry, advocating for innovation and positive change.