

Inclusive. Innovative. Impactful. What this means to us and why this makes Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital/Michigan State University Pediatrics Residency Program the perfect fit for you.

Inclusive

Our residents come from distinct backgrounds and career interests from across the country with a shared love for Pediatrics. This shared connection centers the program on what is most vital – a strong family culture. We commit to work-life balance, career coaching, diversity and inclusion all of which are founded upon emotional wellbeing with faculty who strive to know each resident and their career interests.

A “hidden gem” in the Midwest, the hospital offers well-rounded training with access to more than 50 pediatric services and programs. Our affiliation with Michigan State University CHM leads to opportunities for faculty mentorship for research and career development. Above all, we prioritize teaching and education with strategies to facilitate a variety of learning styles.

As the program continues to expand, our wonderful leadership, Dr. Jason Thomas (Program Director), Dr. Sheila Waslawski (APD), Dr. Miranda Hillard (APD), Dr. Callie Killpatrick (Assistant PD), and Dr. Vanessa Cardenas Soto (DOSA) continue to inspire and challenge us to expand beyond our comfort zones and implement the values of compassion and quality improvement.

Innovative

Protected time for education includes Thursday afternoon half-day didactic sessions, weekly Morning Reports, Grand Rounds and multidisciplinary conferences with subspecialty experts. Individualized program tracks allow residents to customize their education with career goals, while solidifying their general pediatric knowledge. Tracks provided include Primary Care, Hospitalist, ICU/ED, Global Health and subspecialties. Opportunities to grow as clinical educators are integrated into the senior roles and curriculum to ensure knowledge integration, enhance graduated autonomy and facilitate intern education.

We are a resident driven program and have an open-door policy with our leadership. There are many avenues for residents to offer feedback with the goal of continually improving the program. For example, we have both resident-driven and faculty-driven committees focused on implementing resident feedback to refine elective experiences, create new rotations and improve resident satisfaction.

A variety of research opportunities are available at Corewell Health in West Michigan. Completion of a scholarly research project is required during residency, and we have plenty of tools to make that happen. From research mixers connecting you with mentors in your fields of interest to presenting at national and international conferences. Our proven track record will ensure you are successful!

Impactful

Corewell Health Grand Rapids Hospitals Helen DeVos Children's Hospital is a free-standing children's hospital with more than 240 inpatient beds. Trainees rotate through high acuity environments including our Trauma I pediatric emergency department, Level IV NICU (largest in Michigan), state-of-the-art 24 bed PICU, plus 6 PCICU beds. Several subspecialties continue to be ranked nationally in the U.S. News & World Report in their Best Children's Hospitals Ranks. The hospital catchment area includes the entirety of West Michigan, the Upper Peninsula and parts of northern Indiana. Residents are presented with a broad range of pediatric illnesses which will prepare you for any career path. Recent graduates have matched in fellowships across the country, including Boston Children's, Columbia (NYC), University of Michigan, Lurie Children's (Chicago), Emory University (Atlanta) and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Why Grand Rapids?

Grand Rapids is consistently ranked highly on U.S. News and World Report's "Best places to Live," "Cheapest Places to Live," and "Best Places to Live for Quality of Life" list. The city's proximity to outdoor recreation, including nearby Lake Michigan, combined with the colorful food scene, art and music provides a vibrant life outside of work.

Thank you for your interest in the Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital/Michigan State University Pediatrics Residency Program. We look forward to meeting you on the (virtual) interview trail this year! Please contact us with any questions, we are happy to provide you with more information.

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