

Inclusive. Innovative. Impactful.

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

Inclusive

Our residents come from distinct backgrounds from across the country and around the world, all 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, equity, and inclusion; founded on emotional well-being with faculty who strive to know each resident and their individual career interests.

A “hidden gem” in the Midwest, our hospital offers well-rounded training with access to every pediatric subspecialty, faculty mentorship for research, and a strong affiliation with Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Above all, we prioritize teaching and education with continuous opportunities for career development.

Our ever-expanding program is led by an incredible team of physicians: Dr. Kira Sieplinga (PD), Dr. Justin Triemstra (APD), Dr. Jill Bybee (APD), Dr. Jason Thomas (APD), Dr. Shamelle White (APD), Dr. Miranda Hillard (AsPD), and Dr. Vanessa Cardenas Soto (DOSA). Our leadership team is a constant source of both professional and personal support throughout our three years of residency.

Innovative

Education is presented through protected weekly half-day Thursday didactic series, Morning Reports, multidisciplinary case conferences with subspecialty experts, and Grand Rounds. Individualized program tracks allow residents to customize their education with career goals while solidifying their general pediatric knowledge. Our current program tracks include: Primary Care, Hospitalist, ICU/ED, Global Health, and Subspecialty. Opportunities to grow as clinical educators are integrated into the senior roles and curriculum to ensure knowledge integration, enhanced graduated autonomy, and resident as teacher roles.

As a resident-driven program, we have an open-door policy with our leadership group. Multiple avenues exist for bi-directional feedback between residents and attendings, and resident feedback is truly both desired and welcomed. Resident-run committees serve to ensure program adjustments are done in a timely and sensible manner. Corewell Health in West Michigan strongly supports quality improvement and integrating new ideas through the iHub: a team dedicated to quality improvement projects throughout the hospital.

A plethora of research opportunities exist 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 do the same!

Impactful

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital is a free-standing children's hospital with 241 inpatient beds. Trainees rotate through high acuity environments including our Level 1 Trauma pediatric emergency department, Level IV NICU (largest in Michigan), state-of-the-art 24 bed PICU, plus 6 additional PCICU beds. Two 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, parts of northern Indiana and more! Residents are exposed to a broad spectrum of pediatric illness which will prepare you for any career path from general pediatrics to subspecialty training. Recent graduates have matched in fellowships

across the country, including Boston Children's, Columbia (NYC), University of Michigan, Lurie Children's (Chicago), Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Cincinnati Children's, and many more!

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" lists. The city's wonderland of outdoor recreation combined with the colorful food, art and music scenes provide a vibrant life outside of work. Lake Michigan is just a 45-minute drive away with so many beaches to choose from! Whether you're looking to escape into the woods, catch a musical, or belt your heart out at a concert, we've got you covered.

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

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