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Dear Prospective Applicant,

Welcome to the next step in your journey to becoming a pediatric hospital medicine fellow! We are excited to tell you about our wonderful program at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Our fellowship culture is built around supporting the unique passions and aspirations of each individual fellow. Over the past year, we have grown as clinicians, researchers, medical educators and individuals. This would not have been possible if not for the exceptional mentorship of our hospital medicine division and program leadership, including Brett Leingang, MD, and Jeri Kessenich, MD. Now in our fifth year as a program, we can say that ours is a legacy of innovating in research and quality improvement, developing and refining our identities and skill sets as educators, and becoming thoughtful leaders and advocates for patient safety and public health. All of this takes place amid a close-knit group of attending physicians and support staff. We truly feel like this is a special place!

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital is a free-standing children's hospital that sees high-acuity clinical situations and high volumes of both basic pediatrics as well as medical complexity. During family-centered rounds, we lead teams of residents and medical students and work with subspecialists and other health professionals in an attending physician capacity. You are as likely to find us employing the latest evidence-based medicine to take care of our patients as you are to see us explaining concepts to a learner or guiding the team to think about high-value care. It is a rewarding role in a fast-paced environment, one that challenges us to continuously improve and has helped us become well-rounded physicians.

We strive in our roles as educators and researchers. In addition to rounds, we facilitate simulation scenarios for our residents and journal club discussions for our division. Our fellowship comes with an academic appointment as a clinical assistant professor at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, where we lead medical students in small group sessions. Through teaching, we coach learners on ways to improve patient safety. The number of research projects our program has produced is broad. They include QI work on placing NG tubes instead of IVs for patients with bronchiolitis, reducing vital sign frequency and electrolyte testing, exploring the impact of microaggressions on trainees, reducing delirium among inpatients, improving interpreter services and identifying the factors that lead health professionals to become educators. Through a dedicated research curriculum focused on scholarly activity, we are able to make this a part of our careers.

We believe this is a remarkable pediatric hospital medicine fellowship program, one with a culture of support, autonomy and leadership that can't be matched. Please reach out to us to ask any questions you have as you embark on this next step in your journey!

Sincerely,

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