We’re building the future of pediatric medicine.
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When you see what’s happening at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, you’ll see why everything matters when choosing a residency program. We are unlike any other pediatric hospital. Ever. Each scientific breakthrough made. Every investment in clinical programs. Every world-class physician recruited. It’s all for our patients – and for you. When you choose to train here, you’re choosing to be an integral part of a hospital that’s being hailed as one of the most advanced pediatric hospitals in the world. Where everything matters.

Nationwide Children’s is proud to once again be best of the best by U.S. News & World Report’s 2016-17 Best Children’s Hospital National Rankings.
On average, 50 percent of our residents choose primary care careers, and 50 percent go on to fellowships at the nation’s most competitive programs.”

— John D. Mahan, MD, Director, Pediatric Residency Training, Nationwide Children’s

Nationwide Children’s is a place that allows dedicated, hardworking physicians to thrive. Whether your plan is to work in private practice in an outpatient clinic, treat the sickest patients in a first-rate children’s hospital, advocate for children, teach, conduct research or all of the above, we can help you learn everything you need to know to be successful on any of these career paths. We recognize that the best possible training for pediatricians brings together:

• A remarkable array of hands-on clinical and community experiences
• Strong mentoring by a world-class faculty
• A cutting-edge, state-of-the-art facility
• The differing personal talents and aspirations of its residents

This comprehensive approach to training ensures you will become a knowledgeable, effective and caring pediatrician. Our residents prosper in private practice and succeed in subspecialties. No matter how you envision your future, you can thrive at Nationwide Children’s.

Our residents are a valued key to our success. Nationwide Children’s is one of the largest and busiest pediatric hospitals in the country. We conduct more than 1.2 million patient visits every year from across the country and around the globe. We have one of the country’s largest pediatric ambulatory and neonatal networks, and we are one of the largest providers of inpatient pediatric surgeries, based on the most recent data from CHA-member pediatric hospitals. Emergency Services at Nationwide Children’s features a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and Pediatric Emergency Department, which is staffed by board-certified/eligible pediatric emergency medicine subspecialists 24 hours a day. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s, a top-10 recipient of NIH funds, is one of the fastest-growing, freestanding pediatric research facilities, with three buildings dedicated to research on the Nationwide Children’s campus.

Our faculty value and respect our residents and their contributions. Your autonomy in medical decision-making will be balanced with caring supervision. You will feel comfortable asking questions and managing cases alongside our faculty, who provide valuable mentoring and support. Nationwide Children’s offers the full continuum of pediatric practice exposure:

• A large, inpatient census, with over 18,000 admissions, along with more than 35,000 total surgical cases per year
• Rotations available in all pediatric subspecialties that residents can complete as part of a specialty’s inpatient hospital rotation or as an elective; read more about the advantages of having a month-long rotation focused on a specific pediatric specialty at NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Resident-Education
• Extensive experience in primary care pediatrics, with experiences in private practices throughout the community and in Nationwide Children’s Primary Care Network, designed to care for underserved children in Columbus
• Complete range of acute and intensive care training provided by Nationwide Children’s Emergency Department, which is certified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, PICU and two NICUs
• All clinical endeavors linked by a comprehensive, electronic medical record

To view our current residents and where our alumni have gone on to fellowships and private practice, visit NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Faculty-and-Staff.
Resident-Centered Education
The diversity and volume of our patient population gives you hands-on experience during each rotation of your training. Residents provide frontline patient care under the supervision of our outstanding faculty. Residents write more than 90 percent of inpatient orders at Nationwide Children’s, and are relied on for their leadership, commitment and solid professional judgment. Each resident has multiple elective months to pursue clinical and/or research interests.

Didactic Teaching
Much of your day-to-day learning will take place during our rich array of didactic sessions:

- Core Didactic Conference Series
- Noon Report – Patient Cases
- Daily Inpatient Teaching Rounds
- Ethics Conference
- Acute Care Series
- Grand Rounds
- Online Education Modules
- Weekly Subspecialty Conferences

To download a full description of the didactic sessions, visit NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Resident-Education and select lecture series listings.

“Our residency program has allowed me to grow as both a pediatrician and an advocate for kids. From the first year advocacy curriculum, to organizing a day at the Ohio State House for residents, to allowing me to travel to conferences for my national leadership position in the AAP – everyone has been incredibly supportive!”

– Jenni Kamna, MD
World-Class Faculty
Our residents are taught and mentored by some of the nation’s most prestigious and acknowledged physicians. Past presidents of the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatrics are active members of our faculty. We have a dedicated medical staff of more than 1,200, representing primary care and all pediatric subspecialties earning national recognition, including our continued ranking in U.S. News & World Report Best Children’s Hospital Honor Roll. This distinction is awarded to only 11 children’s centers nationwide.

At Nationwide Children’s, you will interact with leaders in primary care, pediatric subspecialties, surgery and national health care. In addition, a distinguished group of more than 120 basic science and clinical investigators work in The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s. Community pediatricians are also an integral part of our teaching mission, managing the care of their hospitalized patients alongside residents. More than 50 community pediatricians also host residents in their private practices for the PECS community experiences.

Our didactic and clinic teaching at Nationwide Children’s is provided by over 350 nationally and internationally recognized faculty that are passionate about teaching and committed to each resident’s education. To view a detailed list, NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Residency-Faculty.

Diversity
As Ohio’s capital and the 15th largest city in the United States, Columbus boasts a diverse population that includes African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics and Somalis. Our Somali community is the fastest growing in the U.S.

Residents receive valuable experiences in treating people from a variety of different cultures. It is common for our residents to treat patients from developing countries, various ethnic groups, nontraditional family structures, and provide care for patients who do not speak English.

Nationwide Children’s acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of the community we serve. In addition, the hospital is committed to providing a workplace where each person is respected and supported.

Community Experiences
Primary Care Network (PCN)
Each resident is assigned to a specific resident continuity clinic in the hospital’s Primary Care Network (PCN) for a half-day continuity clinic each week. Faculty members, employed by Nationwide Children’s, staff PCN practices on the main hospital campus and in neighborhoods throughout Columbus. These primary care sites manage more than 180,000 patient visits per year. Most children in the PCN are from underserved populations and many have complex medical needs.

As a resident, you will spend a month each year rotating at your PCN site. During that block rotation, you will not have inpatient call responsibilities, but will take night-call from home for the primary care practice, with faculty members available for consultation, allowing you to gain valuable experience in the “art” of telephone medicine.

Pediatric Education in Community Sites (PECS)
To provide one of the nation’s most distinctive experiences in community practice, you will be assigned to a specific community pediatrician’s private practice for a half-day experience each week during your second and third years of residency. You’ll see patients with the same pediatrician each week, while on outpatient and elective rotations. During the second year of residency, you’ll go to your assigned PECS office for a month-long experience. This vital, one-of-a-kind training experience:

- Reinforces the basics of primary care pediatrics
- Ensures a rich diversity of experience with different patient populations and a variety of private practices
- Teaches the business aspects of pediatric practice
- Provides the experience of working side-by-side with a private pediatrician

Residents in Schools Initiative (RISI)
Our Residents in Schools Initiative (RISI) is truly unique among residency training programs. This initiative gives you the chance to go to elementary schools and teach second and third grade students about health and science. You’ll spend one afternoon each week on five different residency rotations. While at your assigned school, you’ll teach students from a structured health curriculum that is designed to be fun, interactive and informative. The goals of the experience include:

- Educating children about their bodies and health, and how to make safe and healthy choices
- Giving children, primarily from underserved neighborhoods, weekly role model experiences with young health care professionals, highlighting the value of education

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Training the Complete Pediatrician

Residency training is fast paced and challenging, and in the quest for excellence, we remain committed to the health and well-being of our residents. At Nationwide Children’s, we care for, support and mentor our residents. One aspect of that support is a series of monthly and annual events to help you balance your responsibilities, provide mechanisms for your feedback, and just have fun.

Workshops

Workshops and retreats are held during specific times of residency training to focus that group of residents on topics that are pertinent to their education at that time, and to allow the residents to connect as a class. Current retreats/workshops include:

• **A Five-Day Orientation** – An orientation program helps first-year residents transition smoothly from medical school to the hands-on training of residency. Residents learn about the hospital system and what is expected of a first-year resident. Residents participate in team-building activities and meet peers and faculty at numerous social activities, including a resident happy hour and a family picnic. Residents also complete certification in procedural skills, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and the Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

• **PL-1 Retreat** – In late winter, a two-day overnight retreat is held offsite for first-year residents. This retreat focuses on stress reduction, team building and covers a variety of topics, including personality types, teaching skills, communication skills and professionalism.

• **PL-1 Supervisory Workshop** – In late spring, a one day workshop for first-year residents focuses on the upcoming challenge of being a supervisory resident, teacher and team leader.

• **Career Day and PL-2 Workshop** – In the fall, a one day career day and workshop exposes second-year residents to panel discussions about future career options and exposure to advocacy options and organized medicine groups.

• **PL-3 Workshop** – In the summer, a one-day workshop for third-year residents focuses on information needed to transition into medical careers after residency. Discussions include information about licensure and credentialing, CME, billing and coding, and managed care.

All residents participate in competency assessments in our Clinical Skills Center and maintain a computerized procedure log. Required courses for the residents include:

• Resident Procedural Certification
• Advanced Cardiac Life Support
• Pediatrics Advanced Life Support
• Basic Life Support
• Neonatal Resuscitation Program
• Pediatric Trauma Course

Enhanced Communications

We stay informed about our residents’ activities and needs in a number of ways:

• **House Staff Advisory Committee (HSAC)** – An advisory board to the program director, this committee is composed of three residents from each class, elected each year by their peers. The HSAC represents the overall views of the residents and discusses issues that affect them in monthly meetings.

• **The Fellow Resident Advisory Council (FRAC)** – A group of peer-elected residents and fellows who serve a crucial role in communication among residents, fellows and institutional leaders. FRAC helps to advise the GME office and institutional leaders on issues that matter to residents/fellows, hear grievances brought forward by residents/fellows and make recommendations to the institution.

• **House Staff Business Meeting** – Residents meet regularly for business meetings chaired by the chief residents. This informal meeting is used to pass along useful information, including upcoming events, guest speakers, curriculum changes, job opportunities, social events and discuss issues important to the residents.

“The thing that I appreciate the most about Nationwide Children’s is how the services are run by the subspecialists. I love being taught by experts in the field and find they really can tailor my experience back to primary care (my biggest passion).”

– Kylene Draeger, MD
Global Health
At Nationwide Children’s, we facilitate international training opportunities for residents:

- **Global Health Certificate Program** – Offered to residents during the second and third year of residency, our two-year program provides residents with a better understanding of the medical challenges faced in other countries and prepares them for careers and activities that involve the field of global health. The program offers an in-depth global health didactic series, mentorship from international scholars and faculty with global health experience, global health journal clubs, workshops, projects and a global health elective.

- **International Health Special Interest Group** – This special interest group provides a forum for discussing international health experiences and provides insights for residents interested in health problems and conditions for children throughout the world. Identifying hosts and sites for international elective rotations are discussed during these sessions, and mentors provide practical advice on international travel.

- **International Elective** – Residents are given the opportunity to complete a month-long international health elective in the country of their choice. We have recently had residents complete rotations in Peru, Africa, India and Roatan. Some organizations that have assisted are Baylor University and World Medical Mission.

- **Stecker International Scholars Program** – Established to improve children’s access to quality health care throughout the world, the program provides fully licensed physicians and nurses with postgraduate, individually tailored education at Nationwide Children’s. More than 100 scholars from 50 countries have participated in the program to learn the latest clinical and research advances in pediatric health care. These scholars are available to help residents arrange elective experiences in their countries.

- **Academic Funds** – Each resident has an academic enrichment fund that can be used to pay for travel and other expenses associated with an international health elective.

To find out more about our global health offerings and read some of our residents’ recent international travel experiences, visit NationwideChildrens.org/International-Health-Residency.

Advocacy
Residents are challenged to become active child advocates during residency:

- **Advocacy Experience** – All first-year residents are required to complete a two-day advocacy experience with Nationwide Children’s Government Relations Department. The curriculum consists of discussions, selected readings, a visit to the Statehouse and preparing a persuasive letter on a children’s health topic that can be sent to a local newspaper or legislator.

- **Advocacy Elective** – Second- and third-year residents have an opportunity to complete an advocacy elective with Nationwide Children’s Government Relations Department. Residents identify and start an advocacy project during this elective. At the end of the year, all residents who have completed an advocacy elective present their projects at a resident conference.

- **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Legislative Advocacy Conference** – Residents have the opportunity to participate in the AAP Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. During this national event, participants learn how to meet and build relationships with legislators and how to convey key medical messages. Participants go to Capitol Hill and lobby their congressional members on the importance of funding for pediatric coverage and services.

Pediatric residents, Julie Doering, MD, and Joanna Kramer, DO, on a Medical Mission Trip in Peru providing health care to underserved populations in the Manu Rainforest as part of the Global Health Program.

“My experience traveling to Guatemala and working in a resource limited regional hospital for a month provided exposure to interesting and diverse diagnoses and a further understanding of health care on a global scale. Nationwide’s staff helped plan my rotation and provided ample encouragement, allowing me to enjoy the best experience of my residency thus far.”

– Bethany Caldwell, MD
Research Opportunities

Nationwide Children’s is home to one of the nation’s top 10 NIH-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities, providing a variety of research opportunities for residents. Nearly a third of our residents participate in bench and/or clinical research projects under the direction of faculty members eager to have resident involvement. Research is supported and encouraged during residency and every resident who is interested in research has ample opportunities to explore.

• Honors Program in Pediatric Research – This defined program helps interested residents engage in research early and effectively through exposure to research mentors and research skills development. Residents who complete a project and present at regional/national meetings earn a certificate for their research.

• Research elective – Residents are encouraged to take an elective month to start a small research project. Research mentors are easily accessible at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s.

• Present at a regional/national meeting – Residents selected to present their research at a regional and/or national meeting have an opportunity to apply for funding to attend the meeting.

• Integrated Research Pathway – This program is designed to provide significant research time and experience for selected residents committed to a career in academics. Residents must declare interest in this ABP-pathway during their first nine months of training. During second and third year, residents in this pathway have 12 months of protected research time.

Pathway participants must complete a subspecialty fellowship after residency and may only require two years in a fellowship for fellowship board eligibility.

“Nationwide Children’s does an amazing job of choosing intelligent, caring and fun residents to staff this beautiful hospital. Intern year has been super difficult but having these amazing people as my coworkers and support system has been invaluable, and I don’t know how I would have done it without them!”

– Tori VInsant, MD
More About Nationwide Children’s

Founded by a determined group of women in 1892, Nationwide Children’s began as a local charity to serve a dozen very ill children. Throughout the following century, this tiny, community-funded mission matured into a health care system that spans America as one of the preferred providers of pediatric health care. Once again listed on U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals Honor Roll, Nationwide Children’s Hospital is one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric health care networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children’s remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

Nationwide Children’s has a medical staff of nearly 1,300 and more than 10,000 employees providing state-of-the-art pediatric care for 1.2 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children’s physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital is one of the Top 10 NIH-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. Located in downtown Columbus, Nationwide Children’s is one of the nation’s most progressive and sophisticated health care institutions. Specialty areas include surgery, heart transplant/cardiac care, cancer, trauma, rehabilitation, dialysis, bone marrow transplant, neurosciences and research. Nationwide Children’s also is the region’s only pediatric Level I Trauma Center. Additionally, The Center for Family Safety and Healing brings abuse investigation, assessment and treatment under one roof, and provides services to all victims of domestic violence. This freestanding center presents a core model that is nationally unique.

Social Life

There are a variety of annual, leisure activities for residents. As a Nationwide Children’s resident, plan to attend:

- House Staff Recognition Dinner – a formal departing resident appreciation dinner
- Shrimp Extravaganza – an entertaining dinner sendoff honoring departing residents
- Medical Staff Holiday Social – a holiday gathering for the medical staff and trainees
- Welcome Family Picnic – a family picnic to welcome interns
- Sport Teams – resident softball, flag football, kicking and volleyball teams, among others
- Parties – Super Bowl, Halloween and others

Resident Center

The Resident Center is the heart of resident activities, offering a well-appointed place to socialize and build relationships with fellow residents. It features a fully equipped meeting space with areas dedicated to rest and relaxation. The conference room is used for noon report, conferences and weekly didactic lectures. Overnight residents have two floors of private sleeping rooms, with private or shared bathrooms. The Resident Center has a kitchen, large-screen television, leather couches, computers and pediatric on-call rooms with computer access.

Benefits

Our residents receive a comprehensive package of benefits:

- Competitive salary
- Relocation expense to pay your costs to move to Columbus for residency
- Meal allowance, license fees, parking and health insurance
- Paid time off for vacation
- Paid leave (for personal/family illness, bereavement, birth or adoption of a child)
- Academic enrichment fund
- Moonlighting opportunities and more
Experience Columbus

The 15th largest city in the U.S. and the largest city in Ohio, Columbus (Franklin County) is the second fastest-growing major metropolitan area in the Midwest and has a population of 1.75 million people. One of the most open and smart cities in the country, Columbus is diverse and home to one of the largest young professional networks in the country. There are several young professional organizations that regularly hold networking events, social and philanthropic activities.

One of our city’s proud achievements is the diversity of its economic base. Columbus is at the heart of the largest concentration of population and economic activity in North America. Government, service, distribution, retail and manufacturing companies all make Columbus their headquarters. Columbus also fosters an emerging tech-start-up and retail scene as well.

Because of the diversity of educational and employment opportunities in Columbus, there are many options for a resident’s spouse or partner. We are happy to provide your spouse or partner with professional assistance finding employment.

Some facts about Columbus:

- It’s one of the world’s leading centers for scientific and technological research with facilities at The Ohio State University, Chemical Abstracts Service, Online Computer Library Center, Battelle Memorial Institute and The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s.

Not to brag, but there’s more—way more. Visit NationwideChildrens.org/Residency-Fellowship to learn more about Columbus.

Columbus is centrally located within a day’s drive of Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Toronto, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.
We’re Accessible
Columbus is within 550 miles of nearly half the nation’s population. Weekend getaways are easy. Also, John Glenn Columbus International Airport, which is just minutes from the central business district and less than ten minutes from Nationwide Children’s, offers more than 140 daily nonstop departures to 32 airports. During the work week, the average Columbus commute is just 20 minutes, and depending on where you choose to live, it can be significantly less.

Education
There are also plenty of suburban and private school options for great K-12 education in Columbus. Central Ohio is home to more than 26 universities, colleges and technical schools, with more than 110,000 students enrolled, giving Columbus the nation’s second highest number of college students per capita. Leading the way in enrollment is The Ohio State University, which is the largest single-campus university in America, with more than 63,000 students.

Housing
You will find more affordable housing options in Columbus than in most comparable metropolitan areas. From newly developed to well-established neighborhoods, there are distinct and charming areas close to Nationwide Children’s, including neighborhoods that offer great diversity in the arts, cultural events, restaurants, sports and nightlife:

- German Village – The largest privately-funded preservation district on the National Register of Historic Places. The brick-paved streets are lined with charming early to mid-19th century homes.
- Short North – An eclectic home to art galleries, independent retail shops, restaurants and nightlife that spans 14 blocks along High Street.
- Victorian Village – Grand mansions and “painted ladies” from the Victorian Era edge the walkable streets. Nestled between downtown and The Ohio State University, offering access to Goodale Park, a dog-friendly neighborhood park.
- Arena District – Surrounding Nationwide Arena, Huntington Park and the L.C Pavilion and within walking distance of downtown and the Short North, offering affordable, newly developed flats, studio apartments and condominiums.
- Grandview and Marble Cliff – Very desirable areas because of their historic character and popularity with young professionals who want to be close to downtown Columbus.
- Clintonville – A wonderful family neighborhood just north of the OSU campus, featuring a variety of appealing, older-style homes.
- Suburban neighborhoods – Tremendous suburbs, such as Dublin, Gahanna, New Albany and Upper Arlington offering a mix of environments from historic, quaint neighborhoods to new smart-growth developments.
- Charm Worth the Commute—Delaware, north of Columbus, is the fastest growing community in Ohio and looks like the quintessential small town. Also north of the city, nearby Amish communities add to the appeal of Marysville and Plain City. To the east, you’ll find the Village of Granville, a quaint, New England style community.

“Columbus’s sizable millennial population, 25.9% of residents, need never be bored. Between the green and floral Franklin Park Conservatory, creative food venues, unusual art, and good old ball games, young people have plenty of choices for energetic entertainment in the city. In addition, Columbus is convenient—and surprisingly walkable—which means you don’t necessarily need a car to get around.”

– Money, Time.com
Arts and Entertainment
Give your right-brain its due and spark your creativity with Columbus’s incredible range of visual and performing arts. A hub of arts and culture, Columbus offers a symphony orchestra, grand and light opera companies, one of the nation’s top 12 ballet companies and several top-notch art museums. Theaters thrive and eclectic live music can be found every night of the week. Annual festivals celebrate Columbus’ past and present, including the nationally renowned Ohio State Fair, diverse Columbus Arts Festival, delicious Jazz and Rib Fest, the Dublin Irish Festival, culturally rich Asian Festival, Latino Festival, an annual Oktoberfest and the largest Independence Day celebration in the Midwest, “Red, White and BOOM!”

Getting Away
Central Ohio offers many exciting weekend getaways, including Hocking Hills State Park for camping, rock climbing and hiking, Kings Island and Cedar Point amusement parks, lakes for fishing and boating, and the ever-popular Put-in-Bay on Lake Erie are within hours of Columbus.

Sports
As any fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes can tell you, Columbus is a sports town. The Ohio State University’s home football games regularly attract more than 100,000 fans. Columbus also is home to the National Hockey League’s Columbus Blue Jackets, Major League Soccer’s Columbus Crew and the Columbus Clippers, the Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Each May, the world’s top golfers gather in Columbus for the Professional Golfers’ Association’s Memorial Tournament.

Outdoor Activities
Columbus maintains the country’s largest system of metropolitan parks, beautiful citywide green space with numerous wooded trails for hiking and biking, and cross-country ski trails and sledding hills in the winter. Downhill skiing is within one hour of Columbus. With many lakes and rivers nearby, residents enjoy canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing and camping. Columbus is the hometown of Jack Nicklaus and golf is tremendously popular, as well. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is ranked the number one zoo in America. It is a great place to be and is well known, in part, for animal enthusiast and director emeritus “Jungle” Jack Hanna.

To learn more about Columbus, visit ExperienceColumbus.com and their social media sites: Twitter.com/ExpCols and Facebook.com/ExperienceColumbus.