

FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Dear Applicant,

As all of you know, the way in which we practice health care in the United States is drastically changing. In order to succeed in the future, a pediatrician needs to be familiar with both primary and tertiary care. At Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) we are making an extra effort to provide the variety and flexibility in resident training to ensure that our graduates are well prepared for what lies ahead.

Our primary objective is your education. During your time at CHLA we will prepare you to become a well-rounded pediatrician. Caring for our diverse group of patients will allow you to feel comfortable in pursuing either a primary care or subspecialty role when you have completed your training. At CHLA, we have a world-renowned teaching staff that is dedicated to resident education and to excellence in the care and treatment of children. Our flexible elective schedule allows each resident the opportunity to tailor his or her curriculum in order to pursue individual interests. Residents may rotate through any pediatric subspecialty service within our own institution or may choose to spend time off-site (both local and international). Residents also have the opportunity to do primary care electives in an HMO, community health center, or private office setting. In addition, housestaff have the ability to create their own electives in research, child advocacy and community outreach, and school based projects.

We continue to enhance our residency training program each year. We have incorporated several educational tools to further expand our curriculum. Residents attend intern and senior resident rounds, procedural skills workshops, OSCE's, ambulatory pediatric talks, journal clubs, in-training exam reviews, and a board review course. These efforts have culminated in a 96% pass rate on the American Board of Pediatrics Certifying Exam amongst our immediate graduates over the past seventeen years. We also offer five optional tracks for interested residents, including community advocacy, global health, research, education and quality improvement tracks. In addition, our advocacy curriculum allows all residents to learn more about available community resources for children and their families, as well as the role of pediatricians as advocates at both the local and national legislative levels.

We look forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to share the unique aspects of our program during your visit.

Sincerely,

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