



Pediatric Residency Program

September 1, 2017

Dear Medical School Liaison,

Tucson Medical Center, a large, non-profit community teaching hospital located in Tucson, Arizona with a long history of supporting residency programs, has recently applied to add a Community-based Pediatric Residency Program. Approval is pending at this time, with the decision to be made at the September ACGME Pediatrics Meeting. We are writing to ask that you please help us spread the word about our program by sharing the attachment and the information below with your students.

Our program will train physicians in all aspects of general pediatrics with an emphasis on graduated autonomy and individualized training. Our residents will have sufficient time on the Pediatric Wards, PICU and NICU, as well as ample outpatient general pediatric rotations. They will have 13 months during their residency training in which they can dictate which subspecialty rotations and electives are best suited to their needs. We will strongly encourage residents to develop insight into their own training interests and deficiencies to ensure these are met during their training.

Our pediatric residency program is strongly supported by the hospital and the Tucson Community. We have partnered with El Rio, a Federally Qualified and very busy Community Health Center, for our continuity clinics in order to give our residents a full clinic experience from day one. El Rio's leadership is excited to combine our Pediatric Residents with their Family Practice Residents and A.T. Still Medical students as part of a collective goal to create a well-rounded teaching environment. The Pediatricians dedicated to the teaching of our residents, will ensure our training program has a solid foundation in the best of high quality clinical care and is based on current medical research.

We have also partnered with Tucson Community Pediatric Specialists, Intermountain Centers, the University of Arizona Speech Therapy and Phoenix Children's Hospital. These important partnerships, along with the growing number of pediatric subspecialists on staff at Tucson Medical Center, will provide us with a wide range of educational experiences in pediatric medicine. Our partnering pediatric providers are committed to the goal of graduate medical education in making sure our residents graduate with a diverse knowledge of pediatrics.

We are interested in training motivated, creative and hardworking residents who will be excited at the prospect of being part of a blossoming new program. We expect to start accepting applications through ERAS in the last week of September 2017. We are currently gathering a list of medical students interested in becoming part of our Pediatric Residency Program. Please have any interested medical students email Darlene.vanover@tmcaz.com with their full name, email, phone number and address to receive notice of the exact date of the release of our application.

More information can also be found on our website <http://www.thmep.com/pediatric-residency-program/>. Thank you for sharing this information with your students. If you have any questions, please contact me by my email or cell phone.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Eck'.

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New community-based pediatric residency program at Tucson Medical Center

Three-year residency program; first cohort of four residents to begin training July 1, 2018



Why TMC for Children?



- Flexible curriculum
- Depth of outpatient-based education
- Diversity of rotations to meet individual needs
- One-on-one attention from attending physicians
- Community-based hospital providing compassionate, effective care
- Stunning natural environment with great weather, reasonable cost of living
- Competitive salary and excellent benefits

INPATIENT EXPERIENCE:

TMC for Children provides a general Pediatrics

unit, a comprehensive Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, an advanced Newborn Intensive Care Unit and the region's busiest Pediatric Emergency Department.

OUTPATIENT ROTATIONS:

Affiliated providers include El Rio Health

(elrio.org), one of the nation's largest nonprofit federally qualified health centers and Tucson Community Pediatric Specialists (tucsonpeds.org) for subspecialty rotations.

TMC, the largest hospital in Southern Arizona, has been a teaching hospital for more than 50 years. Through the Tucson Hospitals Medical Education Program (THMEP), TMC continues to serve as a residency training site for Southern Arizona.

For more information, please visit
www.thmep.com

