



# Children's National Pediatric Residency Program

The Children's National Pediatric Residency Program provides world-class training to pediatric residents in a nurturing environment in order to improve child health from a local, regional, national and global perspective through clinical care, education, advocacy and research.

We offer residents unmatched opportunities to care for a diverse patient population in the nation's capital and the surrounding area, to participate in innovative educational programs, to participate in novel research experiences, and to advocate for children's health on a local and national level.



TRACKS AND PATHWAYS

Residents match into one of six tracks and can additionally choose to participate in a pathway by structuring their elective, selective and/or research time to pursue their specific interests.

SIX TRACKS:

Categorical (General pediatrics)

Primary Care

LAUnCH (Leadership in Advocacy, Under-resourced Communities and Health equity)

Research

Child Neurology Residency Program

Pediatrics and Medical Genetics Combined Residency Program

THREE PATHWAYS:

Policy, Equity and Advocacy for Kids (PEAK)

Medical Education

Global Health

RESEARCH IN RESIDENCY

All second and third year residents have the option of participating in a longitudinal research project through the Research, Education, Advocacy, and Child Healthcare (REACH) Program. Residents participating in the REACH program have blocks of protected research time incorporated into their clinical rotation schedules.

RESIDENT EDUCATION INITIATIVES:

- Noon Conference: Daily faculty-led lectures.
  - Professorial Rounds: Weekly, case-based, interactive multidisciplinary discussions
  - Health Equity and Advocacy focused lectures are incorporated into the noon conference series throughout the year
  - Evidence-Based Medicine Journal Club: Goal is to help residents learn how to critically analyze studies and articles
  - Board Review: A weekly review of AAP board PREP questions
- Resident Morbidity and Mortality Conference: Regularly scheduled conferences used to discuss adverse patient events and develop quality improvement initiatives
  - Morning Report: Case-based resident-led discussions that focus on clinical and diagnostic reasoning.
  - Attending Teaching Rounds: Faculty-led didactic sessions occurring several times per week.
  - Chief Resident Series: Sessions that take place each summer focused on teaching first year residents practical clinical content
  - Mock Codes: Simulated codes for residents of all training levels to hone clinical skills.
  - Simulation Sessions: Monthly simulation sessions for each inpatient team.
  - Nightly teaching sessions led by senior residents
  - Senior Residents as Teachers Curriculum: An interactive, evidence-based, graduated curriculum for all second- and third-year

residents.

- Intern Resuscitation Day: Full day designed for interns to practice core resuscitation skills
- Research, Education, & Innovation Week: Annual institutional event where trainees and faculty present their research
- NRP and PALS: Initial and recertification training is provided for all residents.
- Intern Retreat: A fun-filled annual off-site retreat focused on professional and career development, honing teaching and feedback skills and reinforcing interpersonal bonds.
- Quality Improvement (QI) Curriculum: Longitudinal, graduated curriculum that emphasizes basic QI concepts.



SALARY:

For the most up-to-date salary and stipend information, please visit [ChildrensNational.org/PediatricResidency](https://www.childrensnational.org/pediatricresidency).



BENEFITS:

- Vacation and Time-Off (yearly)
  - 2 two-week blocks of vacation
  - 4 days off over a holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s, or Alternate Holiday)
  - 3 personal days
  - 7 educational days
  - 12 Sick days
- 401-K: Children’s National matches 100%, up to 5% of salary for PL-2 and PL-3 residents

- Insurance (includes spousal coverage)
  - Group Life Insurance
  - Health Insurance (including gender affirming and other medical procedures related to transgender health)
  - Dental Plan
  - Vision Plan
- Behavioral Health Employee Assistance Program, including residency specific Opt-Out Mental Health Sessions.
- Parental leave



RESOURCES:

- Library
  - PubMed and Ovid (e-journal access)
  - UpToDate, ClinicalKey, Cochrane Database, Pediatric Care Online
  - Free searches conducted by library staff
  - Interlibrary loans
- Computer:
  - Laptop provided to every resident
  - EMR – Cerner
  - Remote access available
- Publications (free to residents)
  - Pediatrics
  - Contemporary Pediatrics
  - Pediatrics in Review
  - The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal

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