

Graduate Medical Education Program Information

Specialty: Pediatrics

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Mission

The Department of Pediatrics at the Naval Medical Center San Diego is proud to be a military program that trains top-tier medical officers for a career in Navy Pediatrics. The mission of our residency program is “to develop skilled pediatricians who are able to provide care in isolated medical centers, to be leaders in humanitarian aid and assistance for children throughout the world, and to instill confidence in our fellow service men and women that they always know their children are receiving exceptional medical care.” The program consists of three years of focused pediatric training at our own military medical center, which serves active duty and retired service members and their families and children. Residents also rotate through inpatient, emergency medicine and elective services at Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, and complete a pediatric intensive care unit rotation at Children’s Hospital Orange County. In addition, all residents complete a rotation focusing on Community Pediatrics and Advocacy, and also have opportunities to participate in global humanitarian medical missions. This curriculum offers a wide range of clinical learning environments and patient population which prepares our residents to serve as pediatricians and military clinician leaders in a variety of duty assignments both stateside and overseas.

Aims

Aim I: To train the next generation of military pediatricians to practice innovative, evidence-based medicine in isolated medical centers both stateside and overseas.

Aim 2: To develop leaders in military and humanitarian medicine.

Aim 3: To promote an environment of scientific inquiry through faculty mentorship, so that upon graduation all residents will be facile in the performance of scholarly research and continuous process improvement projects.

Aim 4: To support the well-being of our residents and faculty, and continuously strive to mitigate burnout while promoting resiliency.

Program Description

ACGME Fully Accredited: Yes, Length of Training: 3 years, ACGME Complement: 24 (8-8-8)

The Pediatric Residency Program at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) is one of three Navy pediatric training programs in the nation. As an all-Navy command, we educate and graduate the largest number of Navy pediatricians among these training programs. The NMCS D Pediatric Residency is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to train 8 residents per class. Historically, the program boasts a first time board pass rate of greater than 95%. In addition to time training locally at NMCS D, residents also spend time with our affiliated training programs, Rady Children's Hospital San Diego and Children's Hospital Orange County.

Interns (PGY-1) rotate through a variety of clinical spaces including 1 month of Newborn Nursery, 1 month in Adolescent Clinic, 2 months in the General Pediatrics Teaching Clinic, 4 months of Inpatient Pediatrics at both Rady Children's Hospital and NMCS D, and 2 months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (at NMCS D). Given our unique training needs in the military, interns will also spend time rotating in the Emergency Department and with psychiatry, sports medicine, and GYN in preparation for possible operational medicine assignment. In the PGY2 and PGY3 years, residents will rotate in the PICU at Children's Hospital of Orange County as well as NMCS D, the Emergency Department at Rady Children's Hospital, and also have access to a wide range of elective rotations. Pediatric subspecialty services at NMCS D include: Adolescent Medicine, Cardiology, Child Abuse, Developmental, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology,

Neurology, and Pulmonology. Additionally, senior residents will have opportunities for experience in Community Pediatrics and Pediatric Advocacy.

NMCS D also has multiple pediatric support services including: Pediatric Radiologists, Pediatric Anesthesiology, Pediatric Surgeons, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeons, Pediatric ENT, Pediatric Urology, Neurosurgery, and Pediatric Ophthalmology.

Located at the southern end of Balboa Park in San Diego, NMCS D is just minutes from Naval Base San Diego, one of the largest naval facilities in the world. With over 1.4 million people, San Diego is the 8th largest city in the United States and the largest city with a Navy Pediatric Residency Program. Please contact us to learn more about the top-tier educational opportunities that are waiting for you in “America’s Finest City!”

Rotations

PGY1 Rotations	Sites	PGY2 Rotations	Sites
Developmental Pediatrics	NMCS D	Neonatal ICU	NMCS D
Nursery	NMCS D	Inpatient Pediatrics	NMCS D
Neonatal ICU	NMCS D	General Outpatient Peds Clinic	NMCS D
Gynecology	NMCS D	Pediatric ICU	NMCS D
Psychiatry	NMCS D	Developmental Pediatrics	NMCS D
Inpatient Pediatrics	NMCS D	Community Pediatrics	NMCS D
Adolescent Medicine	NMCS D	Forensic Pediatrics	NMCS D
General Outpatient Peds Clinic	NMCS D	Pediatric Emergency Medicine	RADY’S CHILDREN HOSPITAL
Emergency Medicine	NMCS D	Pediatric Cardiology	RADY’S CHILDREN HOSPITAL
Sports Medicine	NMCS D	Subspecialty Electives	NMCS D
Inpatient Pediatrics	NMCS D		

Academic Curriculum

The academic curriculum is the structural plan for the residency and is based on ACGME General Pediatrics Residency Program requirements. The main elements of the curriculum include:

- (1) Daily academic morning conference
- (2) Clinical block rotations
- (3) Journal club
- (4) PI/QI
- (5) Research
- (6) Procedure labs/rotations (lumbar puncture, venous access, intubation)
- (7) Supplemental activities (PALS, NRP, BLS, STABLE)

For information pertaining to compensation and benefits please visit the NMRTC GME Resources website at <https://sandiego.tricare.mil/Graduate-Medical-Education/GME-Programs/Resources-FAQs>

