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Newark Beth Israel Medical Center	This was as close to the prototypical "IMG-mill" that I saw on the trail. Huge emphasis on moving patients. Residents were nice but tired and did not seem to have very close bonds. PD also nice but emphasized the experience over the education. Research, academics, and teaching were distinctly lacking.	Last	
Ohio State University Hospital	A diversity of pathology here. It's a very underserved population. Newark is not such a nice area. Only two Med-Peds residents per year. Attendings seem invested in the hospital. Very community hospital, not much for academic medicine.	3 to 5	2,3,9,12, 9, 8
	I was very excited about this place and found that it was kind of a let-down. Yeah yeah the facilities were awesome, new, clean etc. but overall the residents didn't seem very happy and the guy giving the tour was an OSU-lifer (bc of his wife) and seemed like he actually ranked it low and wanted to get out of Columbus. Also, they do this "Disney, on-stage/off-stage" thing where the docs/nursing use different elevators and hallways than patients so they're never seen (like how Mickey mouse is in Epcot, Magic Kingdom, etc. all at the same time). This is a great idea in theory, but for the residents it means internal hallways and work areas with NO WINDOWS!! I would be depressed as hell with no natural light all day. Also the PD here was least friendly/warm one I met and she was definitely interviewing more than recruiting/talking to me and I felt like she was asking silly questions. "What brought you to Columbus?"..."Uh, this interview?" I knew she wanted me to tell her about "Why OSU?" but she was very round-about and confusing in her approach throughout the interview. Overall, I didn't like it here. Pros: They give you \$1300 (after tax) to move if you live >50 miles away from columbus. MKSAP, PREP, parking was all free. Nationwide Children's was one of the most beautiful hospitals on the trail with an ice-cream shop on the first floor (yay Childhood obesity!!). Oh last thought..."The James" building they take you to on the 21st floor is a dope view, BUT it's a cancer hospital and you'll almost never be inside of it! Don't be fooled!	9 to 11	
	This program is big (10 residents per year), but it didn't feel too big. I liked the residents I met, but it was hard to meet many because of the way the table was set up at the pre-interview dinner. The facilities are great, but I wish they were all in the same location (the peds hospital is about a 10 min drive away from the med hospital and the med-peds clinic is at a different location than both of the hospitals). Columbus seems doable. The PD here is not "warm and fluffy" (she does peds critical care), but my interview experience with her was no more awkward than some of the PDs at other programs. Also, a considerable number of their residents come from OSU med school so that could be considered a positive (they like the program) or negative...	1 to 3	
Penn State University / Milton S Hershey Medical	I was pretty impressed with this program. The PD seems like a great guy. The only issue I had was the location, so that will drop it a little on my rank list. However, I won't be disappointed if I match here.	7 to 9	7,7,4

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	I agree with the above comment. Dr. Williams seems like a great PD to work for. He was recently given the task of heading the transitional care effort for the hospital system and is trying to recruit residents to help with the project. So, if you are interested in learning about transitional care, this would be a great program to check out. Overall, Hershey is a small city and is kind of in the middle of nowhere (the hospital had sheep grazing the pasture in front of it!). But, central PA is a beautiful place with lots of outdoor activities around if that's what you're interested in. Overall, like the post above, the only thing stopping me from loving it here is its location. But again, I wouldn't be disappointed if I ended up here.	7	
Rush University	Peds seemed very weak at this program. I was nearing the end of the trail and admittedly wasn't very enthusiastic. Loved the APD, not thrilled with the PD.	>10	11,11, 10
	^^ similar vibes. They seemed to really be selling the "you can live and work in downtown Chicago!" angle more than about anything else. Peds is a floor (or 2? can't remember) within the hospital, and with Northwestern's freestanding peds hospital closeby, you gotta wonder how much interesting stuff you'll lose to the other guys in town. Gotta mention the interview day lunch, though... if that's how they feed their residents on a regular basis, sign me up!	lower half	
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School	I thought it was a pretty strange program in the sense that the 2 main hospitals are so different. The university hospital is in Newark and I felt like there would be way too much scutwork here. The other hospital is in Hackensack and it was gorgeous. If Hackensack was the only hospital I'd probably rank it higher. I'm not too keen on having to drive into Newark and work there, so it'll be fairly low on my list. It's pretty close to NYC if that's your thing.	> 10	6,12,6
	I was sorry I applied to this program; I honestly don't know what I was thinking. Should have chosen the New Brunswick campus. The residents run the concrete monstrosity that is the adult hospital in Newark. The children's hospital is shiny and new, but I don't want to drive in New Jersey.	Not ranking.	
	I didn't think it was as bad as stated above. The categoricals are doing some very innovative things in terms of research tracks, academia. The residents are very well prepared and have a lot of autonomy. They publish a ton of case studies. University Hospital gets a lot of sick patients (especially in HIV comorbidities) and a ton of different pathology (everything international comes thru Newark airport). The residents were a blast and are very close. They do have to do a lot of scutwork at University Hospital. Their continuity clinic seems disorganized. Hackensack was beautiful. Seems like a good place to go to have great pathology with sick sick patients, good research, autonomy, good fellowship preparation/match.	7	
	Just a quick note to add to the above - fellowship match from here was 100% for med-peds and IM, with med-peds folks going to all the big NYC names		
SUNY at Stony Brook	I had a lot of red flags at this program. During the pre-interview dinner, the chief resident mentioned that during her first year the PD left right after she started, and there were ZERO Med-Peds faculty left in Stony Brook at that time. They're on their third PD in the last four years right now, and while it sounds like he is doing a lot to improve their program - recruiting a lot of Med-Peds faculty, trying to create an integrated M-P outpatient clinic - It just seemed to be a bit of a mess. The residents were nice, but it didn't really seem like they cared that much. The area is also really expensive.	Not ranking.	
	PD discussed M-P outpatient clinic would be a possibility in the next 5 years as he develops a patient panel, he's very driven with goals to expand the transitional care program, as well as stated above recruiting more med/peds faculty. New hospital is also being built.	not sure	

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SUNY at Buffalo	Wasn't really impressed by this program, although I thought my interviews went well. I think they switch every 6 months, at least initially, which I didn't like at all. I also don't want to live in Buffalo. This program is probably the only one I don't want to be at. The peds seemed pretty weak as well.	> 10	1,13,13
	Really enjoyed the PD and faculty interviewers here, but did not jive with the residents. It was late in the interview season so they were possibly bored of the whole experience, but the residents basically ignored the applicants at lunch and on the tour. It felt more like we were following around someone who had lost their keys at work than a facility tour. It really soured the experience, since it seems like Buffalo would be an okay place to live.	9 to 12	
	In contrast, I really loved this interview. I have family in Buffalo so I knew what the city was like, and that may have tempered my expectations in that regard. The new children's hospital looks fantastic, and the spread of peds pathology is huge. No peds open hearts are done in Buffalo, but Rochester is down the road and I've met a fair number of their followups that are followed in Buffalo without issues.		
Tulane University	Was impressed by medicine, very underwhelmed by peds. IM PD clearly stole the show here (he hosts all recruitment dinners and resident holiday parties at his home and is notorious for hand-selecting christmas gifts for each resident). IM is very resident-driven (residents place all orders before teaching rounds, without attending input), M-P program is exceedingly flexible (one resident approved for a 1-2 year LOA for international work, another accepted to the program as a PGY-2), teaching conferences are held at 2pm to avoid clashing with rounds, and there is a great opportunity for multi-year continuity at a specialty clinic in addition to the continuity clinic, which is great for anyone applying to fellowships. Peds is...weaker. Children's hospital belongs to LSU, but Tulane gets most of the complex kids (BMT, congenital heart, etc). Very small categorical peds (only ~8 interns/year), but census seems OK. No peds fellows or subspecialty admitting teams. Loved the M-P residents - most are first generation MDs with a big interest in underserved populations, and program clearly takes their input into account when ranking (two of my four interviewers were current residents). Strong global health - RIGHT program provides international funding but is very competitive (only 2 residents accepted per year from all programs). Unfortunately, there's a lot of anger about the new hospital among people in New Orleans and it would probably be a pain to share facilities/hospital space with LSU (both sets of residents work at the new hospital). Both PDs warned applicants about how hard it can be to work with such sick patients with so few safety net programs available, and some past categorical residents have left the program because of this. The city is a really bizarre mix of hipsters and the desperately poor, but you would see some truly interesting pathology.	8	6,8,8
University of Alabama Medical Center	Very strong all around. Huge peds hospital, very supportive PD (who led the tour himself), strong emphasis on education with some big name alums/faculty (*cough* Harrison's *cough* Red book). PD makes a list of each applicant's favorite music and adds it to a playlist to listen to up until match day...which is the most adorable thing I've ever heard. Notably no Med-Peds dept, PD is adamant that the program remain 1/2 med and 1/2 peds with separate clinics, and he makes a good argument for it. Multiple interviewers talked about their churches so...culture shock? Almost no residents from outside the SE. Birmingham is a solidly "fine" but not exciting city.	4	4,3,4

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	<p>^ Agree with everything said above. Went in without knowing much about UAB's reputation, and I was really impressed with the strength of the categorical programs. Supposedly UAB's two strongest overall residency programs are IM and Peds, so obviously it's a wonderful setup for a strong Med-Peds program (although if outpatient primary care is your end goal, you might prefer a combined clinic). Really liked everyone on staff I interacted with: very professional, nice, and seemed like a great blend of strong academics w/ a supportive environment. Birmingham kind of reminded me of Indianapolis, but with more hills and BBQ.</p>	3 to 5	
	<p>Another big surprise. Everything said above is true. Would add that the quality of training seems as good as any of the top tiers you'll come across. Faculty impressed the hell out of me. Can't say enough good things about my interviewers and faculty tour guides. The residents were a great bunch, as well; felt very welcomed. And one of the more beautiful hospital systems I've been in.</p>		
University of Arkansas	<p>did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!</p>		
University of California – San Diego	<p>Didn't feel like this one deserved its reputation as a top program, honestly. M-P residents were wonderful (and not at all uptight, I finally got my snarky, completely non-PC resident dinner), but the IM and Peds residents didn't compare with those I met at other institutions. Facilities were smaller than expected and mostly out of the way - almost felt like a community hospital. Fully 1/2 of time on medicine is spent at the VA and commuting between Hillcrest and La Jolla can get dicey. PD actively discouraged research and is trying to make program more primary care focused, which was a big negative for me. Overall underwhelmed, but the city was beautiful.</p>	>10	11,3
	<p>Loved this one, but I'm looking for primary care and exposure to Latino populations so it was kind of a no-brainer. I had a wonderful time with the residents both evenings, sense of humor was right up my alley. Great freestanding peds hospital, Hillcrest seemed fine, VA is one of the best I've seen (admittedly, that bar is not a very high one!). PD and support staff were super friendly. Weather and craft beer is a bonus, but I sure do think that seeing the ocean on the way home would do wonders for my mental health!</p>	top 3	
	<p>Great program for those interested in primary care and/or serving the underserved, especially since PD is an outpatient PCP and passionate about women's health. Seemed like many opportunities for community outreach and underserved medicine including FQHC and Healthcare for the Homeless clinic sites. Residents were clearly close to each other and categorical residents - had a lot of fun at the dinner even though it was small. Opportunities for research, especially community-based research, seemed encouraged especially on the Peds side.</p>		
University of California – UCLA Medical Center	<p>The residents were some of the coolest, most down to earth residents I met on the trail. The whole group is very out going and seemed really close to one another. They rotate through quite a few hospitals - close to 7 I believe. This is a lot, but all were on the West side of LA so you never really had to cross the city on a commute. The residents didn't seem to mind the number of training sites and embraced the diversity it offered them. Patient population seems to be a healthy mix of underserved (Olive View hospital and Venic clinic) and insured (the majestic Reagan hospital and the Santa Monica clinic). When you combine a nationally top 10 medicine program with a top 25 peds program with these residents and a PD and APD that can do it all, you're left with a med peds program that is truly one of the best. Oh yea and beaches+mountains.</p>	top 3	

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University of Chicago	Loved this place. Chicago has been one of my favorite cities for a long time, and I'll admit that was a big reason I applied to the this program. The categorical programs have a great reputation, and the MP program seems to have a solid support as well, with great research opportunities and fellowship matches. The residents were down to earth and did not sugarcoat anything, though maybe more distant than at other interviews. They were definitely close with each other however. They also seemed tired/stressed (this was also their last interview day so I think they were equally as low energy as I was at that point). Morning report/noon conferences were great on both sides, actually among the best I saw this season. One of my interviews was really awkward (the interviewer got placed with me last minute and hadn't read my application at all..I don't think either of us got much out of that experience), and my other one was the best I've had on the trail. Overall I really wanted to like this place, and I definitely did, but I was a little underwhelmed by the interview day overall (partly because of my sky high expectations going into the day, partly because of the residents as I mentioned above). I'm really interested in other people's experiences/thoughts, as this place is in my top 2 right now (the other being UTSW).	1 or 2	1,2
	Some of the nicest residents I've met. Leadership was also very involved and friendly. Stuck in South Chicago though with some competition esp. on the Peds side with other area health centers.	5 or 6	
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine	Holy crap this children's hospital!!! Medicine weaker than peds, but very innovative. I felt like the medicine PD did everything for a reason and so many things they did were based on recommendations of the residents. Loved the dedication to bedside rounds and adored their clinic and how residents were always on call for their clinic patients. These were easily my favorite residents and you could tell how close everyone was! M-P residents switch between IM and peds together, but there is more flexibility with scheduling than I have seen at other programs (you can switch some of your IM blocks for peds blocks or vice versa to make certain electives work). Lots of global health opportunities, although very few residents at UC seem to pursue ID fellowships. The city itself was a little bizarre - almost like it was only at 50% capacity. It would be fine to live in for 4 years and COL is low if you drive over the bridge to Kentucky.	1	3,1,12,2,2, 6
	loved it here. what was great about this program was how medicine was structured (i loved the medicine PD, although naturally did not interview with him). thought the residents were real and i enjoyed talking with them both nights. my interviews with both the PD and aPD were pretty weird though, did not feel natural at all. i loved everything else so much that i will still end up ranking this program highly.	2	
	I was not very happy with this program. The first day was ok, but my interview with the PD was weird. I did not love my peds day. The male APD rubbed me the wrong way and seemed dismissive of genuine questions, and my tour guide was two sheets to the wind and had no idea we were med-peds. She was reading off of a paper. I guess I expect the residents to just be able to talk to me.	>10	
	One of my favorite programs for the reasons mentioned above. The interview with the PD was kinda weird, but one of the residents did mention that it might be, so I wasn't too surprised. I loved the children's hospital. They also have a medical education track. Will rank it pretty high	1 to 3	
	Was hoping to like this program more. Love the didactics on the IM side, love the food on the peds side. Med Peds leadership a little strange, but the residents seemed to like being there. I might could live in Cincinnati.	4	

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	Very uncomfortable interview experience with the PD. She definitely admits that she is awkward, but prepare yourself. I agree that the leadership seemed dismissive and not like they were trying to get to know you during the interviews. It was as if they had already made up their mind about whether they wanted you or not. That being said, the residents seem very happy and they were all really wonderful. Everything else about the program (and I mean everything) was top notch.	5 to 7	
University of Colorado	This is going to be a very strong program in 5-10 years. Facilities were top notch, IM and peds were both very strong, and there was a huge emphasis on academics/research. PD went out of the way to arrange interviews with people who suited each applicant VERY well, and I could definitely find good mentors here. Downsides: medicine residents seem overworked, and assistant PD was abrasive and demanded a list of my interviews. Also a newer program without all of the kinks worked out (M-P residents notably not able to work at all hospital sites open to categorical peds, more zebras, less bread and butter). Probably the most impressive M-P residents I met on the trail.	3	4,3,4
	Had a peds interview here and loved it! They have put a lot of thought into how peds residents progress through the program. Really liked the people. Can't say anything about the IM side.	Not ranking.	
	Obviously strong parent categorical programs. Denver Children's is beautiful. New VA has construction controversies (costing a lot of money), but may be done sometime during our residency. Awesome young city with lots of food/beer culture, and great outdoors of course. New program, but didn't seem to have too many kinks. There are considerably fewer MP faculty, and disappointingly no combined hospitalists. A non-MP faculty interviewed me and honestly knew very little about MP as a specialty.	Top 3	
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicag	The residents here were great. Very sassy. I didn't love this program because peds felt weak. Very weak. However, it's overall a strong program with an urban health focus.	8	8,12,9, NR
	I had a great interview here with one of the faculty. I also really loved the residents. I'm not a huge chicago person so that honestly isn't a great draw. Brought up the imbalance of peds with the chief resident in the interview with her and i believe her that she says she still got great training there. for me personally if a program is going to be imbalanced it should be imbalanced towards peds.	>10	
	^^ Agree. Peds felt super-weak here, yet the PD and aPD say what they lack in volume they make up for in acuity...who really knows? I think the difficult part about Chicago is that there's a few shows in town and UIC seemed like the least attended one. They're kind of situated in the back 1/4 of the Chicago Medical district (with Rush occupying the other 3/4). The Combo clinic was on an upper floor inside a building and the residents were doing a QI project on why the "No-show" rate was so high. On the Pro side: You can live in chicago (maybe easier couples match), they serve an underserved community, and the IM side is strong. The IM morning report was one of the funniest, enjoyable learning experiences out there. Overall, I think if Rush and Lurie Children's were not right down the street, I might be more interested.	not ranking	
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria	I have a feeling this is a program that will get shafted by SDN gunners, but this is probably the program I was most surprised by in a good way. The PD was very laid back but I didn't get the sense that he was a pushover, either. Second largest pediatric hospital in Illinois, which is impressive considering Chicago's presence in northern Illinois. I won't lie, the \$10,000 signing bonus sounds good too.	2 to 4	4

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University of Kansas	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of Kentucky College of Medicine	Residents I talked with at dinner were great, but I couldn't shake the vibe that this program was hiding a few things. Brand new building that wasn't getting used yet (and no one could explain why -- funding issues?) Tons of people there are "born&bred" and went to med school there, could see how I might feel like an outsider. My 2-day impression of Lexington is college basketball, horses, and bourbon. Heard the peds residents used to rotate at Cincy for ER months... aPD and PD are switching roles next year. PD kept talking about board scores during my interview -- felt awkward/tacky.	>10	12
University of Louisville	didn't feel it at this interview, although not entirely sure why. seems like every opportunity was here. regional fellowship match for people who are into that.		14,11
	very cool group of residents; got along with them great. Good program on both sides, though i got the impression peds > medicine. Louisville is a cool city, but not my kind of place	9	
University of Maryland	Really outstanding medicine, although it felt a bit like a trial-by-fire program. Excellent critical care and ID (something like 4 separate ID departments: general, transplant, HIV, etc). Peds was weak and residents said they often found themselves taking care of something like 4 kids between 4 people. Some residents were also VERY vocal about disliking the program and admitted that it was low on their rank lists. Baltimore is fine if you like never being able to walk/run around at night. Residents seemed very blunt, occasionally bordering on mean.	9	9,9,5, 6
	I enjoyed my interview and felt like I laughed all day. I have heard from multiple residents that PGY1 on the IM side is really rough. Liked the optional subspecialty clinic vs 1/2 day for research on peds o/p rotations. Having grown up in Baltimore, I would totally move back there: lots of culture, restaurants, museums, neighborhoods, water.	7	
University of Massachusetts	The only applicant dinner I missed of the whole interview season. Very enthusiastic program director who was a lot of fun to talk to about med peds. Worcester definitely not a destination, and the catchment area is small. Lots of cases lost to Boston, Baystate, and Brown 45 minutes south. Residents were nice but one great thing about Worcester was its central location to lots of other places. Wouldn't leave my current location for this program although great for the right person.		15, 8,13
University of Miami / Jackson Memorial Hospital	This was the biggest (positive) surprise on my interview trail. Residents were all very unique and friendly with a lot of global health experience, and Miami is definitely my kind of city (huge, diverse, no snow, beaches everywhere, people driving like crazies on the sidewalk). Many hospitals to rotate through and many Spanish/Creole/Portuguese speaking patients, which is a plus for me, but I expect it would be a huge pain if you're not fluent in another language. The PD was incredible and very down to earth - she is an MD/PhD who is very supportive of research, electives, and personal development. She also started a "club sexy" exercise program which the M-P residents really seemed to enjoy. Good resident morale - each new intern is assigned to a team with one resident from each year, teams compete in fun ways throughout the year. New global health program with multiple tracks (public health, tropical medicine, disaster medicine, etc). Can't compete with my top 5 in terms of overall reputation...although I really wish it could!	7	7,7

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University of Michigan	Liked this program way more than expected to. Residents seem very happy but large proportion are married with families (not a plus for me). Program leadership seems to really value emotional support and finding the program that best fits the applicant. Many rumors about malignancy of peds program/history of bad matches in the recent past are making me rank it lower than otherwise would.	4 or 5	10; 5; 1
	This program was a nice positive surprise. I knew it would be a good day when I walked into a room of 12 female applicants and I was the only male. Right off the bat Pros: The residents are in a union and intern pay is \$54k plus \$4K every November to "encourage savings" plus 2x pay on every holiday and your birthday. Residents have "resident assistants" to do their scut work stuff like acquiring outside hospital records, etc. and their focus is on learning medicine and resident satisfaction. The PD says the avg. med/peds resident works 55 hours/week. Mott Children's is nationwide renowned (esp. peds heart surgery) and the University hospital provides so much autonomy that PGY4's only meet with the attending 1x/week on certain ward rotations to encourage their independence. Also, the PD is a very well-spoken, Harvard educated man who treats residents very well and has your best interests in mind. Cons: Michigan is a COLD state with lots of snow, AA is a college town and size fluctuates depending on whether the undergrad is in session or not. It's the most well-educated city in the entire US (more people have advanced degrees/capita), without much socioeconomic diversity and a lot of their cool pathology is flown in from other areas, states ect. If you want to see underserved patients you should look elsewhere. Also, 3 years ago, they didn't match 8/32 spots in peds categorical...might want to look into that?	5	
	Michigan definitely lives up to its reputation. This program respects its residents (for reasons stated above) and the residents seem genuinely happy because of it. Really liked the residents I met at the dinner before the interview. Did anyone else have kind of an awkward interview experience with the PD? Also, does he send thank you cards to every interviewee (I've heard differing opinions on this)? Really wondering if I can live in Ann Arbor...	1	
	I didn't interview there, but I've met the PD. He gives off a very cold vibe initially, but he's a great guy.		
University of Minnesota	I got a very strange vibe here. When I asked a question about the number of different facilities M-P residents rotate through, the interviewer grew defensive and basically told me that if I had concerns about that, it wasn't the place for me. The resident that gave us a tour seemed to struggle to find positives of the program. The cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul are awesome, though. And Minnesota is a very blue state with a lot of awesome programs, which seemed to be a pretty rare find for the places I interviewed.	7 to 10	5,8, 2, 5
	I loved the residents at this program. And of course, the applicants I met were fantastic. ;-). My big reservation about this program is that it has something like 7 hospitals and is bigger than I like. 10 residents is a lot for a med-peds program.	5	
	I thought the learning here was top notch, the residents seemed really smart. The facilities issue wouldn't be a dealbreaker for me, more so the location (partner constraints). The size was too big for my tastes, but I got a good impression of the PD and aPD (through email).	3 to 6	
	This is a nice solid program...that landed solidly in the middle of my rank list. Global health was top notch to the point that residents talked about it on my interview days AT OTHER PROGRAMS. Opportunity to pursue a chief year in global health where you can spend upwards of 6 months abroad, establishing a clinic in Africa. So many hospitals to rotate through, which seems like a huge pain. Also, so cold, and college kids everywhere (get off my lawn?). Residents were very nice, but I prefer a bit of snark with my conversations.	5	

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	Huge Med-Peds presence in the area with a lot of graduates staying in the Twin Cities seemed like a plus. Residents and faculty gave the impression that Med-Peds is well-known and well-respected in the community, which helps create a great training environment. Global health is huge here and there seem to be a lot of immigrant/refugee opportunities locally as well including an FQHC continuity clinic site. Well-organized program with a lot of support.	Top 3	
University of Mississippi Medical Center	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of Missouri at Kansas City	Very primary care-oriented. I think the PD even mentioned it in her welcome that they were super geared towards cranking out PCPs. Everyone was very friendly, though, and the residents were hilarious. I absolutely love Kansas City as a place to live, but (and I know this might be kind of silly) Children's Mercy creeped me out hard core. Not just like "oh they have this cartoon bunny in the lobby and it's kind of creepy," but they had creepy cartoon figures EVERYWHERE and the colors were super over-the-top and there were no windows and I felt like I was going to go insane. Silly? Maybe. But I could not work in that building for four years.	10 -12	
University of Nebraska Medical Center College of	Great program. Big, big M; medium P. I was surprised by how much I liked Omaha as a city. They are expanding to 4 per class starting in 2016, but still a startling small program to join. PD was average in my memory, but I believe she is highly respected in the MP community and I can see why. I really liked the residents we met.	1 to 4	3
University of North Carolina	This program was stellar. UNC is great, the area is great, the PD and chief were overall fantastic people. My big reservation was the lack of in-house moonlighting, but that didn't knock it too far down my list. The PD reaches out to every single interviewee with a card, so while a lovely gesture, don't consider it an offer to rank highly or anything. I have to say also that their conference really didn't wow me; it was a typical powerpoint presentation with little input from the audience.	6	6,11,5, 2
	I was told during my interview that I wouldn't really be able to find the patient population i was looking to work with all that much. Did not have a huge underserved vibe, although their WakeMed hospital (forget details and not looking at notes so i may be inaccurate here) was touted as where I would find the experience that matched the kind of training i was after. Liked the people and seemed like great teaching, just not right place for me.	>10	
	Loved the people, loved the facilities, loved the location. Overall, program seemed like a well-oiled machine, definitely felt like I'd get great training here and lots of research and global health opportunities if desired. Some commuting involved (Moses Cone / WakeMed) and benefits were kind of a let-down (lower-end pay, almost all insurance out of pocket, no-moonlighting policy), but those were the only things I didn't like and didn't drop my ranking.	top 3	
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine – Tuls	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Healt	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of Pennsylvania/CHOP	This program was wonderful. The PD is dynamic and fun, and the program is incredibly strong. I had heard this program doesn't have a great primary care focus, but that was NOT the impression I got. The PD is a PCP and explicitly stated that the residency sends 2 to primary care and 2 to subspecialty every year. Currently has two separate clinics, working on a combined clinic. Currently has paper notes (but electronic orders) at HUP, EPIC at CHOP. All EPIC in 2017 according to tour guide.	1	4; 1; 1

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	Paper charts is a turnoff, but I liked most everything else about the program. Great residents, seemed like people I'd get along with well on a social basis. PD seems extremely motivated / vivacious. I'm a "big P small M" person wanting to subspecialize and CHOP seems a wonderful place to be - seems like they do great things for patient care. Philly, surprisingly, I liked, though the cost of having a car / the possibility of just going without a car are a bit intimidating. Have heard from perelman students that primary care isn't very emphasized, if that's your thing		
University of Puerto Rico	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of Rochester	This program has all of the kinks worked out. Old, very well-established, very well-respected. Downside is that I feel like there's not as much room for innovation. Regardless, the facilities are beautiful (peds wing/hospital is new) and the PD was awesome. Very solid program, but SO MUCH SNOW. City is "meh", although tour guide used terms like "new development"! and "new condos!" approximately every 3 minutes. My main worry is that I won't get enough ID or global health exposure here - not a ton of diversity in Western NY.	10	2; 6; 10,4
	^^Agreed. I loved this program. The PD is incredible. They seem very proud of their clinic, but I thought it was disappointing that they don't do much in the way of lab work or ancillary services there. The residents we met seemed decent, not necessarily people I would choose to hang out with outside of work.	1 to 4	
	I really enjoyed my interview at Rochester. The PD would make a great boss. I appreciated the ability to do a second 1/2 day of clinic in the speciality of your choice and the ability to count your track (i.e. medical education) as your ACGME scholarly activity. Felt like a comfortable, flexible program in a nice small city. Too bad it's not more accessible for travel/close to family. 2-wk rotations, lots of ambulatory time, opening a transition clinic in the spring.	6	
University of South Alabama	did you interview here? please help other applicants and next year's class by leaving a review!		
University of South Florida	Definitely has a fun group of residents. I enjoyed the dinner. Big downside is that you rotate through 4 different hospitals, which are all pretty far from each other if you take traffic into account. Tampa traffic can be horrendous. So there will be a ton of driving. I do like Tampa as a city, and Orlando is only an hour away. No idea how I'm going to rank it yet.	No clue	6
University of Southern California / LAC+USC Medi	I liked this program but did not love it. The PD and APD were great. I stayed with a resident who was one of the kindest people I've ever met. If you have a chance to do it, interview here just to meet Dr. Heger and reconsider your career. I'm ranking this program low because peds seems somewhat weak and I don't love LA. Gotta say, though, some of the strongest advocacy work on the trail. I also have to say that I love their med-peds clinic setup - 2 years in separate clinics, then you go to a combined clinic in years 3 and 4.	8	8,5,10

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	<p>This program kind is kind of the Johns Hopkins in California. The sole mission of USC is to take care of their very large, underserved population in the greater LA area. It should be made clear that if you want to get to California, USC is very attainable. The PD makes an effort to interview students who have an impressive amount of volunteering and community service/involvement regardless of STEP 1 scores (I mean you probably can't have <200, but you get the idea). There is a large spanish-speaking population and although they didn't say so, I got the feeling if you don't speak spanish you'll be using the translator phone....alot!! Also, to clear any confusion, there are ONLY 2 rotations at CHLA* and they are: Pulm and Rheum. All peds training is done at LAC on a couple of peds floors and the outpatient peds clinic. *Peds Cardiology faculty rotate back and fourth and residents may round in CHLA while on peds cardio. The pay is pretty terrible for LA (interns ~\$49k) but it makes a nice jump to \$53k for the PGY2 year. Other Pros: Their curriculum is the only one I have seen that decreases the number of months between switches as the years go on - PGY1 switch q4, PGY2 swich q3, PGY3 switch q2, and PGY4 switch every month. Their outpatient schedule is 2 years in seperate medicine and peds clinics followed by 2 years in the combo clinic. Overall, this program was not for me (I can't do LA), but it has a lot of positives and graduating residents are well trained. Also, if you interview here, ask about Homeboy Industries!</p>	>10	
University of Tennessee (Memphis)	<p>I loved this program a lot! It's the second largest at 12/year and a huge med/peds presence in their hospital systems. The PD is quiet but well spoken and you can tell she still has fun with the residents and thinks highly of them. I had a great interview day here (I almost cancelled :/). There are several hospitals you rotate through: Methodist, the "MED" (Reginal One Hospital), VA, LeBonheur Childrens (new in 2010) and St. JUDE CHILDRENS!! You're the only residents in the entire country to rotate though St. Jude!! Benefits are good too: MKSAP, PREP, parking- all free. Health insurance was \$800/year (single), and the intern pay was kind of low at \$48k, but Memphis is cheap to live (26% below national avg). The area has lots to do with pleanty of culture and a diverse with a large underserved community. I felt I would work hard here, but also be well trained in the end. The resident dinner felt a little awkward (at someones house) but it got better as it went on. The residents seem to know eachother well and couldn't say enough good things about the program. Also, they have 3 Med/Peds PGY-4 chief positions (I didn't see that many anywhere else) so if you're looking to do Admin or MedEd in the future, this would be a great opportunity!</p>	5 or 6	7,7,8
	<p>Definitely a wild card for me; I really didn't want to like Memphis as much as I did, and also almost cancelled. The residents were some of the coolest and smartest people I met on the trail, and got along really well. The interview day and the dinner the night before went great, and I got the sense that I'd fit in really well there. The training here is on point, and is a much more academic center than I was expecting (a plus point for me). You do rotate through St. Jude's as mentioned, but it's not a super immersive experience from what the residents said. Downsides: Memphis is a cool place, but not sure if it's my type of cool place. Living in the south my whole life has been great, but I kind of want to move somewhere else. Surrounding areas are meh (but this translates to a super underserved community, and UT is the only game around). Not sure where I'll rank it yet...its in the middle of my list right now but I might bump it up.</p>	5 to 7	

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University of Texas at Houston	Bare-bones. The APD practically scolded me when I asked about global health opportunities. The PD is very eccentric. I have also consistently heard that the IM program is very malignant, and one of the Peds residents went AWOL last year. (Little more info for those who are interested...I'm from Texas and I have heard that UT Houston's IM program is malignant more times than I can count over the last four years. The Peds resident jumped ship last November and people thought she had been abducted, then she turned up a couple of days later saying she couldn't take the stress and bailed in a rather unprofessional manner. I asked one of the residents about this during my interview day, and they said this was probably more a reflection on her personality and ability to handle stress than a reflection of the program. While I would probably agree with that under any other circumstance, the reputation that has preceded Houston's program makes me wonder... Just want to make sure people are aware!)	Last	13
	Interesting review above^^ I had a weird experience here too. The program coordinator phyllis martin is the best thing about this program. The PD is very eccentric and he knew EVERYBODY as we walked down the hall. Notable things to point out about the program is the Med/peds clinic- it was owned by a private company or something that went bankrupt and it closed, so it's currently separate clinics but they're working on building a new combined clinic. I thought the peds hospital actually seemed legit, even though TCH is literally right next door. I don't think UT has any issues with getting patients, BUT I do wonder how much they live in the shadow of Baylor?	>10	
UT Southwestern	New program so no presence on NMPRA site yet. Really great interview! Amazingly motivated PD and aPD who trained at great med-peds programs. Social mission of the program, really great brand new billion dollar facilities. Really have no complaints. Not the place for you I guess if you want an established program but I really liked this program a lot.	3 to 6	1,9,2,1
	^^^Agreed. The PD and APDs were motivated and clearly want this program to succeed. Even though this is a first-year program, they had their shit together more so than some of the established programs I visited. Outstanding facilities. Thought it was a good sign that IM and Peds residents came to the dinner and seemed genuinely happy to do so. Dallas traffic seems awful, which is something nearly everyone commented on.	1 to 4	
	^^^ These people said it! UTSW doesn't even have 1 class, yet their program is more organized than some that were 20 years old! I also like the model they use in the continuity clinic, as I only saw it at UTSW: the PGY1 year is separate peds and medicine clinics so as to establish a foundation in both specialties and then following 3 are in the combined med/peds clinic. The mentoring here would be amazing as well. As a new program they want their residents to do what they want (PCP, SubSp) and they'll find you the mentors you need to get you there. ALSO, pay is \$57K for interns, no state income tax in Texas, and MKSAP, PREP, medical insurance, and parking = all FREE. These amenities are not all paid for by most programs.	1	
	As stated above, I was very impressed by this program! It is definitely my wildcard as I didn't expect to like it as much as I did. The PD and APD for the program seem very motivated to make this a great program and recruit residents who aren't afraid to "navigate a new terrain." Peds and Medicine seem genuinely excited to be starting a combined program. They have done their research and planned for this program for a few years so everything they are doing has a legitimate reason behind it. Not sure about Dallas though as it is far from family. Also, how risky is it to go to a new program that isn't credentialed yet?!?	3	

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University of Utah School of Medicine	I had a lot of fun here, although we got kind of hijacked at the end of our interview day by the peds faculty and some co-applicants ended up almost missing their flights even tho we kept saying "so we have to go now..." Catchment area turned into a priority for me and this one is huge. Population they serve is diverse and spans several states. The possibilities of building my own urban underserved curriculum came up and was a definite possibility. Conversation with PD was about substance abuse issues in the area.	3 to 6	4
UPMC Medical Education	Great academic program in an up-and-coming, former-rust-belt city. I think 100% of their graduates go into academic medicine, so keep that in mind. Separate med-peds clinic about 20 minutes away with option to do 2nd 1/2 day in a specialty (like complex care). Big emphasis on medical education, with several graduates going on to do a fellowship and get a masters degree in that. Children's hospital is #8 in nation.	1 or 2	1,3,3
	Yes, the above review is on point with their education focus! I want to add that this has to be one of the most well-balanced programs that exists in Med/Peds right now. The Peds and IM are equally matched and their Combo clinic (20 min drive) in Turtle Creek was a perfect 50/50 split of peds/adults and I was told I would learn how to "run my own practice" there. This would be a good one for applicants looking for Primary care OR Sub-specialty, especially if academic medicine is in your future. UMPC kind of owns the town and is the only show in town so basically nothing is lost to nearby hospitals, and Pittsburgh seems like it has some fun things to do such as good food, Steelers (football), Pirates (baseball), Penguins (hockey) games, with lots of hiking in the nearby mountains <1 hour outside the city. Cons: Cold climate, cloudy industrial city	3	
Vanderbilt University	This program is SO SO academic. The best teaching conferences I've ever seen and most of the residents choose to take part in their teaching track. They have their own (in-house designed) EMR which is outstanding. Also have a huge, de-identified database of patient records and DNA which is easy pickings for research. PD seemed very no-nonsense, but the residents were all very impressive and easy to get along with. Limited global health opportunities established by Vanderbilt, but proximity to Fogarty + the Vandy name helps residents hop into global health electives offered by other programs such as UCSD and Minn. Nashville is more southern than I was expecting, but certainly an interesting and liveable city.	2	2
Vidant Medical Center / East Carolina University	Didn't really blow me away. Thought the interviews were kind of weird. It's in a small town in North Carolina, but it's a tertiary care center that serves a huge area (like 1 million people). I felt the peds was a little weak here. Duke and UNC are a few hours away from Greenville, so I felt like some of the more complicated cases would have to be transferred to one of those. The residents were pretty fun though. Will rank it somewhere in the middle	7 to 9	9
	^^Same. This is one of the smallest places I interviewed in. I think they have the patients and faculty to support a decent teaching service, but I don't know that the fit is right for me.	7 to 10	
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System	Absolutely charming, but more like a community program overall. Richmond is a lovely city. It was unfortunate that the white house of the Confederacy was physically attached to the medical center, but at least you can go white water kayaking through downtown? No other specifics of the program have managed to stick in my brain. No big negatives, no big positives.	>10	12,10,

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West Virginia University	Morgantown is a really cool college town and the surrounding area is absolutely loaded with opportunities for outdoor activities. The medicine program here is OK, but the pediatric side is probably the least impressive I've seen on the interview trail. The program director (super nice guy) was very straightforward with me and said that I would likely not get exposure to some of the more rare pediatric conditions (these patients are shipped 75 miles north to UPMC). I think this would be a great place to train if you are interested in non-academic med/peds primary care as you will certainly get exposure to all of the "bread-and-butter" medicine and pediatrics. However, if you are interested in complex care, especially on the pediatrics side, I would recommend passing on the opportunity to apply/interview here. That being said, my interview day here was very laid back and all of the residents were very happy overall. West Virginia is an absolutely beautiful state.	Last	10,15
Western Michigan University School of Medicine	I was surprised by the friendliness of people in Kalamazoo. Current PD is stepping down this year if not already. They have a great global health curriculum, and faculty takes residents to Madagascar but it seems like it's more for the benefits of the residents than it is for the local people. Faculty are enthusiastic especially with teaching US, and they seem very flexible with individual interests.		
	I was also pleasantly surprised by Kalamazoo. Agree with everything above. I was particularly impressed by their global health curriculum, but it is notable that no one has completed it to date due to the many requirements. I like that they have a good number of combined med-peds electives.	top 5	
Yale-New Haven Medical Center	I had a great interview day here. If you need an uplift, go talk to the PD for five minutes. He is incredibly motivational and would be a wonderful resource during training. The glaring negative of this program in my opinion is the continuity clinic is about a 30-40 minute drive from the hospital. The clinic itself is fantastic, it's just way far. They will be moving in 2 years, which means rebuilding a patient bank. Research wise, infinite opportunities as you would imagine. Heard of the Yale pediatric outpatient curriculum? You'll have a chance to author a chapter as a resident in the next edition! (That's pretty neat!) Hospital was fine on both sides and residents were friendly. New Haven is a quiet, old, coastal New England town that has a decent amount to offer. Overall, the world is your oyster with a med peds degree from Yale.	top 3	