Our goal is to provide a strong foundation in both ambulatory and hospital general Pediatrics designed specifically within a well-established managed care environment.

**The Program**

The Internship and Residency Training Program in Pediatrics in Los Angeles reflects Kaiser Permanente’s long-standing tradition of providing residents with the skills needed to become accomplished and compassionate physicians. Here you will find the best of all educational worlds. We offer a large medical campus that functions both as a community health center for the local population and as a tertiary care facility for Kaiser Permanente of Southern California, and a program built around the concepts of comprehensive, cost effective, family-oriented primary care. You’ll also enjoy direct patient responsibility, a large, ethnically diverse patient base, and a research division devoted entirely to resident projects.

Established in 1971 with a single house officer, our categorical pediatrics program today trains eight residents per year in general Pediatrics. Sixty full-time pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists, and pediatric nurse practitioners actively participate in the three-year residency teaching program at the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC). This attending staff is available for consultation, supervision, and teaching on a 24-hour basis. All pediatric subspecialties are represented.
We emphasize the longitudinal, rather than the episodic practice of pediatrics. With this in mind, you will follow a panel of patients throughout your residency. With a Southern California referral population of three million Kaiser Permanente Health Plan members, residents are afforded an excellent opportunity to follow a complex and interesting array of patients and problems in a variety of clinical settings.

After successful completion of the required 36 months of training in pediatrics, graduates over the past 40 years have either remained with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (38 percent), entered subspecialty training (22 percent overall; 40 percent in the last six years), or embarked on a wide variety of other professional endeavors (e.g., hospitalists, academicians, medical administrators, and as advocates for the medically-underserved population).

Kaiser Permanente is among the nation’s largest and most highly regarded managed care delivery organizations. One in four insured Californians belongs to the Kaiser Permanente Health Plan. As a member of our residency program, you will learn to practice cost-effective, compassionate medical care—an approach indispensable to providing health care in all future settings.

**Nursery Service**
The nursery service, which includes a cutting-edge 33 bed neonatal intensive care unit, admits more than 2,500 newborns per year. In addition, infants with high-risk or complex management problems are transferred to this service from the nine other Kaiser Permanente medical centers in Southern California. On this service, trainees have ample opportunity to practice their Labor and Delivery skills.

**Pediatric Inpatient Service**
With approximately 3,500 admissions per year, the 32 bed pediatric ward and the 16-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) encompass a wide spectrum of general and subspecialty patients. All pediatric cases from general surgery and the affiliated specialties of Ophthalmology, Urology, Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, and Orthopedics, are admitted to this service.

**Ambulatory Pediatric Service**
With more than 80,000 pediatric patient visits per year, the ambulatory pediatrics and subspecialty divisions provide an excellent source of patients for the teaching program. House staff and attending staff work together in an authentic general Pediatrics office setting. This center offers you a unique opportunity to participate actively in contemporary prepaid care.

**PL-1**
The first-year residency program includes rotations through the nurseries, pediatric ward, and Ambulatory Division. The ambulatory months include acute illness experience, well-child care, behavioral and developmental pediatrics, emergency pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of LA, and two call-free blocks of elective experience. These four-week electives blocks may be chosen from any subspecialty, including Hematology-Oncology, Endocrinology, Cardiology, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Genetics, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Pulmonology, and Allergy/Immunology. These rotations include both inpatient and outpatient exposure in the chosen subspecialty. Electives may be arranged at LAMC or another teaching hospital.

**PL-2**
The second-year program offers opportunity for progressive responsibility and supervision. The rotations consist of three blocks of electives at either LAMC or other teaching hospitals; one block of ambulatory care; two blocks in the NICU; two blocks as junior supervisory resident on the inpatient ward; two blocks of PICU; two blocks of night shift; and one block of Adolescent Medicine.
The third year of training promotes individual resident leadership development. The rotations consist of four block of electives at either LAMC or other teaching hospitals, two blocks of ambulatory care, one block as the senior supervisory resident on the NICU/nursery services; two blocks as senior supervisory resident on the in-patient ward service; two blocks of night shift, one block of advanced emergency pediatrics at Children's Hospital of LA; and one block of child advocacy at the LA County Children's Court.

Other duties of the second-year and third-year residents include the instruction and supervision of medical students who participate in clinical clerkships during their third and fourth years.

All residents follow their own panel of patients in a once- or twice-weekly continuity clinic during the three years of training.

The formal teaching program includes morning report, attending rounds on the ward and nursery services, pediatric staff rounds (at which the house staff and attending staff discuss hospitalized patients), subspecialty conferences and lectures, formal noontime education conferences four times a week, and a weekly departmental educational afternoon consisting of both didactic lectures and in-depth reviews of selected cases. Visiting professors participate in the educational program.

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### Curriculum at a Glance

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