

## **PEDIATRICS SUBINTERNSHIP YEAR 4**

Clerkship Directors: Michael Del Vecchio, MD

Clerkship Duration: 4 weeks

Medical students will achieve the following competencies:

- Refinement of skills in the special parts of the history and physical examination emphasized in the pediatric age range
- Refinement of differential diagnosis, disease management and leadership skills.

Students are required to do a one-month subinternship in Year 4. It may be taken in inpatient family medicine, medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry or pediatrics. While all subinternships are structured slightly differently, major objectives are to provide medical students with increased responsibility for patient care under close supervision, gain a better understanding of how a hospital functions, become more closely engaged in administrative and social aspects of inpatient care such as discharge planning, and refine basic skills introduced in the Year 3 clerkships.

The subintern is integrated into the pediatric patient care teams. Most subinternships are taken at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (SCHC), with a small number at Geisinger Medical Center. Special arrangements were made for one student at West Penn Hospital. For the latter, special arrangements were made with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Students function at the intern level, managing their own patients and, at SCHC and Geisinger, overseeing a third year Temple medical student. A pediatric hospitalist is part of each team and directly interacts with the subintern.

Subinterns are assigned patients just as the pediatric first year residents, but admit and care for about half the number of a first year resident. The subintern will follow 4-6 patients at a time. Students are evaluated by the attending pediatric hospitalist and performance is carefully monitored as the subintern directly reports to the attending.