

Dear Applicant,

Welcome to the exciting world of Pediatric Hospital Medicine! As you probably know, despite the ACGME setting core standards for PHM fellowships, no two programs are alike. We both remember how nerve wracking it was during the interview trail to find a program that would be the best fit, but we assure you the program at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital could be that perfect fit! This program will develop you into a strong clinician, a champion of quality improvement, a seasoned medical educator, and an all-around exceptional pediatric hospitalist.

Being at a free-standing children's hospital with large volumes, high acuity, and a large catchment area provides our fellows the opportunity to see a wide array of pediatric illnesses and develop the clinical skills needed to manage them, using evidence based medicine. Fellows at this program are given a high level of autonomy to lead patient care teams and work with consultants to provide comprehensive care. Additionally, there are multiple opportunities to develop your leadership skills and hone your teaching skills.

One thing unique about this hospital is our i-Hub which can be likened to a "QI Heaven." We have a centralized place where anyone can submit a project idea and a process improvement specialist will help you complete it. Current hospitalist-owned projects are aiming to reduce unnecessary vital sign frequency, decrease electrolyte testing, improve comfort with using interpreter services, and reduce the rates of bronchiolitis readmissions. Additionally, fellows attend two courses on process improvement training in order to prepare us to complete high quality projects.

This is also a great program if you value student and resident education. Fellows are clinical instructors at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and work with residents from all different programs and specialties. Our first year fellows design an intern lecture series and have opportunities to teach the medical student pediatric rotation small group discussions at Michigan State University. You will also complete a two day Faculty Development Program sponsored by Spectrum Health and Michigan State University.

The faculty here is beyond supportive of the fellows and truly invested in their personal growth as future hospitalists. The 18 hospitalists are diverse in their interests - medical education, administration, clinical research, and quality improvement-and they welcome fellows being involved in their projects, as well as the fellows' own work. This will help you get plenty of things on your CV while you are here! In addition, we have excellent program leadership in Jeri Kessenich and Brett Leingang (who, like the rest of the faculty, prefer to be on a first name basis with you), truly go above and beyond to make this the best program for you. We know you will easily find lifelong mentors and friends under their training.

We each chose this program for different reasons and couldn't be any happier with our decision. As we come to the end of our training, we are humbled by all our experiences here and are proud of our growth. We are confident that this program has helped us achieve our dream of becoming exceptional hospitalists.

We thank you for taking an interest in the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Pediatric Hospitalist Fellowship Program and look forward to meeting you on the interview trail. Please contact us with any questions you may have and we would be happy to provide you with more information.

All the best,

Jan Fune, MD and Renee Jordan, MD

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