

**Pediatrics Associates of Newnan
At
Piedmont Medical Plaza
Student Rotation Guide**

Welcome to pediatrics! We hope you have a great rotation, learn a lot about pediatrics, see some interesting kids, and most of all, make an A on your exam. Hopefully this guide will answer most of your questions about the rotation and help put you on the road to getting the most out of it.

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Office hours: 8:30 am – 5 pm Monday thru Friday.

Students should try and be at office by 8:30 am.

Dress: Business casual. I don't wear a tie or a lab coat.

Make sure you wear your ID badge so patients know whom you are.

Equipment: Bring your own stethoscope. All rooms have otoscopes/ophthalmoscopes etc.

Lunch: We go to lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. You can bring your lunch (we have a refrigerator/microwave), go out to lunch by yourself or with the staff, or stay at the office. There are many restaurants around. Just be back at the office by 1:30 pm.

Internet: There is free wifi. Feel free to bring laptops, iPads, etc.

Door Code: 4260# is the code for our back door.

Articles: Please see the reading list. If there are any topics you would like me to post an article about, please let me know. Don't feel like you need to read every article. Some

articles were posted because of a patient we saw or a student requested it. I have marked the articles that I think are core to general pediatrics.

Questions: We expect (demand) that you ask a lot of questions. We don't know what you know and don't want to waste time teaching you things you already know. If I ask you a question and you don't know the answer, it is perfectly fine to say you don't know. It does not count against you.

Evaluation: What we look for in students first is enthusiasm. We base your evaluation on 3 things: enthusiasm, increase in knowledge base throughout the rotation, and clinical decision-making. We expect every student to make an A.

Daily Workflow: Students follow both Jennifer and I. Whoever has a patient, you should go with them. If we both do, go with whatever is more interesting/educational. If there is more than one student, then take turns. Students typically do not see the kids alone. We will try when we can but with pediatrics, that can be very difficult. The kids get scared and the parents can be uncomfortable with someone trying to examine their child. Also realize that this is a private practice, and though patients do not mind students generally, they are here to see us.

In the room, usually we will exam the child first. After we are done, you should then examine them, given that the child is cooperative. If the child/infant is crying or uncooperative, please don't continue trying to examine them. There will be plenty of other kids to look at. 9 month to 2 years of age is the hardest to examine. If we are having trouble, don't even try and examine them.

Feel free to ask questions of the parents or us in the room with the patient, but please make sure they are appropriate in front of the patient. Patients don't always understand students are not doctors and may think something could be very wrong with their child (example: how do you know this is not cancer).

Hand sanitizer: There is hand foam in every room. Expect to use it coming into the room and when leaving.

Procedures: Students may assist when we do procedures, but please understand that students cannot give shots or I&D abscesses for example. Unless you know how to handle children, it is not safe for the patient or you. There are certain ways you do things with children that is not something you can learn in a month. If you are going into pediatrics then you will learn all this in good time, if not, then you don't really need to know how to do it anyway. Ask yourself; do you want someone giving your child a shot who has never given a shot to a child before?

Late/Missing Days: If you are going to be late or miss a day, please text or email one of us. Being late or missing a day does not affect your grade. We don't keep attendance. We know that many people have a long way to drive or get sick. Just please let us know so we don't worry about where you are.