CORE

COMMUNITY ORIENTED RESIDENT EDUCATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2013

Check the box/es that apply to you:

☐ **I am applying to Categorical Pediatrics/Med-Peds/Triple Board and I am interested in CORE.** ➡	**Complete the following essay application and return to Jennifer Bosak by March 13, 2013.**
☐ **I am applying to PALS AND Categorical Peds.** - I understand that if selected for PALS, I will automatically be a member of CORE. - If I am selected for Categorical Peds, I would like to have my application considered for the CORE program. ➡	**Complete the following essay application and return to Jennifer Bosak by March 13, 2013.**
☐ **I am applying to the PALS track only.** ➡ - I understand that if I am selected for PALS, I will automatically be a member of CORE.	**Do not complete the following application. Your PALS application is sufficient.**

CORE MISSION STATEMENT

As members of CORE, it is our goal to become outstanding pediatricians able to provide comprehensive health care to all children within the context of community with a special focus on those living in poverty. We educate ourselves and our fellow residents about health care disparities, pediatric advocacy, and community resources within our region, develop skills to build partnerships with community organizations, serve as physician advocates for our patients and inspire fellow pediatricians to do the same.

The Pediatric Residency Program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh proudly offers Community Oriented Resident Education (CORE), an area of concentration in the pediatric training program that aims to train leaders in community health and child advocacy. Residents in CORE will be exposed to various learning opportunities and clinical experiences that will enhance their understanding of key community health issues, such as health disparities, cultural competence, and health policy. In addition to experiencing comprehensive training in clinical pediatrics, the graduates of this program will be prepared for the next step in careers involving leadership in community child health, as health care clinicians, advocates, administrators, researchers, and/or policy makers.

Goals for CORE Residents for 2012-2013

1. Develop the professional skills necessary to build working relationships with local community organizations, so that we can effectively refer children and families to these organizations and also be a professional resource for these groups to contribute to their development.
2. Share the knowledge, skills, and experiences gained by CORE with all members of the CHP residency and be a resource in clinical settings for community resources to our mentors and colleagues.
3. Commit our time and energy to providing care to underserved populations when needed in order to utilize our skill sets in a way that contributes to the unmet needs of our local community.

Features of CORE

- CORE Conferences: Several times a year, CORE members engage in learning about specific topics of interest with invited speakers, community site visits, and journal club discussions. Scheduled topics for the 2012-2013 year include environmental safety, the presidential election & healthcare, global health, food insecurity, and child development in school. Additionally, CORE residents share their experiences with their co-residents, presenting regularly in small groups or noon conferences.

- CORE Activities: Throughout the year, CORE will build its network of colleagues with educational movie screenings, suggested readings, potluck dinners, special volunteer opportunities, and marathon relay teams for charities or other events that take place outside of the hospital and give a better chance to socialize and build our pediatrician community.

- CORE Noon Conferences for the Residency: At least quarterly Noon Conferences are dedicated to CORE topics. CORE residents provide an introduction to community resources in Pittsburgh, advocacy and community health education to the entire residency.

- Continuity Clinic: When possible, CORE Residents have their weekly afternoon clinic in an underserved area, which may be a hospital primary care center or a community based health clinic.

- CORE Rotation: During the 2nd or 3rd year, CORE residents *can* participate in a primary care rotation in an under-served community – locally or internationally. Alternatively, this month may be used to develop an advocacy project, or participate in a legislative advocacy rotation. CORE residents report back to the group during the month following this rotation. CORE residents may use this time focus on issues related to health care for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN), community health, legislative advocacy or issues pertaining to specialized areas such as foster care/child abuse, or adolescent health.

- CORE Volunteer Work: All CORE Residents strongly encouraged to participate in at least one community-based advocacy project. These may include health fairs, our domestic violence free clinic, or other volunteer opportunities that fit your interests.

- CORE residents experience the same comprehensive training in clinical pediatrics as our categorical residents and are trained in all of the competencies of general pediatrics (emergency pediatrics, neonatology, critical care medicine, ambulatory pediatrics, subspecialty and general pediatrics) that are required for successful completion of the American Board of Pediatrics certifying examination and for the competent provision of health care to children.

- CORE residents have pursued a wide range of careers upon graduation, including work in the Indian health service, rural primary health care, primary health care for urban indigent children, hospitalist positions and subspecialty fellowship training in a variety of pediatric specialties.

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More Questions?
The 2012-2013 CORE Resident Leaders welcome your interest and questions – Elisabeth Pordes, MD (Elisabeth.Pordes@chp.edu) and Traci Kazmerski, MD (Traci.Kazmerski@chp.edu) and Shweta Antani, DO. (Shweta.Antani@chp.edu)

You are also welcome to contact the CORE Faculty Advisor, Jennifer Wolford, DO, MPH (Jennifer.Wolford@chp.edu) at 412-692-8406 for more information.

How to Apply
We welcome your interest in this exciting program. To apply for this competitive program, we ask you to compose a supplementary essay. Please include your name and AAMC on the top of your essay. This essay and your CV (that we will use from your ERAS application) will serve as your application.

In your application essay, please answer the following questions in 1 – 2 pages:

- Describe a relevant experience(s) that has influenced your interest in community & public health.
- Why are you interested in being a CORE member?
- What strengths and skills will you contribute to the CORE community?

Your essay application must be received by March 13, 2013.
Please return your application via mail to:

Jennifer Bosak, Program Coordinator
ATTENTION CORE APPLICATION
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Pediatric Residency Office
4401 Penn Avenue, AOB – Suite 5400
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15224

You can also return your application via email to jennifer.bosak@chp.edu.
Please use CORE APPLICATION in the subject line.

Thank you for your interest in CORE!