Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residents

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Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Undergrad: University at Buffalo
MD: University of Cincinnati
Why OSU/NCH for residency: I wanted to go to a program with a large med peds presence so there were lots of mentors and good integration between institutions. As well as the presence of strong categorical programs on each side and residents and faculty that were warm and welcoming. The med/peds program here had all of those things!
Career plans and interests: Still deciding but leaning towards hospital medicine vs primary care
Hobbies: Travel/hiking, brunch, board games, sitting on patios with string lights
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: Holding babies on newborn nursery was awesome!
Why choose Columbus? Lots of great food!

Kristin Cooper, MD
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Hometown: Gahanna, OH
Undergrad: University of Notre Dame
MD: Ohio State
Why OSU/NCH for residency: First and foremost: for the people! Aside from the strength of our training on both sides, our IM/peds family is the best part of our program.
Career plans and interests: Undecided, but likely hospitalist medicine and/or primary care.
Hobbies: Hanging out with my husband and puppy, thrift shopping, exploring new restaurants, spending far too much money at Sephora and Ulta
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: So far, peds heme/onc. I loved getting to know the patients and their families.
Why choose Columbus? I’m a bit biased as this is my hometown, but Columbus truly is a hidden gem of the Midwest: huge young professional population, tons to do, plenty of good food, college sports, affordable living. You can’t beat it!

Rachel D’Amico, MD
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Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO
Undergrad: THE Ohio State University!
MD: Ohio State
Why OSU/NCH for residency: The people! I loved all of the residents I worked with in medical school, and they were all so friendly, intelligent, and compassionate. I also love how many supportive Med-Peds faculty there were at both institutions.
Career plans and interests: Either primary care or ICU (I know it makes no sense) with a focus on advocacy
Hobbies: Biking, napping, exploring Columbus with my Med Peds friends :)
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: MICU!
Why choose Columbus? That there’s lots of places to explore, and everywhere is an easy drive away
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Undergrad: Loyola University Chicago
MD: University of Illinois Chicago
Why OSU/NCH for residency: To me, OSU has one of the biggest and most special Med Peds programs in the country. This means there is a big emphasis on doing things our own way, and there are a ton of Med Peds graduates in the area that you can work with. It’s also an awesome city full of cool people!
Career plans and interests: Combined Hospitalist, Global Health
Hobbies: Soccer (playing and watching), music (playing and listening)
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: OSU - Gen Med, NCH - Infectious Diseases
Why choose Columbus? That I get to bandwagon for both an awesome college football and professional soccer team, and that a ton of great concerts come here!

Mary Hanks, MD
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Hometown: Winfield, WV
Undergrad: George Mason
MD: Marshall
Why OSU/NCH for residency: Simply put, it just seemed like the right fit.
Career plans and interests: Undetermined
Hobbies: Walking my dog, hiking or anything outdoors, drawing, baking
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: MICU
Why choose Columbus? The people I’ve met here. Fellow IM/Peds and categorical residents, attendings, staff, everyone is great!

Rachael Mangaudis, MD
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Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
Undergrad: The Ohio State University
MD: University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Why OSU/NCH for residency: I chose this program because I wanted to be at a program that offered strong internal medicine and pediatrics training and valued the presence of residents.
Career plans and interests: Still deciding, but probably some form of transitional care
Hobbies: Hiking, traveling, spending time with family, reading
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: medicine night float
Why choose Columbus? Tons of great restaurants and lots of festivals/other activities

Tim Pian, MD
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Hometown: Newton, MA
Undergrad: The University of Pennsylvania
MD: Brown University
Why OSU/NCH for residency: My interview experience was spectacular. When you’re listening to current residents reminisce on discussing the outcome of their House Cup competition at their annual Harry Potter Med Peds party, it’s hard not to feel a sense of family. I knew it wasn’t forced, faked, or for show, and it totally brought me back to those dinners you have at your grandparents’ house with all your cousins. I was hooked. Are our hospitals great training sites? Yes. Are our alumni super well integrated into each of our faculty bodies? Totes. But that sense of family is really the thing that makes me the happiest to be here.
Career plans and interests: Still trying to figure it out. In classic Med-Peds fashion, I like most things I’ve done. Hopefully sub-specialty care that offers a mix of in- and outpatient care, continuity, and acuity.
Hobbies: Hammock-lounging, Wendy’s-eating, Drag-Race-watching, and lounging at the pool
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: Newborn Nursery tied with Heart 1
Why choose Columbus? Justifying eating at Wendy’s as “supporting local businesses”
**Dan Schmitz, MD**
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Hometown: Los Angeles, CA  
Undergrad: Boston College  
MD: University of California, San Diego  
Why OSU/NCH for residency: Outstanding training on both sides and a strong Med-Peds culture  
Career plans and interests: Hospital medicine or primary care  
Hobbies: Hiking or running trails around the city, and following it up with a visit to one of the local breweries  
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: Pediatric Infectious Disease  
Why choose Columbus? Big city resources with a smaller town feel—lots of bars and restaurants and things to explore without tons of crowds or traffic

**Savannah Smith, MD**
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Hometown: Charlotte, TN  
Undergrad: UT Martin  
MD: University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Why OSU/NCH for residency: The Med-peds residents and faculty are phenomenal. I knew they would make me feel at home.  
Career plans and interests: Hospital medicine and hospital pediatrics  
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: TBD… so many still to do!  
Why choose Columbus? The wonderful people I have met here.

**Aisha White, MD**
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Hometown: Athens, TN  
Undergrad: Vanderbilt University  
MD: University of TN Health Science Center  
Why OSU/NCH for residency: The residents were great, Columbus seemed like an awesome big-little city to live, and the program had all the opportunities I was looking for in a residency.  
Career plans and interests: General IM/Peds  
Hobbies: Exploring new restaurants, painting, spending time with my husband and dog  
Favorite OSU or NCH rotation: OSU Allergy/Immunology outpatient elective  
Why choose Columbus? There is almost never any traffic so it makes it very easy to explore all aspects of the city