

Pediatrics in the Pre-Clerkship Phase: Road Map for Educators

Making the Case: The Crucial Role of Pediatric Content & Educators

All Medical Students

- Learn examples of key scientific discoveries that have influenced clinical care and pt outcomes (including CF, SMA, ALL, genetic screening, and more!)
- Build skills in complex communication, observation as PE skill, and family-centered care
- Enhance residency readiness (every residency other than IM has a pediatric component)
- Learn widely applicable content that pediatricians champion, including health equity, SDoH, advocacy, sex and gender minority health, vaccines, climate and health, preventative care, screening, substance use, and trauma-informed care

Recruitment to Pediatric Careers

- **Early exposure matters!**
- Enhance pediatric clerkship readiness and ability to take on meaningful roles in pediatric spaces, thus improving the clerkship experience
- Increase exposure to pediatric mentors and experiences (research, advocacy, service, clinical)
- Enhance understanding of the breadth of pediatric careers

Action Steps

Participate in pre-clerkship teaching opportunities: enhance your knowledge of the curriculum to identify opportunities for pediatric content and educators and expose students to more pediatricians.

Don't limit yourself to pediatric-focused content: pediatricians have expertise in widely-applicable content

Join curricular committees: contribute to the conversations around curricular change and step up for opportunities.

Build relationships with curricular leaders: become the “go-to” person for pediatric content and reach out to them with ideas and innovations.

Support student-led efforts: partner with them to advocate for curricular change.

Network with colleagues outside of your institution: learn from successes, share resources, and collaborate.

Resources

[COMSEP](#): Curricular Mapping Tool (members only), Curricula (pre-clerkship, clerkship, post-clerkship), educator resources

[Stanford Newborn Medicine Photo Gallery](#)

[Clerkship Ready Pediatrics Podcast](#)

[Milestone Moments](#)

[OpenPediatrics](#)

[MedEdPORTAL](#)

[Literature to support the role of pediatrics in the pre-clerkship phase](#)