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Dear Stephen Laird, DO,

We know that sometimes it can be challenging to help your students choose an Osteopathic Pediatric Residency Program. You want a program that provides residents the training and experience they need to incorporate Osteopathic principles while caring for the whole patient.

Our residents have the distinct advantage of being part of the sizeable, top-rated pediatric residency program while enjoying the intimacy and commitment to excellence of a smaller Osteopathic program. Our dually accredited program at Nationwide Children's and Doctors Hospitals offers our residents the following unique features:

- Meets the requirements for the AOA rotating internship, while keeping the length of training to only 3 years
- Opportunity to rotate at Doctors Hospital in emergency medicine, obstetrics, gynecology and well newborn nursery.
- Opportunity to gain experience weekly and in a monthly clinic rotation each year alongside **osteopathic pediatric faculty in our Pediatric Resident Continuity Clinic, in our innovative OMM Clinic, and in a month-long, second-year rotation devoted to OMM.**
- **Monthly lecture session dedicated to osteopathic** principles, topics and skill and an annual OMM conference, featuring world-class speakers and giving residents structured "table time" to practice new skills
- **Innovative rural osteopathic pediatric rotation** in Athens, Ohio attending high-risk deliveries, caring for newborns, educating interns and students, admitting night patients, and taking at-home and parent calls
- Opportunity to work in osteopathic pediatric offices to see patients and learn the business of a practice (PECS program)
- Opportunity to do outreach childhood and education on multiple important topics (RISI program).
- Opportunity to **work with Osteopathic faculty in our Sports Medicine rotation**; our Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center is the first in Ohio and the fourth in the nation dedicated to providing targeted care for young athletes
- Wealth of **learning experiences and subspecialty training** at Nationwide Children's Hospital

We hope that you take time to review the enclosed Dual Pediatric Residency Brochure and encourage your students to consider us as their program of choice. If you have any questions or would like additional information about our program, please feel free to contact us at (614) 722-4410 or visit us online at www.nationwidechildrens.org/dual-pediatric-residency-program.

Sincerely,



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