

The Clerkship experience workforce group

Goal for the upcoming year: Develop best practice guidelines for the clerkship inclusive of the following factors

- The purpose and goals of the pediatric clerkship
- The structure and composition of pediatric clerkships vary based on institutional factors which may not be modifiable. Since clerkships are not “one size fits all”, we plan to provide suggestions for the clinical activities that should be included whenever available and the number of weeks that are most desirable. We will develop strategies for rotations at academic centers and community-based offerings.
- The student learning environment, student role in patient care (autonomy, etc), and student engagement with faculty, residents and mentors during the clerkship will all be highlighted
- Curriculum content and delivery, orientation and assessment will also be addressed
- Suggestions for showcasing a career in pediatrics during the clerkship

Work to date:

Reviewed literature related to clerkship impact on medical student career choice

Surveyed core clerkship collaborative members on clerkship experiences

Participating in multiple studies looking at factors impacting student career choice into pediatrics

Developed priorities for inclusion in the best practice guidelines