To Heal the Sick and Advance the Science
Michael J. Ackerman, M.D., Ph.D.

Mayo Clinic is a special place practicing a special kind of medicine. What a privilege to learn the science and art of taking care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults in a setting that is arguably the most recognized brand name in medicine. As a resident, you feel like a kid in an apple orchard with so many wonderful apples to choose. The opportunities are beyond comprehension, the patients teach us profound truths, and the dedicated mentors mold and inspire. The resident will definitely experience during his/her training the fulfillment of one of the Mayo brother’s admonitions regarding the two-fold purpose of medical education: “to heal the sick and to advance the science.”

Flexibility in Training
Jason Homme, M.D.

Mayo is unique in the extreme degree of personal resident to staff interaction, flexibility in training (i.e. lots of electives), and graduated levels of resident autonomy. The solid general pediatrics training is enhanced by exposure to the rare multidisciplinary tertiary care referral patients. Ancillary services (in the hospital and clinic) and an electronic medical record allowed me to focus on patient care, not menial time-intensive tasks. A single continuity clinic site, where there was a uniform curriculum and patients that were truly mine to manage, provided an invaluable experience.

Mayo Opens Doors
Greg Sonnen, M.D.

Mayo is very unique for its integrated practice style. I have yet to see another medical center that has such good communication between physicians of various specialties. Having “Mayo” on my CV has opened up many career doors for me. Many patients come to see me specifically when they learn that I trained at the Mayo Clinic.

Professionalism Stands Out
Andrea Watson, M.D.

Mayo offers fantastic role models in all areas of medicine, great exposure to a variety of research careers and clinical medicine practices. During my fellowship, I found that my training at Mayo made me stand out in several ways: professionalism (dress, interaction with staff/patients), public speaking and presentation training (skilled with Power Point and comfortable giving a presentation, even at short notice) and solid clinical skills, with an emphasis on efficiency and being thoughtful and thorough.

Not Fellow Run
Maryam Naim, M.D.

The residency at Mayo has a large number of elective months which allowed for me to pursue different rotations and interests, and create a personalized residency tract to meet my needs. This program is not fellow run, instead patient care is dictated primarily by residents with close supervision and direct teaching by the consultants (attendings). This helped develop my confidence in patient care and making decisions.

Approachable Staff and Great Camaraderie Among Residents
Brendan Lanpher, M.D.

Mayo offers rare disease exposure with a full breadth of general pediatrics. The personalized education is unique to Mayo where you are given the time and opportunity to learn from each patient. The size of the program and the approachable staff allows for a greater camaraderie among residents, fellows and consultants.