

# A Pilot Symbiotic Shadowing Program:

Pediatric Trainees & Premedical Students

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## **Background**

- UCLA pediatric residents
  - Pediatric Continuity Clinic (PCC)
  - General pediatrics and urgent care rotation
  - Negative evaluations about workflow interruptions



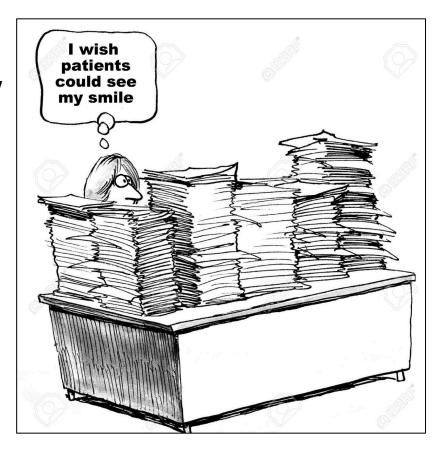
- UCLA premedical students
  - Medical school applications and interviews
  - Strict institutional restrictions





## The Program

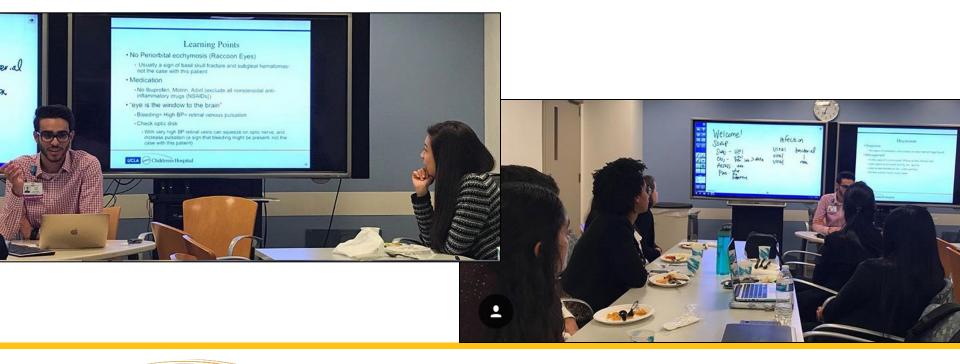
- A symbiotic relationship
  - Premedical students shadow pediatric residents in PCC
  - Pediatric residents get assistance with office tasks (aka "scut work")





## **Educational Opportunities**

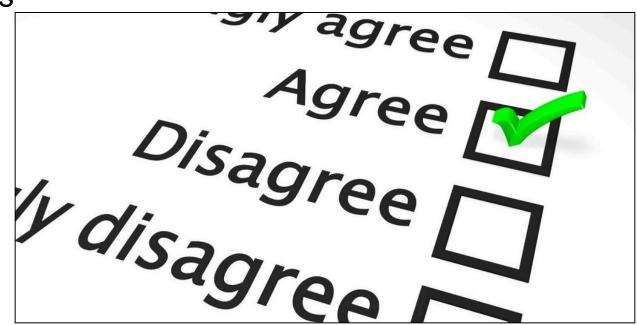
- Residents teach daily "clinic talks" on general pediatric topics
- Undergraduate students discuss patient cases





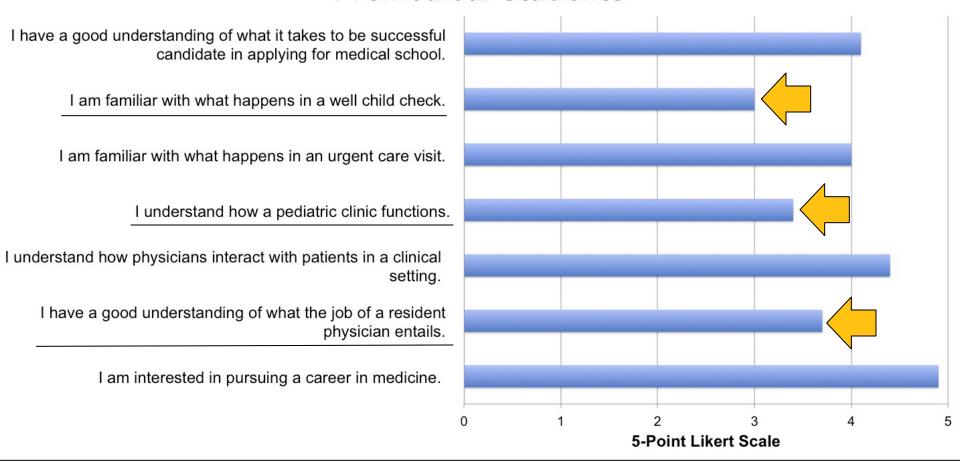
## **Findings**

- Pre/post participation
- Undergraduate surveys
- Resident surveys





#### Pre-Participation Survey Responses of Premedical Students





### **Participation Survey Responses of Pediatric Trainees** I was able to discuss a career in medicine with the undergraduate students. The undergraduate students helped me complete my workflow in the clinic. I was able to mentor the undergraduate students in the clinic. I was able to teach the undergraduate students in the clinic. I enjoyed having undergraduate students in the clinic with me. 0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5-Point Likert Scale



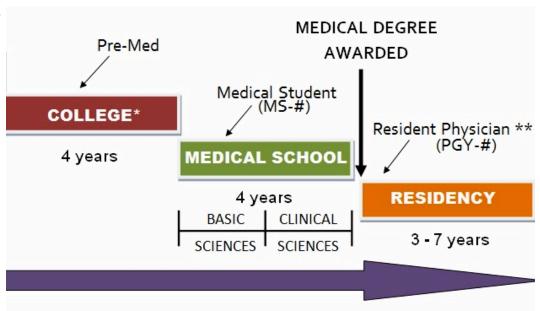
### **Discussion**

- Example of a symbiotic relationship in the clinical setting
- Students gain insight into pediatrics and mentors
- Residents get help with non-physician level tasks and get to mentor and teach
- Next steps...



## So, what can you do?

- Premedical students need clinical experience
- Medical students
   need pediatrics
   exposure
- Residents need career planning



## **AAP Mentorship Program**

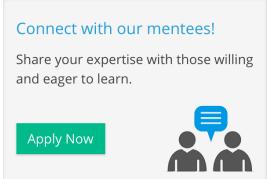


- Important tool for professional development
- Linked to greater productivity, career advancement, and professional satisfaction

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