

Government Affairs Elective

Description:

This two week block focuses on legislative level advocacy. The resident will work with Government Affairs staff from Children's National during the Maryland and Virginia legislative sessions. Activities will include researching child health issues, reviewing bills related to child health, helping to prepare and possibly deliver written/oral testimony and attending other legislative meetings.

Goals and Objectives:

- 1) The resident will learn the mechanisms of the legislative process at the state level
- 2) The resident will learn to use the General Assembly websites to identify and track the progress of relevant legislation
- 3) The resident will learn and practice different forms of communication with legislators, including letters, written testimony, and oral testimony
- 4) The resident will learn and practice the key elements of a legislative meeting
- 5) The resident will learn the process for identifying and proposing solutions to problems encountered during their practice of pediatric medicine