WHY SHOULD I BECOME A PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST?

If you enjoy caring for children of all age groups, are interested in specializing in a pediatric field, enjoy the visual aspect of medicine, prefer mainly outpatient clinic work, enjoy teaching, are facile at performing procedures, are intrigued by the variety of cutaneous findings that may signify underlying medical disorders, and wish to enjoy a healthy work-life balance, then pediatric dermatology may be the career for you!

DID YOU KNOW ALMOST 1 OUT OF 3 PEDIATRIC VISITS TYPICALLY INVOLVE A SKIN ISSUE?

The important need for pediatric dermatology is evident in extended wait times for an appointment and the growing demand for practitioners. More physicians are also needed to accelerate research into the conditions affecting many infants and children into adulthood, from eczema to psoriasis and acne to a multitude of rare diseases.
HOW TO BECOME A PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST

There are many childhood skin disorders that are not seen in adults or present differently in children. A pediatric dermatologist’s expertise is in their knowledge of normal growth and development of a child and when to worry. Through specialized fellowship training and subsequent pediatric dermatology board certification, pediatric dermatologists gain experience in the correct diagnosis and management of pediatric skin diseases, including proper medication management.

PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGISTS ARE MEDICAL DOCTORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING STEPS

- **3-YEAR DERMATOLOGY RESIDENCY**
  Residents train at ACGME-accredited dermatology residency programs - there are 150 programs in the U.S. and 9 in Canada.

- **PASS A CERTIFICATION EXAM IN GENERAL DERMATOLOGY**
  The American Board of Dermatology (ABD) offers a certification exam for dermatology residents in July of the year their residency concludes.

- **1-YEAR FELLOWSHIP**
  Fellowship must be completed within an ACGME-accredited pediatric dermatology fellowship program in the U.S.

- **PASS A CERTIFYING EXAM IN PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY**
  Certification in general dermatology is required prior to sitting for this exam. Successful completion of a fellowship and the exam provides full board certification in pediatric dermatology. Candidates remain eligible for certification in pediatric dermatology for five (5) years after completion of their fellowship.
Pediatric dermatology offers many opportunities to engage in meaningful patient care, teach, advance knowledge through cutting-edge research, volunteer for service projects, and assume leadership roles to help our field progress. Taking care of the most vulnerable patient population, children, is a pleasure and a privilege. What a joy it is to embark on a journey with a patient and their family and make personal connections over the years. Children have such resilience; I grow personally and professionally from their strength and unyielding capacity for positivity, especially among those whose skin condition is visible but they never let that stop them!

Pediatric dermatology attracts the best and brightest physicians. Their compassion for circumstances of children with skin disease is endless, and their mentorship has made peds derm a globally recognized and critical subspecialty of dermatology. Each day I am inspired by the brilliance and humility of my colleagues and collaborators, and am motivated by our patients who put their faith in us and our communities who rely on us.

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WHAT **SKIN CONDITIONS** ARE DIAGNOSED & TREATED BY PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGISTS?

- Acne
- Alopecia Areata
- Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema)
- Complex Vascular Anomalies
- Contact Dermatitis
- Diaper Care
- Ectodermal Dysplasia
- Epidermolysis Bullosa
- Genodermatooses
- Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Hives (Urticaria)
- Hyperhidrosis
- Ichthyoses
- Infantile Hemangiomas
- Juvenile Pityriasis Rubra Pilaris
- Mastocytosis
- Moles & Melanoma
- Molluscum
- Morphea
- Nevus Sebaceus
- Papular Urticaria
- Pediatric Skin Cancer
- Perioral Dermatitis
- Pilomatricoma (Cysts)
- Pityriasis Lichenoides
- Port-Wine Stains
- Psoriasis
- Pyogenic Granuloma
- Rare Genodermatoeses
- Scabies
- Skin Infections
- Spitz Nevus
- Tinea Infections
- Vitiligo
- Warts
Pediatric dermatology delivers on many of the key values postgrads search for as a challenging field with significant room for growth and research. Compensation depends on the level of experience of the individual practitioner and their productivity, such as the number of patients seen and procedures performed. Salaries vary depending on geographic location but are similar to ranges of other pediatric subspecialists.

- **PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST – ALL TYPES**
  - $225K – $650K

- **PRIVATE PRACTICE PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST**
  - $265K – $650K

- **ACADEMIC PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST**
  - $225K – $560K

- **COMBINATION ACADEMIC / PRIVATE PRACTICE**
  - $275K – $600K

A very small and specialized field, pediatric dermatology has cultivated a tight-knit group of professionals with a constant stream of circulating information. Not to mention the rewarding feeling of helping children and establishing relationships with patients is unlike many other specialties.

Lifestyles vary on whether you work part time or full time, in a group or solo, or if you are in academics or private practice. Pediatric dermatologists usually don’t have to spend the night in the hospital; however, they may be called emergently to evaluate a rash in an ill patient in the emergency room or inpatient hospital setting. Peds derms usually see a high volume of patients in the outpatient setting. If practicing in a university/academic setting, they may also be involved in clinical research and teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows.
PATIENT PERSPECTIVES

The SPD has created a series of more than 30 informative handouts on common skin conditions seen in children and teens called Patient Perspectives.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The SPD has established a formal match program to coordinate the processing, distribution, and review of applicants for post-graduate pediatric dermatology training programs. The SPD matching program is for U.S. and Canadian-based residents/fellows only and is open January – August for fellowship positions that begin the following July. SPD offers a networking reception at each American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting where residents can talk directly with fellowship directors and division heads about their programs.
### Approved Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship Programs in the U.S.

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[LEARN MORE AT](pedsderm.net/training/fellowships/pediatric-dermatology-fellowship-matching-program/)
MENTORSHIP AWARDS

Award recipients visit with a pediatric dermatology “mentor” for a short period of specialized training (2-4 weeks) that focuses on developing a particular expertise that isn’t offered at the trainee’s home institution. This experience also helps cultivate relationships between established peds derms and residents/fellows/junior faculty who choose to pursue a career in this field.

RECENTLY SELECTED MENTORSHIP PROJECTS FOCUSED ON:

• Minority Access to Pediatric Dermatology
• Artificial Intelligence to Reduce Pediatric Biopsies
• Hair Disorders (Alopecia Areata and Genetic Hair Changes)
• Timolol and Propanolol Use in Infantile Hemangioma

MEETING TRAVEL AWARDS

Travel awards are available on a competitive basis to trainees who present Cases of the Year or posters at SPD meetings. $1,000 awards are available to SPD member residents, fellows, or medical students to encourage participation among trainees interested in pediatric dermatology and to recognize exceptional work with financial assistance to attend.

“Training pathways, increasing interest in pediatric dermatology over other subspecialties in dermatology, and educational opportunities are vital. Career development and geographically dispersed mentorship programs are necessary for the future growth of the specialty.”

HEATHER BRANDLING-BENNETT
SPD VP OF WORKFORCE & SPECIALTY ADVOCACY
ABOUT
THE SOCIETY FOR
PIEDiatric DERMATOLOGY

SPD was established in 1975 and currently has over 1,200 members worldwide. It is the only organization in the U.S. specifically dedicated to the field of pediatric dermatology. Our mission is to advance the specialty through education and research, to develop new means of treatment, and to advocate in support of pediatric patients with skin, hair, and nail disorders.
SPD MEMBERSHIP

BECOME A MEMBER
Residents and fellows can join the SPD at no cost!
Learn more at pedsderm.net/about/membership-types/

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
Having a professional affiliation with SPD ensures you stay current on the latest developments in pediatric dermatology.

• Online subscription (6 issues per year) to Pediatric Dermatology, SPD’s official journal, which features the latest cutting-edge research in the field.

• Subscription (4 issues per year) to the PediDerm Pulse Newsletter, which provides short synopses of current pediatric literature from a number of high-impact journals plus important news about the association and field.

• Access to Forum & Member Directory, which is an important resource where members discuss cases with their peers to help determine diagnosis and treatment options for patients. Members get a daily digest of cases being discussed via email.

• Access to Research Funding Opportunities, Grants, Awards, and Other Valuable Resources

UPCOMING MEETINGS

33RD ANNUAL PRE-AAD MEETING San Francisco, CA | March 18, 2021
46TH ANNUAL MEETING Toronto, Canada | July 8 – 11, 2021