Medical Student Education

Medical Student Electives
We welcome medical students for electives in various divisions within our department. Our faculty and house staff are committed to teaching.

The application process for elective rotations varies depending on where you are currently enrolled:

- Students Currently Enrolled in Medical Schools in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico
- Students Currently Enrolled in Medical Schools in Other Countries

Medical Student Activities
Weill Cornell Medical College has a long history of community service amongst its student body, and a number of student organizations are active in ongoing projects. These organizations are administered by the Office of Student Affairs; Department of Pediatrics faculty members provide mentorship and guidance.

Pediatric Interest Group
The Pediatric Interest Group (PedIG) is an organization that focuses on recognizing both the medical and psychosocial needs of children. Notably, the group invites guest lecturers from various pediatric organizations to speak on relevant subjects and enhance the education of medical students. Medical specialties, as well as social and public health issues involving children, are among the topics usually discussed. The PedIG also participates in the annual Pediatric Research Day, which includes production of The Art and Science of Pediatrics:


Camp Phoenix
Camp Phoenix is an organization sponsored by Weill Cornell Medical College, the New York City Firefighters Burn Center Foundation (NYFBCF), and the Burn Center of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. WCMC students founded the camp in 2000 to facilitate the healing of emotional scars in pediatric burn survivors. Camp Phoenix activities are designed to build self-confidence, emphasize teamwork, and get children together who have had similar experiences. We hope to give each child an opportunity to have fun and help them normalize their outlook on life.

**Kids in Cancer Support (KICS)**

Kids in Cancer Support (KICS) is a student-run program designed to provide children and adolescents in the hematology-oncology service an opportunity to form a close, consistent relationship with someone outside of their treatment team. The pediatric oncology team interviews medical students and personally matches them with patients interested in having a buddy. Once a patient is matched, the student will make the initial contact with the patient during a clinic visit. The student will primarily keep the patient company during their clinic visits and inpatient stays, hanging out, chatting, playing games and watching movies. The family and patient can determine the student’s level of involvement. In addition, the KICS program also organizes occasional parties during clinic hours for all patients to enjoy.

**Motivating Action through Community Health Outreach (MACHO)**

Motivating Action through Community Health Outreach (MACHO) is a grassroots obesity prevention program targeting young adolescents, ages 10 to 14, in disadvantaged communities. A confluence of stressors at this critical stage of development makes it an ideal time to teach life skills. The program aims to tackle the epidemic one child at a time through behavioral modification, equipping participants with tools to take personal leadership in their lives. The program is anchored around three tenets: nutrition, exercise and education, bound together by a central theme of personal leadership. MACHO was designed by the Weill Cornell Medicine chapter of the SNMA, in collaboration with Settlement Health, a federally qualified community health center aimed at providing primary healthcare services to the underserved.