

Pediatrics Residency Interview Committee

You will meet with 4 people on your interview date. Below is a list of leadership, faculty, and staff that you may interview with.

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children's
Hospital at Erlanger



Bill Basco, MD, MS

Chairman, Dept. of Pediatrics
Pediatrician in Chief, Children's Hospital at
Erlanger
Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric Hospitalist

With 29 years in practice and his second year at UTCOM Chattanooga, Dr. Basco is an experienced clinical leader and health services researcher. He loves the growth of the community and the easy access to the outdoors offered by Chattanooga.

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Karla Garcia, MD

Residency Program Director
Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics
General Pediatrics

With 33 years in general pediatrics practice, 30 of those at UTCOM Chattanooga, Dr. Garcia has served as the Pediatric Residency Program Director for the last 8 years. She enjoys traveling, organic gardening, supporting her church, hiking with her family, and dining at new restaurants around town.

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Alicia Andrews, DO

Resident Liason

Asst. Program Director

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics

Pediatric Hospitalist/Gastroenterology



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Program Alumni*

Dr. Andrews has been involved with the pediatric residency program since 2008. First as a resident, then chief resident, and for the past 7 years as a hospitalist and GI faculty member. She enjoys crafting, SEC Football, and biking with her family. She loves the scenery, location, safety, and family atmosphere Chattanooga provides.

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Jason Zurawick, MD

Assoc. Program Director

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics

Pediatric Hospitalist



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With 18 years in practice, Dr. Zurawick is an alumnus of the pediatric residency program and has spent his career at UTCOM Chattanooga. He enjoys a variety of outdoor activities and sports and likes to go adventuring with his family.

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Vanessa Pigg, MD

Assoc. Program Director

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics

General Pediatrics



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With 10 years in practice, Dr. Pigg is an alumna of the pediatric residency program and has spent her career at UTCOM Chattanooga. She enjoys escape rooms, speed skating, and watching movies. She loves to go to Chattanooga parks with her family and mini poodle.

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Merritt Adams, MD

Asst. Program Director
Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics and Orthopedic
Surgery
Non-Operative Orthopedics and Sports
Medicine

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After completing her pediatric residency at UTCOM-Chattanooga, Dr. Adams completed her fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, returning to practice here for past 11 years. She enjoys traveling, sports, biking, and spending time with her family. She likes the “big town feel” of Chattanooga without the “big town headaches.”

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Brittnea Adcock, DO

Asst. Program Director
Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Neonatology Intensive Care Unit

With 6 years in practice, Dr. Adcock has spent 4 years at UTCOM Chattanooga and served as the NICU Resident Education Director for the last 3 years. She loves spending time with her family at the most magical place on Earth, getting lost in a good book, playing fetch with her mini-Aussie Doodle, or supporting her daughter at cheer competitions.

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Claire Jones, MD

Asst. Program Director
Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

With 5 years in practice in pediatric critical care, Dr. Jones is the PICU Resident Education Director and EPIC physician builder. She enjoys traveling, hiking, weightlifting, soccer, cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs, trying new restaurants, and home renovations as well as spending time with her family.

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Ghussai Abdelgadir, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Infectious Disease

Dr. Abdelgadir has 30 years of experience across 3 continents and 5 years experience in pediatrics infectious diseases. He enjoys walking and spending time with his family.

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Jeffrey Bennett, MD

Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric Hospitalist

With 22 years of experience in hospital medicine, Dr. Bennett is in his 11th year with UTCOM Chattanooga and is a US Air Force Veteran. He is happily married and enjoys spending time with his family, woodworking, and traveling with friends.

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Heather Gilliam, DO

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
General Pediatrics



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With 9 years in practice, Dr. Gilliam has spent her career at UTCOM Chattanooga and is an alumna and former chief resident of the pediatric residency program. She enjoys spin classes, baking, being a soccer/ballet mom, CFC soccer games, and Riverwalk adventures with her family.

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John Heise, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Adolescent Medicine

With 33 years experience in private practice, medical directorship, and behavioral health positions specializing in adolescent medicine, Dr. Heise has been with UTCOM Chattanooga for the last 7 years. He is an avid traveler enjoying European and Caribbean cruises. In addition to being a published author, he likes theater, sci-fi books, movies, and events.

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Kathryn Hines, MD

Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatrics Clerkship Director
Pediatric Hospitalist

With 9 years in practice, Dr. Hines has spent her career at UTCOM Chattanooga. She enjoys hiking, camping, historical fiction, listening to records, and spending the day on the Riverfront with her family.

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Matthew Kreth, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Pulmonology

With 10 years in practice, Dr. Kreth has spent his career with UT Health Sciences. He is the director of the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic and the Director of Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilation Program. He loves kayaking, eBike riding, and camping with his family.

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Brandon Morrical, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Cardiology

With 7 years in practice, Dr. Morrical has spent his career thus far at UTCOM Chattanooga and Erlanger Health Systems. He enjoys spending time outdoors, boating, wakesurfing, paddleboarding, biking, hiking, golfing, and skilling with family and friends.

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Jeb Raulston, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Cardiology

With 5 years in practice, Dr. Raulston has spent his career thus far at UTCOM Chattanooga. He enjoys fly fishing, fly tying, playing music, camping, and canoeing.

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Scott Guthrie, MD

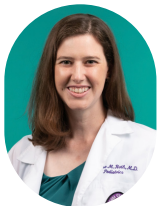
Professor of Pediatrics
Neonatology



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With 21 years experience in neonatology and an alumnus of the pediatric residency program, Dr. Guthrie joined UTCOM Chattanooga in 2025 to return to where his passion for neonatology began and mentor the next generation. He enjoys CrossFit, rucking, cycling and is an accomplished mountain climber and certified scuba diver. He feels the best part of Chattanooga is the outdoor lifestyle and easy city living as well as being part of a Children's Hospital that is growing and taking on regional and global work.

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Caroline Roth, MD

Asst. Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric Hospitalist

With a little over 4 years in practice, Dr. Roth joined UTCOM Chattanooga in July 2026. She enjoys cooking, reading mysteries and spending time with family. She loves all the fun activities Chattanooga has to offer such as the Tennessee Aquarium, riverwalk, and great restaurants, as well as the beautiful scenery of the surrounding mountains.

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Michelle Bradley, MS

GME Program Manager - Pediatrics
Coordinator

This is Michelle's first year with UTCOM Chattanooga's pediatric residency program. She is a graduate of UT Knoxville with a Master of Science in Educational Psychology with an interest in adult education and research. She enjoys reading, art, spending time with family, and the Chattanooga area scenery.

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