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	<p> Brittnea Adcock, DO Asst. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (NICU) </p>	<p>Brittnea.adcock@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 years in practice, 3 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, 2 years as the NICU resident education director • Loves spending time with her husband and daughter at the most magical place on earth • Enjoys getting lost in a good book, playing fetch with her mini Aussie Doodle, or

			cheering on her daughter at cheerleading competitions
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	Claire Jones, MD Asst. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (PICU)	Claire.jones@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years of practice in pediatric critical care • PICU resident education director & EPIC physician builder • Enjoys traveling, hiking, weightlifting, soccer, cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs, trying new restaurants, & renovating our home • Married with 2 young kids & a wild border collie
	Ghussai Abdelgadir, MD Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Infectious Disease)	Ghussai.abdelgadir@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 years of clinical practice across 3 continents • 4 years of pediatrics infectious diseases • Enjoy walking and my 3 growing kids • Married, with 3 teens
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	Heather Gilliam, DO Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (General Pediatrics) *Program Alumni	Heather.gilliam@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 years in practice, 9 years at UCOM Chattanooga, alumna of the residency (was chief resident) • Enjoys spin classes, baking, being a soccer/ballet mom • Loves to go to CFC soccer games, Riverwalk adventures with her family and eating Clumpies ice cream with her husband and 3 young kids
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	Matthew Kreth, MD Asst. Professor Pediatrics (Pulmonology)	Matthew.kreth@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 years in practice and 9 years at UTHSC • Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic and Director of Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilation Program • Loves kayaking, ebike riding, and camping with his two kids and lovely wife
	Brandon Morrical, MD Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Cardiology)	Brandon.morriral@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 years in practice, 7 years at UTHSC Chattanooga / Erlanger • Married, with 2 crazy little girls (5 and 9yo) and 2 dogs • Enjoys outside time with friends and family - boating, wakesurfing, paddleboarding, biking (road and MTB), hiking, golfing, skiing, etc
	Ashley Thurston, MEd, C-TAGME, CAP Residency Program Coordinator	Ashley.thurston@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator for 20 years, 7 with Pediatrics at UTHSC • Husband is the Pediatrics Plastic Surgeon for the region, and reason for being in Chattanooga • Enjoys cooking/testing Pinterest recipes, watching LSU and Saints football • Likes to cheer on her 4 kids in their activities (Signal Mountain marching band, Boy and Girl Scouts, Lacrosse, Cheerleading, Tball)