

**Mountainside Pediatrics, LLC
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Dear 3rd Year Medical Student:

The following is a brief description of Mountainside Pediatrics, LLC and what will be expected of you during your Pediatric rotation in this office.

Mountainside Pediatrics is a solo practice run by Dr. K. Raza Mahmood. Dr. Mahmood is a Board Certified Pediatrician and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is on faculty at the Mercer University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Georgia as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics.

This is an extremely busy practice during the school year August through May, and offers an experience for a medical student to diagnose and treat a wide variety of common outpatient Pediatric illnesses. In addition you will have the opportunity to do newborn exams in the nursery at Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, some inpatient pediatrics, and possibly attend a problem C-Section. Our office hours begin at 8:30 AM and end at 5:00 PM on Mondays through Thursdays. On Friday our office is open at 8:30 AM and closes at 1:30 PM.

Dr. Mahmood believes that children are not simply small adults and must be approached with an appreciation for their stage of physical and mental development. We provide well-rounded care for the pediatric patient including: immunizations, well child visits and health checkups, sports physicals, preventative healthcare, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, allergy and asthma evaluation and management, and behavioral problems of children and adolescents. The patient population that we serve spans the entire socio-economic class, from the very poor to the rich. You will be expected to see all types of patients.

After two or three days of orientation, you will be seeing patients on your own and presenting them to the preceptor. On your first day in the office you will be given a handout covering a wide variety of common pediatric illnesses with which you will need to become familiar. Dr. Mahmood will be going over these with you during your 6 weeks in the office. Your successful rotation here consists of your interaction with the staff, patients and parents. This interaction will be taken into account in determining your final grade.

Hopefully this brief summary gives you an insight into our practice and what is expected of you.

Sincerely,
Dr. K. Raza Mahmood, FAAP