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Sean McClaine, MD
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Sean was, hands down, one of the kindest, most thoughtful residents during the entirety of my pediatrics rotation. Throughout the week that I worked with him, Sean was eager to mentor: he welcomed any and all questions; he gave medical students the time and autonomy to see patients on their own to practice building rapport and applying clinical skills; he promptly offered incredibly helpful constructive feedback after each presentation and interview he observed; he offered encouragement and empathetic words as I was learning (and struggling!) at many points during my first clerkship. He always made sure to make medical students feel included in the team and in patient care. Even small gestures like stating "this is both <med student name> and my patient" when running the list, giving the medical student a wide open opportunity to take a stab at an H&P before jumping in to fill in the gaps, thanking the medical student for their help each day (however small the help!), and proactively looking after medical students' time made all the difference-- the clerkship experience felt much safer and more encouraging with him! Beyond his excellent mentorship, Sean was also a role model when interacting with patients. In the patient rooms, his presentations were incredibly down to earth at the patient's level, using very simple and easy to understand language to make sure everyone in the room was following. I noticed he would be one of few residents to sit down/kneel down at the patient's level during presentations to play with the pediatric patients, put them at ease, and build rapport. His patients and students are lucky to work with him!

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