Introduction/Overview

1. Pediatrics is a great choice—we have fun, variety, and career satisfaction/longevity
2. Note: there are several different routes to work with kids in medicine or other areas
   - Categorical Pediatrics (3 years core program), 3 years additional if specialize
   - Combined Pediatrics: Med/Peds, Child Psychiatry/Peds, EM/Peds, Child Neuro, other
   - Other specialties (with Peds fellowship component) surgery, radiol, anesthes, etc.

What do I do if I am interested in Peds as a student?

1. Peds values clinical skills—do well on your rotations
2. Hone communication skills and interpersonal relationships (interviews, ‘fit’ are big in Peds)
3. Although not as USMLE ‘numbers-driven’, more and more focus is on this as we receive more applications. For some top-tier programs, extras like research, away rotation, etc. can matter at select sites

Who are you looking for in Peds residency applicants?

1. What Step 1 score is required? (also see ERAS national data links below for more details)
   We have a wide range of scores and Boards are only one component. IU intern avg. is 230, 243 (Step1,2) for 2017 Peds interns. Step1 scores <215-220 may have difficulty (without other extras) getting screened out for top Peds interviews. Step2 is important to show increase if low step1, and red flag if significant drop on Step2. (Also see NRMP full data reports below.)

2. What recommendations do you have regarding these applicant components:
   - Personal statement, Letters of Rec.— show unique extras; some value, not make/break
   - Research experience- encouraged, but generally not required (can be a good extra)
   - Scholarly activity/publications- same, optional but noteworthy if have this
   - Extra-curricular activities- can be big if major activities, but not required to have major leadership. However, can be red flag if not at all involved / well-rounded

Peds career info and resources

1. General career in Peds (AAP guide for medical students, residents, and fellows)
2. Specialty careers in Peds (description of subspecialty careers and options)
   www.pedssubs.org/SubDes/index.cfm
3. NRMP Charting Outcomes in the match (see links and Peds-specific data)
   http://www.nrmp.org/main-residency-match-data/