

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident Poster Day

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## Impact of Medicine-Pediatrics Interest Group on Medical Student Residency Awareness and Selection

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There is currently a lack of data looking at the correlation between medical student interest groups and their effect raising awareness of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency and subsequent specialty selection. Our institution started a medical student interest group in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics (Med-Peds) to help raise awareness of combined residencies, increase interest in Med-Peds, promote networking, and provide longitudinal career mentorship with residents and faculty. This project surveyed current medical students involved in their local Med-Peds Interest Group (MPIG) at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. This survey was distributed in the summer of 2022 to include current PGY-1 residents who were recently involved in their local MPIG. The aim of the project was to assess whether being part of MPIG helped increase awareness of combined residency options and if participating in MPIG events correlated with residency selection in Med-Peds. These preliminary data suggest that starting a MPIG helped raise awareness of combined residencies and assisted students in making more informed decisions about their residency selection.