Background: The dual-accredited pediatric residency program available through Doctors Hospital and Nationwide Children’s Hospital was originally developed to provide graduates of osteopathic medical schools with an excellent training experience at a large pediatric training institution while allowing graduates to continue to develop their osteopathic skills throughout training. 

Objectives and Methods: Our study involved the distribution of a survey to evaluate the impact of the Dual-accredited Pediatric Residency Program to all pediatric residents at Nationwide Children’s Hospital including all categorical, internal medicine-pediatrics, and dual program residents. 

Results: 50 residents in total responded out of a total of 131 residents. Of these 50 residents, 10 dual residents, 5 D.O. graduates not in the dual program, and 45 M.D. residents (a group including both categorical and internal medicine-pediatrics, and dual program residents). 

Conclusion: With the transition to a single graduate medical education accreditation system, the previously mentioned dual program now has become the “Osteopathic Recognition Track” – this is sure to bring about new challenges; however, there will be new requirements, such as the requirement for track residents to complete OMM-related scholarly activity, that has the potential to impact the field of pediatrics in general. 

Discussion: While a statistically significant impact of the residency program may not be seen at this time, it is interesting to see an increase in the number of M.D. residents that had either an “OK” or “Strong” understanding of OMM/Dosteopathic Medicine (an increase from 10 to 16 residents) as a result of training at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

New Program Requirements for Osteopathic Recognition Track Residents 

- 2 week OMM rotation during first year
- Requirement for OMM residents to complete scholarly work related to OMM

Future Plans

- Expand number of residents per year
- For routine continuity clinic schedules, the addition of one 30 minute appointment slot per half day sessions for a patient requiring OMM that the resident can see during clinic.

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