



Exploring the Heart of Pediatric Care: A Journey through Internship Experience



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Introduction

Every day in a pediatric clinic brings a new challenge and an opportunity to improve the lives of our youngest patients. This presentation provides an overview of the various activities that shaped my internship experience at Heritage Pediatrics, Inc.



Image from Holston Medical Group (<https://www.holstonmedicalgroup.com/pediatric-after-hours-clinic>)

Activities:

- ✓ Shadowing Professionals: I shadowed the pediatrician, nurses, and specialists while doing medical routines such as vaccinations and blood draws.
- ✓ Treatment Planning: I engaged in conversations and offered suggestions to help build comprehensive treatment plans for pediatric patients
- ✓ Patient Education: I provided information to patients and their families on preventive care, medication management, and lifestyle changes.
- ✓ Charting and Documentation: I learned how to accurately record patient visits and medical histories in electronic health records.



Image from <https://blk-pediatric-practice.com/2020/12/03/iap-vaccination-update-2020/>

Site Information:

Heritage Pediatrics, Inc.

1450 Mercantile Ln #217, Largo, MD 20774

<https://www.heritage-pediatrics.com/contact>

Dr. Babajide Faditan

The site mission: “Where Largo children come first, and where pediatricians and patients work together to provide exceptional medical care for kids in the area.”

Issues Confronting Site:

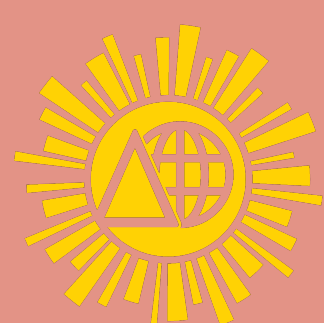
While I was at the site, I noticed many families encountered challenges in accessing appropriate healthcare, such as financial constraints. The issue emphasized the need to develop outreach initiatives and advocate for policies that provide equitable healthcare access for all children.

Impact:

By contributing to Heritage Pediatrics' projects and work, as well as continuing education endeavors, I had a direct impact on improving health outcomes for children and families by working on patient care and treatment plans. My work has been extremely fulfilling given that I know I have made a positive impact on the lives of young patients and their families.

Future Work:

My pediatric internship gave me significant practical experience in patient care and treatment planning. Moving forward, I plan to address health inequities through advocacy and community participation. I hope to conduct additional research in pediatric medicine, focusing on novel approaches to improving healthcare access and outcomes for all children.



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