Introduction

• Hôpital d’enfants de la Timone is a large public children’s hospital in the old French city of Marseille
• It is situated beside an adult hospital and is the largest children’s hospital in all of France

Reflection

• The daily life of a pediatric surgeon consists of a variety of activities. Their job is not restricted to the operating room, and they spend an immense amount of their time interacting with the patients.
• The operating room was by far the most memorable experience throughout my internship. I learned all about complex and fascinating operations, as well as expanded my knowledge on general medical terminology.

Objective of the Internship

The objective of this internship was to explore and participate in the daily activities of a pediatric surgeon in France. In addition to these daily activities, I was able to experience the process associated with publishing scientific data.

Work Profile

• Translated and participated in the publication of medical papers.
• Observed pediatric patient consultations
• Interacted with patients and recorded their disease histories
• Shadowed in the operating room daily.

Looking Ahead

• This internship solidified my interest in pursuing a career in health care. I hope to complete the global health certificate and go to medical school. The experience at Timone Children’s hospital was extremely rewarding, and I hope to one day work in a department where I can make a difference in someone’s life.

Questions

• How does the French medical system compare to other international systems?
• Would my experience have been drastically different if I was working in a private hospital and not a public one?

Conclusion

This internship was extremely valuable as it gave me the opportunity to experience first-hand the life of a pediatric surgeon.

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