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We are fortunate to have highly skilled, smart, and devoted pediatric residents at the MCH. Our residents are the lifeblood of the institution. They make us better by pushing us to stay up to date, asking tough questions, and forcing us to communicate clearly. There is no better way to learn a subject than to be forced to teach it. Trainees also provide an important service to the population. I would like to highlight the efforts of one of our residents early in the summer: Dr. Adnan Al Ali.

Dr. Tania Giannone sent these words to acknowledge the professionalism and skill of Dr. Adnan Al Ali:

"I would like to underline the tremendous leadership and effort that Adnan Al Ali demonstrated. On the very last day of the first



week with the new trainee team, I fell ill with Strep throat and was removed from work by the 44-flu service pending all the investigations. Adnan rose to the challenge on his second day as senior resident on the wards! He oriented and guided an entire new team of seven members, and orchestrated virtual rounds with me via Teams. His focus and flexibility allowed us to minimize any interruptions to care. I was highly impressed by Adnan's ambitious confidence to care for his patients and successfully doing so in a safe and calm manner."

This is exactly the kind of response to a challenge that we all hope our trainees will be able to mount. That Adnan was able to seamlessly pivot the activities of his team during his first days as a senior resident is remarkable. Congratulations Adnan! The future is clearly in good hands.

Have a great weekend.

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