Dear First Year Resident,

We are thrilled to have you coming to WakeMed near the beginning of your residency career! WakeMed is a private, not for profit community hospital service Wake County, North Carolina. The month is sure to be busy, but also stimulating, educational, and rewarding. Please feel free to contact me at any step of the way with questions or concerns.

As an intern, your job will be primarily patient care. You will be working with a variety of members on your team including medical students, pharmacy students, senior residents, and attending physicians. Depending on the month and the medical student cycle, you will have direct supervisory responsibilities for either MSIII’s or acting interns. This can be a very exciting opportunity to expand your teaching horizons. Remember, that early in the year teaching the medical students simple tasks like how to write a chem 7 will be new and educational to them.

We are dedicated to providing you with a rich educational experience while you are at WakeMed. Resident’s report takes place each day at 8:00 and is a forum for discussing and learning. Feel free to attend this conference, as it is administered with resident education primarily in mind. Daily we review cases admitted by the nightfloat, review questions in a board-review style, derive and answer clinical questions from prior patient presentations, and discuss pressing clinical management questions. On all days but Thursday, there is a 12:30 lunch-time conference that presents a myriad of teaching and learning points by our attending staff, private staff, and students. The day is constructed so that all team members may easily attend this lunch-time conference.

For your information, Raleigh area and WakeMed maps are linked below or may be found at the WakeMed web site at:
http://www.wakemed.org/body.cfm?id=74

Please meet the chief resident, Lynne Fiscus, in the main lobby of the hospital at 7:30 on your first day. Orientation will finish at 9am and attending rounds will take place. The office phone number is 350-7326, and the chief resident’s office number is 350-8492; pager number is 393-5582. Parking on the first day will be provided at no extra cost. Please park in the main hospital visitor parking deck on your first two days until you receive your badge. Bring your ticket with you, and we will instruct you as to how to validate it. This will be permissible only until your ID badges are made. You will then need to park in the designated areas for employees. Beepers and locks will be assigned to you, and you are expected to return them as well as your badge on your last working day to the office (not to another resident on your team).

There will be an orientation given by Lynne to update you and get you started. You are not expected to pre-round on your first day, but you should contact the intern leaving the service on Monday July 23 to get sign-out about your patients. Please call Lynette Hawley or Lynne Fiscus with questions. Again, we look forward to seeing you!

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From Durham/Chapel Hill: Take I-40 East to Wade Ave exit. (this will be on the right). Exit onto the INNER beltline of I-440. (just follow signs to Wilson). Exit onto New Bern Ave. Turn right at top of ramp. Follow signs to Visitor Parking of Wake Hospital. This will be on your left hand side at the 4th traffic light.