# PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY TRAINING DURING THE PANDEMIC



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#### LECTURE OUTLINE

- **Socio-demographic profile** 
  - **❖** HAB hospitals
  - Resident physicians



- **Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Residents':** 
  - Training
  - Service
  - Rotation
    - Sub-specialties
    - Community
  - Research
  - Residents' personal life and well-being



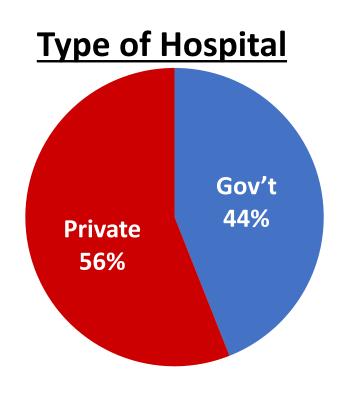
#### **EFFECTS of the COVID -19 PANDEMIC**

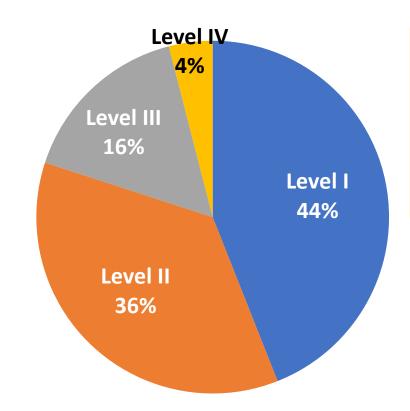


Survey accomplished by PPS HAB Department Chairs

#### **Survey of PPS HAB Hospitals**

N = 102 (102/112: 91%) Level of Accreditation





**Level I: 44%** 

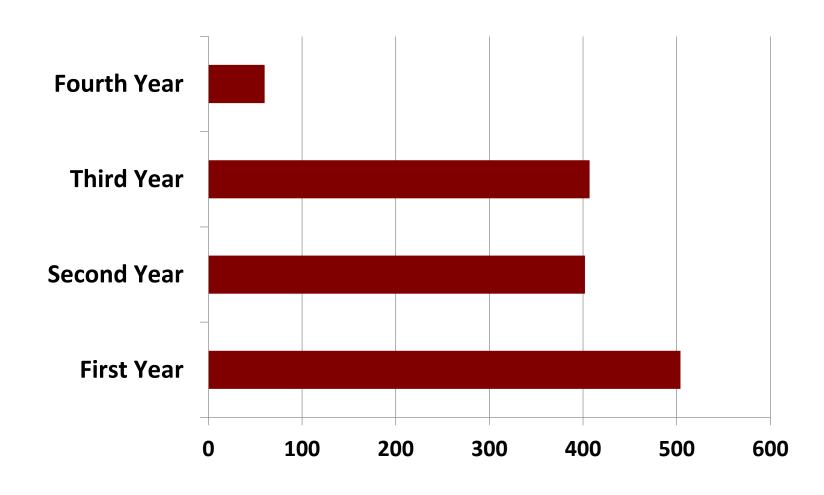
**Level II: 36 %** 

**Level III: 16%** 

Level IV: 4%



#### **Resident Distribution**



Fourth Year: 60

Third Year: 407

**Second Year: 402** 

First Year: 504

**TOTAL - 1373** 

## **Training Issues**

#### N = 1373 Residents

Infected by COVID 19	108	8%
Mental Health Issues	111	8%
Quit	40	3%

#### **Common Reasons**

#### for Quitting:

- 1. Illness
- 2. Burn out



## Department Support Provided

- Emotional and mental health support/counseling
- Provision of PPE, free testing, hazard pay
- Food, housing, financial aid
- Lectures/SGDs
- Adjusted schedule





#### Service Issues: Schedule of Residents

#### N= 102 hospitals

Type/Duty Schedule	# Hospitals	Percentage
Skeletal Duties	67	66%
No Change in Schedule	17	17%
Pediatric Residents Enforced to see Adult		
Patients	5	5%
Other Schedule Scheme	13	13%

#### Service Issues: Patient Census

#### N= 102 hospitals

Clinical Units	Reported Decrease	% Decrease
Ward	98%	65%
Nursery	53%	34%
ER	96%	64%
OPD	99%	73%
PICU	78%	53%

## Measures to Compensate for Decrease in Patient Census

- Online conferences, case presentations, admitting conferences
- Online OPD consultations/Telemedicine
- Skeletal duties
- Didactic Videos
- Agreement with a tertiary government hospital for online conferences
- Increase in the number of online conferences

### **Subspecialty and Community Rotation**

- 90% of hospitals modified subspecialty and community rotation
- Modifications done:

Use of social media and pamphlets

Virtual care for the community is developed

Virtual case conferences

Virtual home visit

Virtual referral

Virtual subspecialty lecture and preparing infomercials for the community

#### Research Requirements

- 51% modified research requirements
- 49% had no change in research requirements
- Modifications done with research requirements:
  - a. Change of researches to meta-analysis and retrospective studies
  - b. Provided funding for research protocol review
  - c. Researches using online data collection

## Modifications with Teaching and Learning Activities

 Provided all activities online: conferences, lectures, journal report through various platforms (zoom, google meet, webex etc.)





#### Modifications with Evaluation of Residents

- Online examinations and quizzes
- Clinical evaluation via google forms
- OSCE to be done via virtual platform

# Effects of COVID 19 on Pediatric Residents



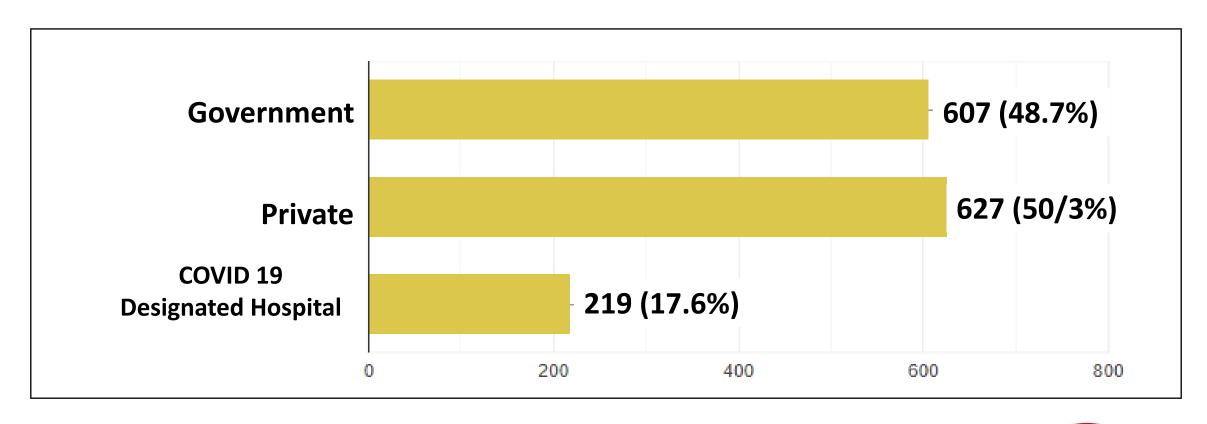




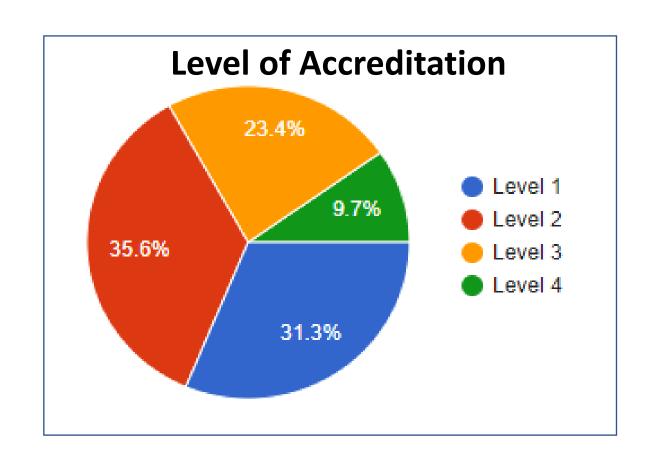
Survey Accomplished by Pediatric Residents

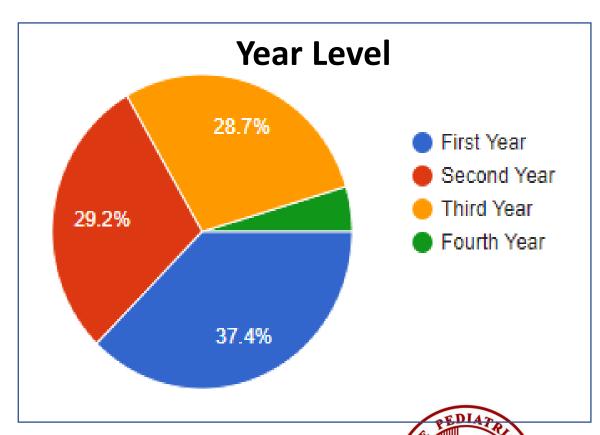
## **Demographic Information**

N = 1246 residents



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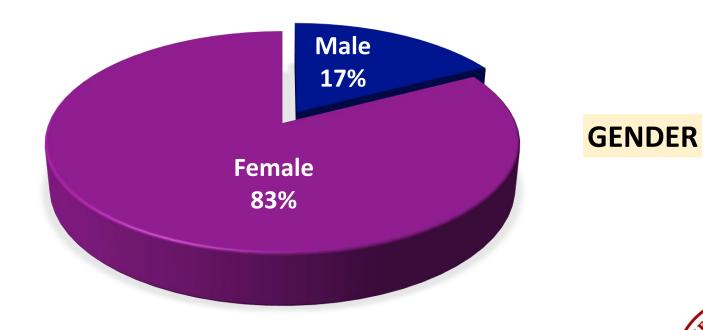
## **Demographic Information**

- Majority of respondents were:
  - Females (83%)
  - Age 26-30 Years old (69%)
  - Single (83%)
  - Without Children (85%)
  - Living with Family (59%)



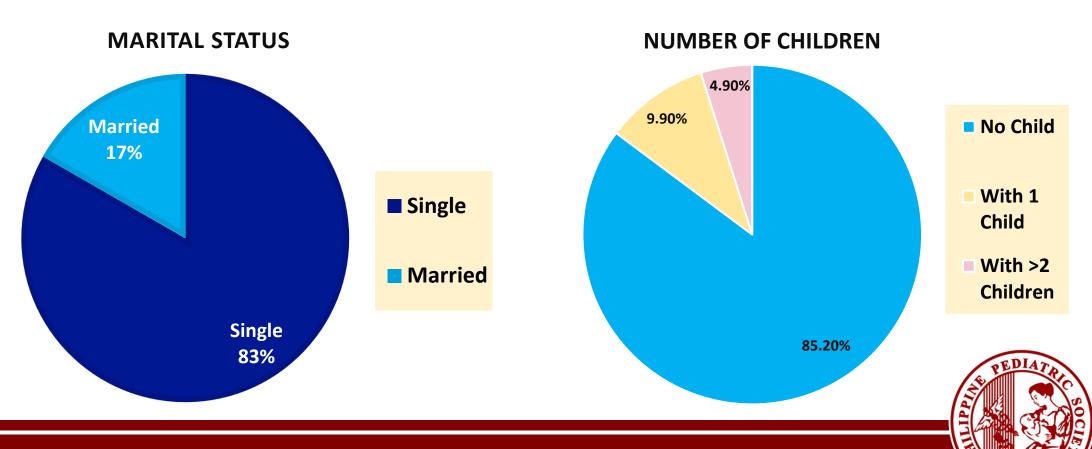
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#### **Effect of COVID 19 on Training**

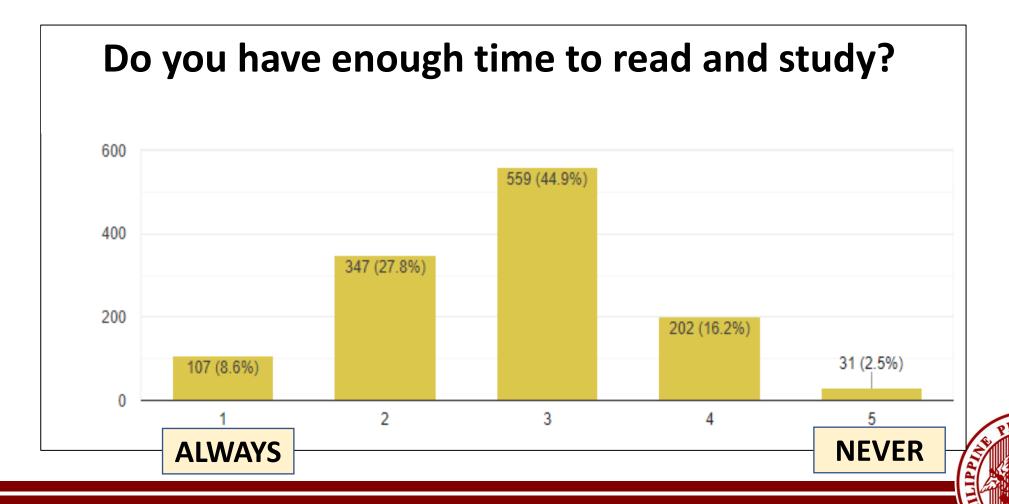
Reduction in case load	87%
Reduction in procedures	76%

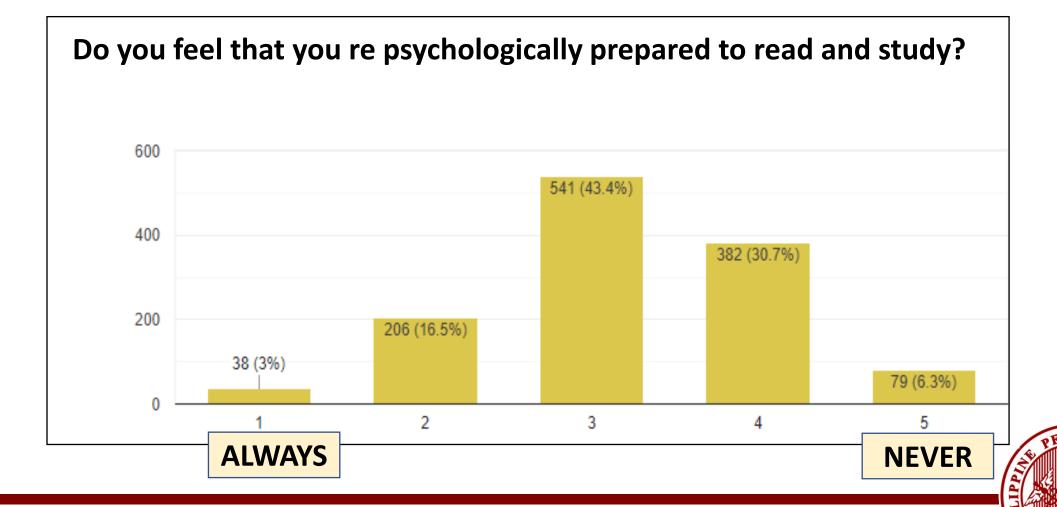
No reduction in teaching/learning activities	76%
No reduction in assessment activities	75%
With virtual teaching/learning activities	99%

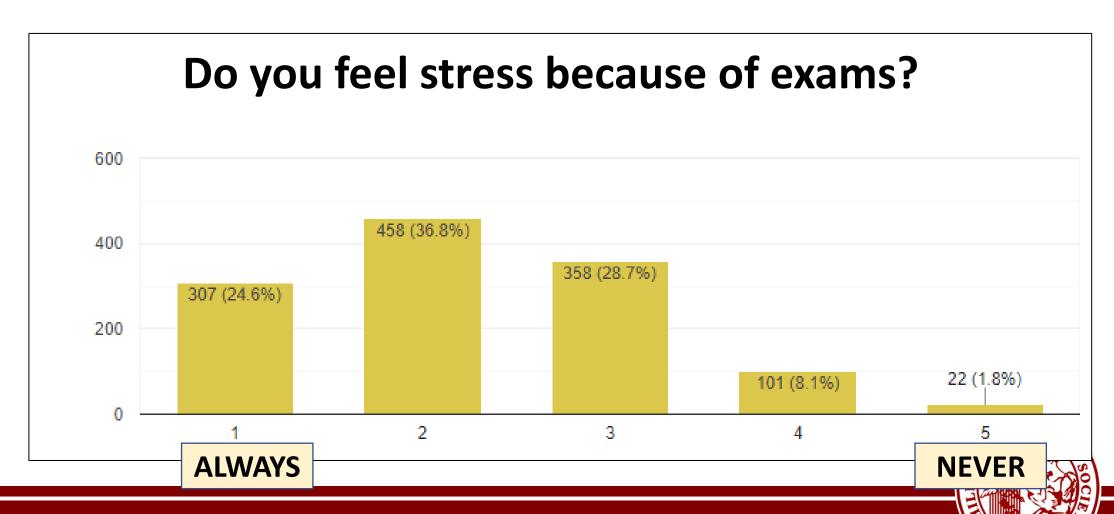
With direct contact with COVID 19 patients	84%
Training with use of PPE in advance	81%
Enough PPE available	77%

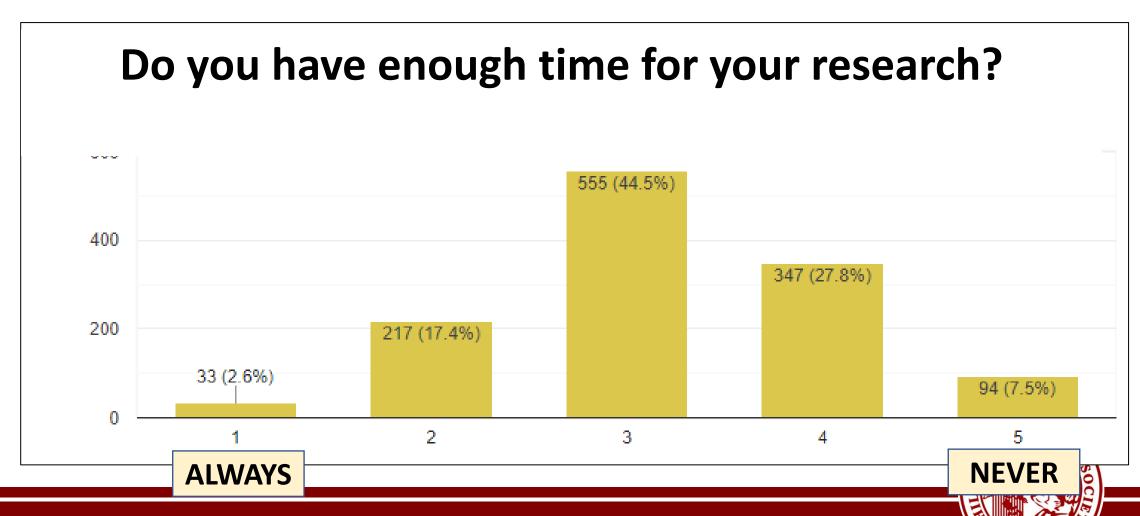
# Innovations of the Department to address the issues

- Online lectures, conferences, case discussions, reporting
- Skeletal Duty
- Use of social media for advocacies



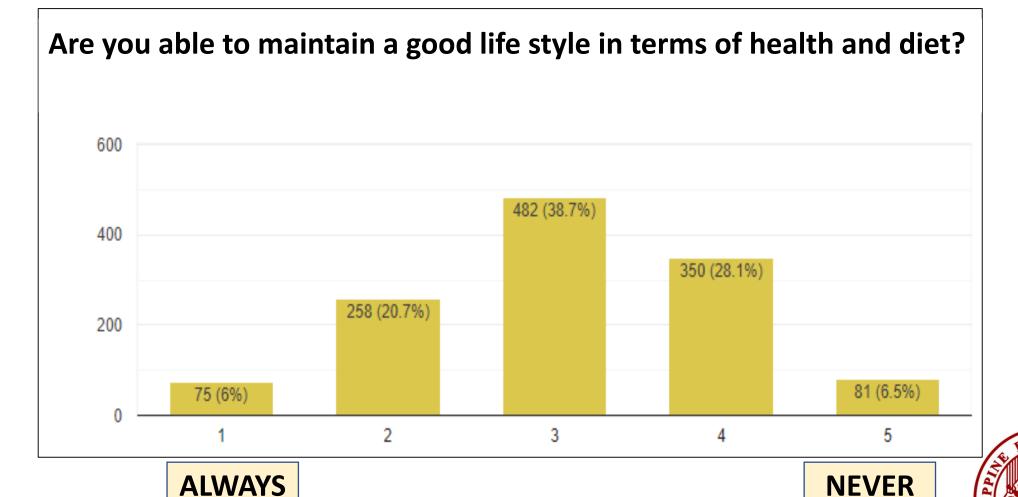


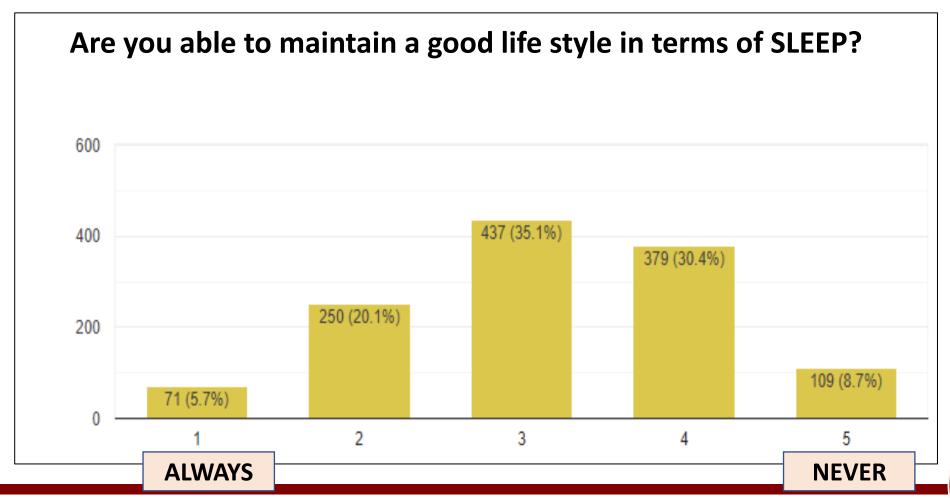


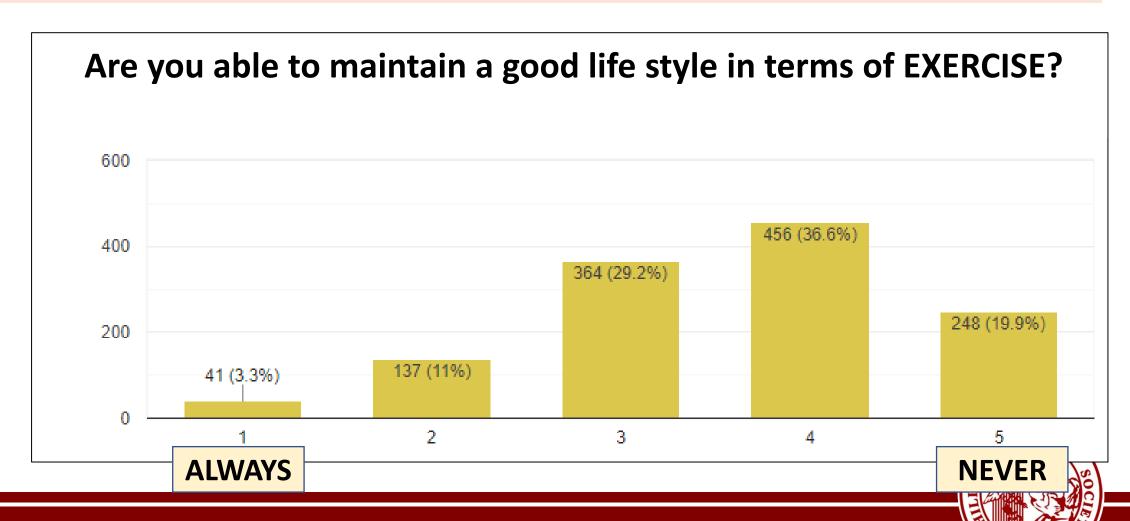


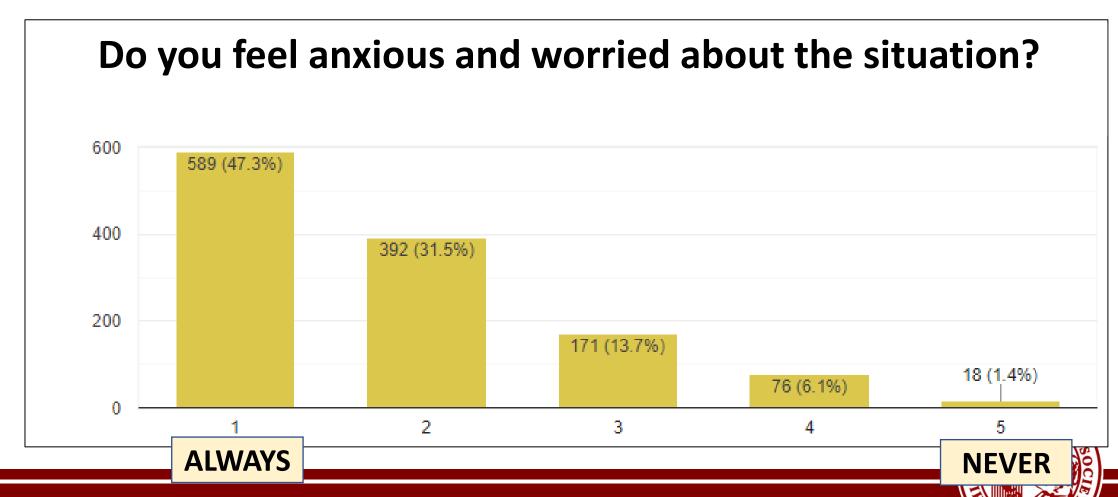
## **Concerns about Training**

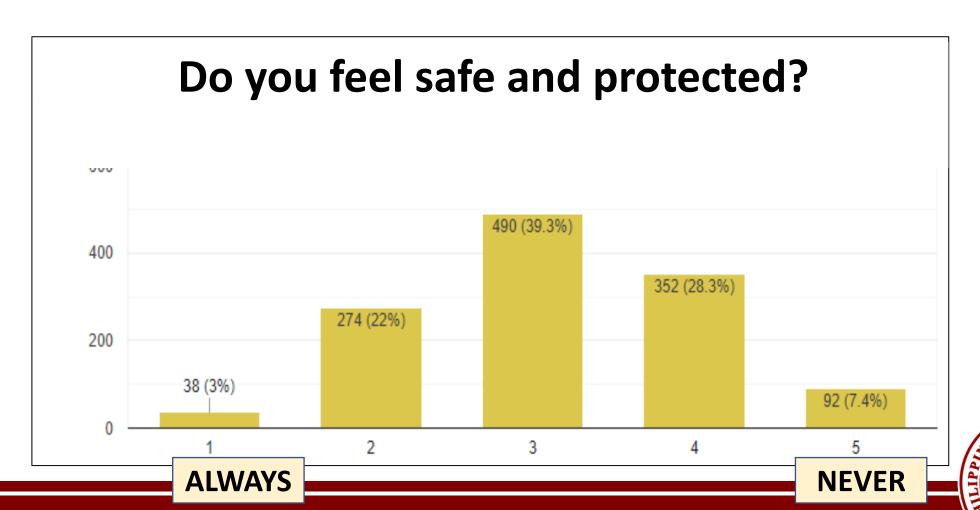
- Lesser procedures
- Lesser exposure and number of cases, specially subspecialty cases
- No outside rotation
- Decreased subjects for research
- Too much written work/ additional paperwork
- Less consults but patients are more toxic
- Lesser opportunity to practice, all theory learning
- Too tired to study

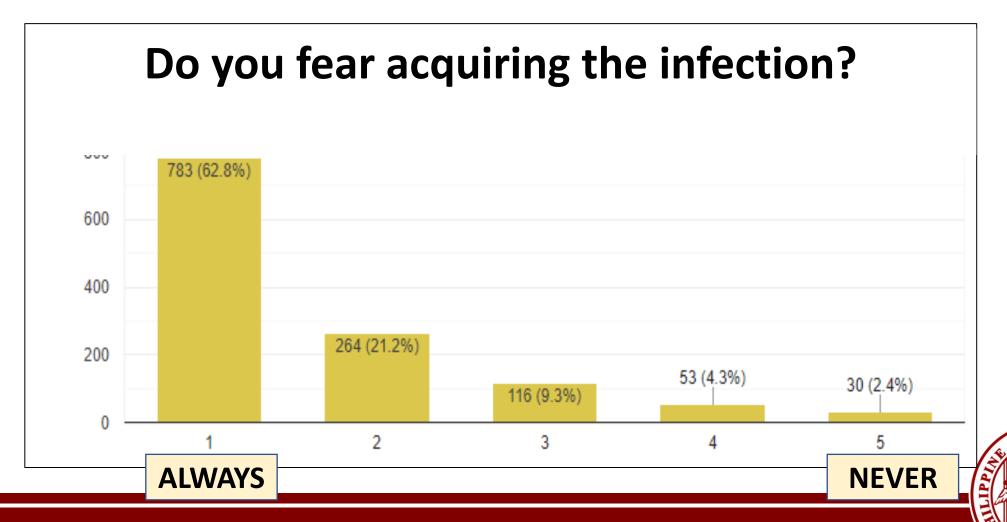


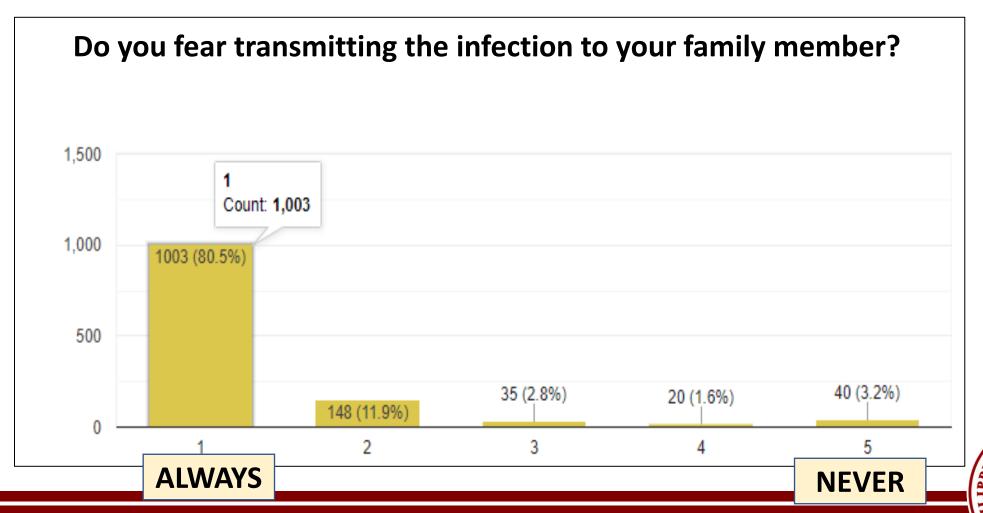


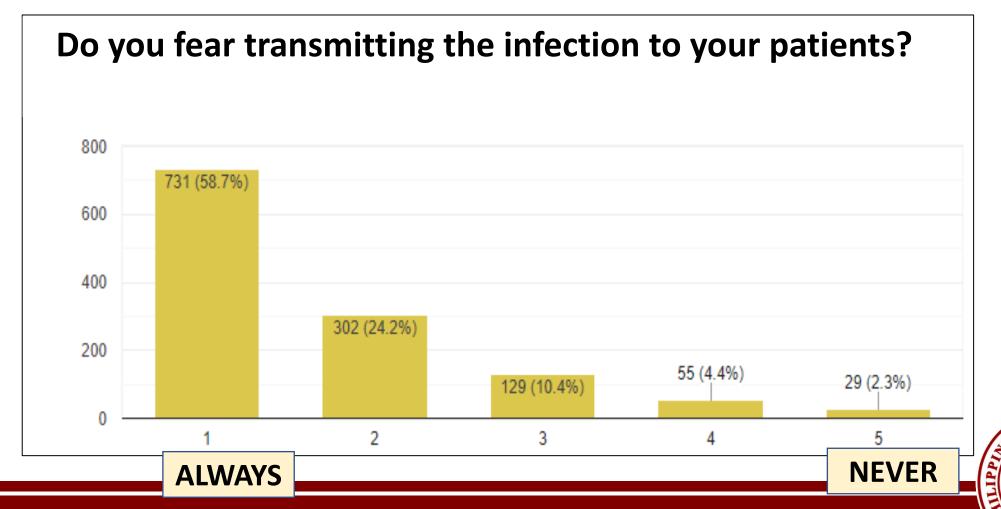


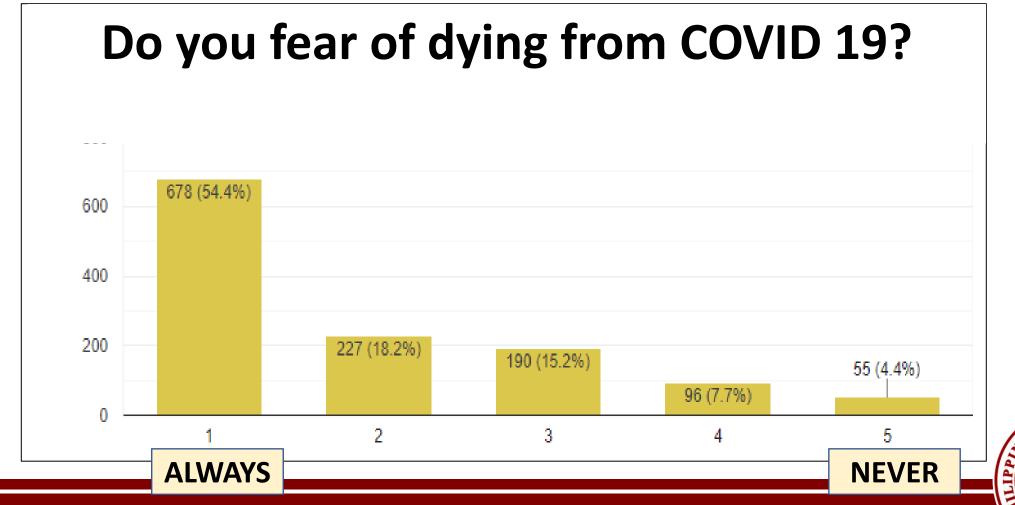




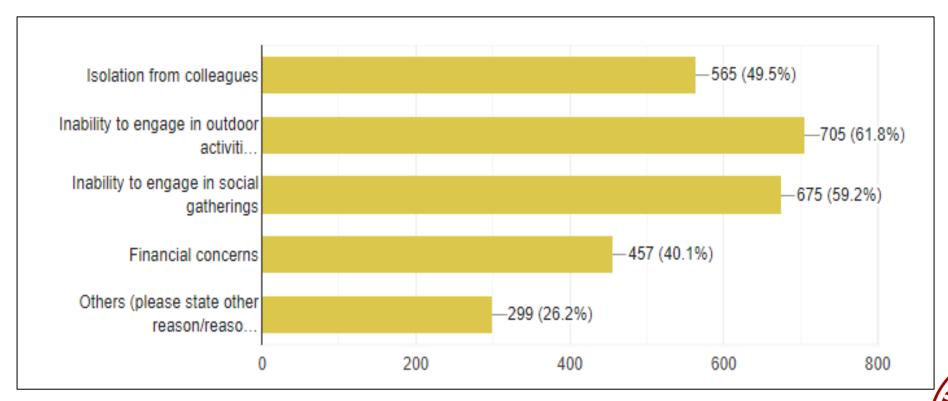






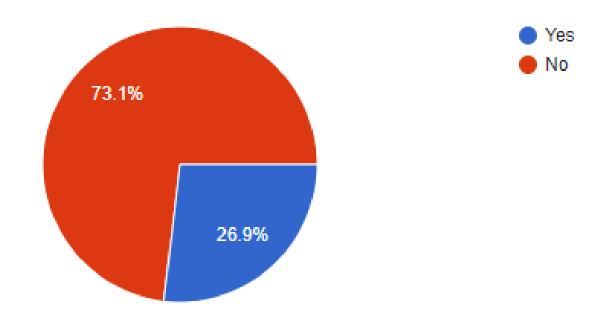


#### What are the reasons for the anxiety? (N = 1141 responses)



- Other reasons for anxiety:
  - Not being with kids/ isolated from family members/ boyfriend
  - Fear for family
  - Getting infected
  - Mentally draining
  - Wanting to quit everyday
  - Overwhelmed by daily activities
  - Failing exams
  - Complying with requirements of residency
  - Uncertainty of the times/ fear of unknown

• If you experienced anxiety or other socio-emotional problem, were you able to seek professional help for this? (N = 1124 responses)





## **SUMMARY**

- The Covid 19 Pandemic impacts on all areas of Pediatric Residency:
  - Training -
  - Services -
  - Rotation -
  - Research -
  - Health and well-being -



# THANK YOU!