



**Resident Physician of the Month**  
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**Dr. Candace Rypien**  
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I was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta but have been fortunate enough to get the opportunity to live both in other parts of Canada as well as the United States. I lived in Manitoba for five years while I did a Master's degree in Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease studying Hepatitis C Virus protein: protein interactions. I also lived in San Diego for a year studying infectious disease protein structure using lipid based protein refolding techniques and NMR crystallography. I did my undergraduate degree in genetics at the University of Alberta and my medical degree at the University of Calgary. I was a Blobfish (Class of 2012) Graduate of the University of Calgary Medical School where I was a founder and the first President of the UofC Student Run Clinic. I matched to Paediatric Residency at the Alberta Children's Hospital and am starting my fellowship in Infectious Disease this year.

I was heavily involved in advocacy at the Alberta Children's Hospital and co-founded a brain development workshop for at-risk families. My interests lie in immune dysregulation, global health and marginalized health care. I love to travel and residency has allowed me to travel to Thailand and Malawi this year and I am going to Tanzania and Uganda this fall. In my spare time I love to bake, kayak and play board games. I also have a large collection of stuffed giant microbes.

A colleague had this to say about Dr. Rypien:

*Only one word can describe Candace - phenomenal. Her organizational skills for us non-pediatric residents and medical students made the rotation much smoother. She was a great delegator for tasks and general orientation. This was all to ensure we were out on time with everything having been completed. Even when someone was wrong (i.e. with medications, consults, etc.) she was always supportive and never demeaning. She took every opportunity to teach everyone at all levels. She made sure she was available to us both via pager and cell phone and took the time to respond after work hours when a personal problem occurred. On a personal note, when a medical issue came up with me, she was outstanding. She was, again, supportive and understanding. Her continuous positive attitude helped make the atmosphere an excellent learning environment. She even showed her fellow seniors residents how much she cared by providing gifts for them post- royal college exam.*

**Congratulations Dr. Rypien!**