



# David Geffen School of Medicine

## Department Chairs for DGSOM Residency Application Chair's Letter

The specialties below require a Chair's Letter for your residency application. If you are planning on applying to a preliminary year program in internal medicine, pediatrics, and/or surgery, you will also need a Chair's Letter. Email your request to the email indicated below.

### Internal Medicine (select *one* from your 3<sup>rd</sup> year clerkship)

- Cedars-Sinai: Anish Desai, MD [anish.desai@cshs.org](mailto:anish.desai@cshs.org) (co-signed by Paul Noble, MD)
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Include the "RRMC IM Clerkship Chair Letter request" with your email

### Pediatrics

- Deborah Lehman, MD [dlehman@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:dlehman@mednet.ucla.edu) (co-signed by Sherin Devaskar, MD)

### Obstetrics & Gynecology

- Lauren Nathan, MD [LNathan@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:LNathan@mednet.ucla.edu) (co-signed by Deborah Krakow, MD)

### Orthopaedic Surgery

- Nelson Soohoo, MD (co-signed by Francis Hornicek, MD)
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### Surgery, General

- Ronald Busuttil, MD
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- Christian deVirgilio, MD [cdevirgilio@labiomed.org](mailto:cdevirgilio@labiomed.org)

### Urology

- Jennifer Singer, MD [JSinger@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:JSinger@mednet.ucla.edu) (co-signed by Mark Litwin, MD)