

Doctor, 29, white, 1 (3 yr old evie)
Separated, Long Island, 70K,

In school before evie, crammed
lots in, ~~was~~ asked other women
when they thought it would be
best - no good time to have kids -
regardless its really hard before
training, Really wanted kids
early in life, know risks of
advanced maternal age - ~~it~~
didn't want to be in a bracket
of higher risk. - prob talked
to around 5 ppl - great that
I took 4 months off - was
8 months pregnant when interviewing
saw written in file, worry that
someone would see it as liability
but I was hard working/never
missed anything so not too worried.
Harder than it could have been -
couldn't have had her w/o parents
around. Daycare is 1200/mo -
feel like I missed a lot of it

Can't go to daycare ~~after~~ for 48
mo after fever - thats hard.
I've been lucky

Request vacation May of previous year, off now because was going to be pregnant.

4 weeks total - have to make up work - internist/gen med.

going to be a nocturnist - 12 nights/wk - want sole custody - more conducive to having a kid.

Feel like making sacrifice but more because of divorce than ER training out of state

Preg. when interviewing - fear more from classmates - looked at it as a way to filter out not family friendly practices.

50/50 male/female split

had to stop pumping after 6 months too stressful.

coworkers that had kids during first year - rolling eyes at TBA, breast feeding, etc.

Jeremy stepped up during training.

No designated breaks.

mostly men.

2-3 kids, plan Maternity leave in May -
1 yr in advance. Had to tell chiefs -
wrote it out

After only 4 weeks - friend is not
functioning, not remembering b/c so
exhausted, kind of scary.

Maternity leave extends training. would delay
by months + wouldn't start w/ coworkers,
complicates things. - depends on type of
Resident.

Can get Maternity leave as an attending but
don't know how it works.

No one knows how much you're making as
attending - my hospital has standardized
scale so all kind of equal - talk to
coworkers to find out. L1J pays
a lot. I didn't negotiate salary, don't
know if other people do. More negotiating
if you go to primary care outside of a
hospital - talk to lawyers regarding
contracts. I choose path of least
resistance, didn't want outpatient,
want my job to be done at the
end of the day.

Wonder if women get paid less in
community - what is pay gap
among those doctors. Don't see that
much of a pay gap.

Colleague said I shouldn't get pregnant
during training - ~~Life~~ how can you
say that it's not your life - just ignorant
"it takes a village"

~~Strike~~