

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
Department of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

FELLOWSHIP FACTS

Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Fellowship Training Program

Fellowship Training Program Mission:

“to train gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition leaders of tomorrow”

1. We intend to take six fellows for July 2008. All slots are through the NRMP match.
2. **Fellowship training** is three years. As of this year, our program will accept up to 18 fellows per year. All fellows receive at least 18 months of clinical training. Fellows receive an average of six to nine months of protected time for research.
2. Fellows receive **clinical and research training** from faculty with expertise in several disciplines:
 - Pancreaticobiliary
 - Hepatology
 - Inflammatory Bowel Disease
 - Small Bowel / Liver Transplantation
 - Motility
 - Advanced Endoscopy
 - ERCP and EUS
 - Neurogastroenterology
 - Nutrition Support
 - GI Oncology
 - Medical Informatic
3. The standard **fellow schedule** for three years includes:
 - Year I: Clinical
 - Year II: Six months mentored research and six months clinical
 - Year III: Three to six months research and six months clinical
4. Three **fellow “tracks”** include:
 - Physician Science
 - Clinical Research/Investigation
 - Clinical Education/Informatics

Midway through Year I, fellows meet with program director to identify research mentor and to begin planning research project. Opportunity to enter the Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP): summer course work (1/2 of MPH), study design, help with manuscript and grant writing.
5. **All fellows must publish** an abstract or manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal by the completion of fellowship. Fellows may attend one conference per year.
6. **NIH T32 training grant** is typically for fellows on the physician science track. Fellows receive 18 months of protected time for research. Fellows assigned to T32 training grant are expected to pursue an academic GI career.
7. The majority of **training** occurs at UPMC Presbyterian and Montefiore Hospitals and the VA Medical Center. Additional outpatient experience is available at the UPMC Shadyside and Magee-Womens Hospitals.
8. Fellows receive extensive **endoscopic training**. Fellows graduate the program having done over 500 upper endoscopies and 350 colonoscopies. Year I fellows will attend the ASGE endoscopic training course and spend one half day per week with director of GI endoscopy. Year II & III fellows will have one to two months of dedicated endoscopy lab time (in addition to routine endoscopy training during outpatient and inpatient months).
9. **Teaching opportunities:** to teach medical students and residents. Preceptors for medical school patient based learning course and physical diagnosis. Clinical teaching rounds with IM residents.
10. **Additional course work/training:** CRTP (MPH coursework) and opportunity to become involved with business administrative research and coursework.
11. **Call** is typically one weekend day per month and two to three weeknights per month.
12. **Continuity clinic** is one half-day per week for 36 months. Year I fellows are assigned to a clinic attending. At the end of Year I, fellows may elect to rotate through different clinics every six months.
13. **National conferences:** Year I fellows may attend ASGE endoscopy course (weekend) and either ACG or AASLD. Year II and III fellows may attend any national conference, but the program recommends DDW.
14. **UPMC Division of GI Training Philosophy:** Fellows are here to learn not meet the service needs of the hospital. Although the training is clinically rigorous the goal of the faculty is to teach fellows to become outstanding clinical investigators and clinicians.