

**4th Year Cardiology Fellowship positions available in
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
Starting Date: July 1, 2012
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**

The University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) is pleased to offer a training program in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology (AHFTC). Completion of three years of ACGME-accredited Internal Medicine training is required; an additional three years of ACGME-accredited general cardiology training is preferred. Additional information regarding our fellowship programs is available on our website at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/cardweb/fellowship/index.shtml>

Program Description:

The UWMC is a tertiary referral teaching hospital which serves the WWAMI states which include Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. It has an active heart failure/cardiac transplant program with an average of 25 to 30 cardiac transplantation operations and a similar number of mechanical assist device implantations yearly. Having performed our first cardiac transplant in 1985, we have performed more than 500 such operations with survival statistics superior to the national average. We have six full time cardiologists, five ARNPs, and five RNs dedicated to the care of these patients. The Division of Cardiology has more than 40 cardiologists on staff, providing comprehensive interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, congenital heart disease, and echocardiography services.

The UWMC AHFTC in-patient service has approximately 500 admissions per year and is staffed by an AHFTC attending, an AHFTC fellow, a second year general cardiology fellow, a pulmonary/critical care fellow, and two in-patient ARNPs. Night-time coverage is provided by a hospitalist service. The out-patient clinics are staffed by all AHFTC attendings and three additional ARNPs, accounting for more than 1300 out-patient visits and more than 150 new referrals per year.

Responsibilities of the AHFTC fellow will include a combined primary responsibility/supervisory position on the in-patient service, consultative services for patients with end-stage heart failure and those following cardiac transplantation, as well as collaborative care for patients following implantation of mechanical ventricular assist devices (VADs). Additionally, fellows will participate in heart failure, electrophysiology/device, post-transplant, and VAD out-patient clinics where they will have the opportunity to evaluate patients receiving or being considered for a wide array of heart failure therapies. Fellows will actively participate in the performance of right heart catheterizations and cardiac biopsies in post-transplant patients and will participate in transplant donor procurement activities, becoming eligible for UNOS certification as a transplant physician.

We anticipate this training pathway will also qualify fellows for the ABIM board examination in Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation (<http://www.abim.org/specialty/ahftc.aspx>) .

Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Faculty:

Daniel P. Fishbein, MD; Section Head
Carol M. Buchter, MD; Fellowship Director
Wayne C. Levy, MD
Elina Minami, MD; Associate Fellowship Director
Kevin D. O'Brien, MD

April Stempien-Otero, MD

Application process – to be submitted as one complete PDF document via email by October 1, 2011.

Please note that late applications will not be considered.

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1. Curriculum vitae
2. Research Experience
3. Personal Statement (no more than 300 words)

Please refer to our website for detailed instructions:

<http://depts.washington.edu/cardweb/fellowship/application.shtml#personalStatement>

These documents must be sent as original documents directly to our office by October 1, 2011:

1. USMLE Transcript
2. Dean's Letter
3. Medical School Transcripts
4. ECFMG Certificate and Visa Status if applicable*
5. Letters of recommendation: Cardiology Fellowship Director/ I.M. Residency Director; Dean's Letter, and two letters from research mentors and cardiology faculty who know you well. Letters should address your clinical skills, research experience, and potential for an academic career in Heart Failure/Transplant.

*See the UW Visa policies here:

<http://uwmedicine.washington.edu/Education/Graduate-Medical-Education/Documents/Visa%20Policy%20FINAL.pdf>

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Link to University of Washington Equal Opportunity Employment Information:

<http://www.washington.edu/provost/ap/eoaa/>

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