University Of Washington Internal Medicine Residency Program

Gastroenterology-Directed Residency Training

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Subspecialty web site address
www.uwgi.org
http://gi.medconnection.org/sites/training/default.aspx (sign in with netID)

Deadline for fellowship applications
August 15th, of the year prior to July 1 start date
All applications should be submitted through ERAS
All applicants are matched through the NRMP GI Fellowship Match

General suggestions for residency training
The University of Washington Internal Medicine Residency Program provides an excellent foundation for subspecialty training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. There is a track record of UW Internal Medicine Residents joining the program as GI Fellows and going on to successful careers in Gastroenterology as clinicians, investigators and teachers in both academic and non-academic settings. A solid foundation in the core competencies in Internal Medicine is an absolute requirement for trainees to become well-trained gastroenterologists. Many aspects of patient care in Gastroenterology and Hepatology involve knowledge of principles relevant to other subspecialties of Internal Medicine. For example, significant overlap exists between GI diseases and Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Pulmonary/Critical Care, and Dermatology. Therefore, we seek applicants who come to our program with a solid foundation in Internal Medicine.

For residents interested in applying for a GI Fellowship, we recommend doing at least one elective in GI and/or Hepatology, establishing a rapport with at least one GI or Hepatology faculty member, and attending GI or Liver-related conferences in the University of Washington system. We also encourage potential applicants to meet with either the Program Director or the Associate Program Director to discuss the application process and career goals. A research project with a GI or Hepatology Faculty member can strengthen an application. We also recommend that at least one letter of recommendation be written by a faculty member of the GI Division.

All applicants apply through the Match for the 3 year ACGME-accredited Fellowship (designated the Clinician-Teacher Pathway). Once accepted into the program, fellows have the option of enrolling in an NIH T32-funded Research Training pathway in which the fellowship is extended to 4 years, with the latter two years of the program devoted to research training. Fellows in this pathway have acquired the skills to perform independent research in a diverse array of endeavors, including basic science, translational research, epidemiology, outcomes research, and health services research. Several fellows have acquired advanced degrees such as the MPH under the auspices of the T32 program. This pathway is designated the Physician/Scientist Pathway.
We also offer a one-year ACGME-accredited fellowship in Transplant Hepatology as a 4th year option. Successful completion of an ACGME-accredited GI Fellowship is a prerequisite for admission.

**Suggested curriculum during residency**
- Gastroenterology inpatient consult service (UWMC, HMC or VAPSHCS)
- General gastroenterology clinic (UWMC, HMC, or VAPSHCS)
- Hepatology clinic (UWMC)

**Local subspecialty-specific conferences open to residents**
1. “Frontiers in Gastroenterology and Hepatology” is a weekly CME-approved conference that takes place every Friday from 7:30 – 10:00 AM. Presentations include Grand Rounds, Morbidity and Mortality Conference, Journal Clubs, Guest Speakers, and didactic sessions devoted to trainees. This conference is held at UW in the K wing in K-069 on most Fridays. Please check the UW GI Division website (www.uwgi.org) for the calendar of events and location.

   2. Clinical Case Conferences, Tumor Boards, Pre-Clinic Conferences, Research Seminars, etc. are held at each of the teaching institutions. These may be attended if a resident is on a GI Consult Rotation at that site.

**Local subspecialty-specific social/educational events open to residents**
- Pacific Northwest Gastroenterology Society (PNWGS) – Six dinner meetings per year
   www.uwgi.org/pnwgs/ Check with your GI Consult Attending regarding attendance.

   Best of AASLD—Held in November/December, this is a CME event summarizing the latest advances in Liver Diseases. Location and dates vary—please check www.uwgi.org

   Best of DDW—Held in May/June, this is a CME event summarizing the latest advances in Gastroenterology. Location and dates vary—please check www.uwgi.org

**Dates of important national meetings**
- Yearly combined meeting of the GI societies – ‘Digestive Disease Week’ early May
- Yearly meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) – November
- Yearly meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) - October