

Endocrinology Fellowship Training Program

Introduction:

Our fellowship training program provides an outstanding and balanced educational experience in the biology and pathophysiology of endocrine disease. Our hospitals cater to a diverse patient population from many different countries and socio-economic backgrounds which provide our trainees with a great understanding of healthcare disparities and the importance of understanding one's social background. We have the faculty, facilities, and curriculum to provide fellows with both excellent clinical training and research experience. The Division faculty has broad clinical expertise in all major areas of endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism.

Our graduates possess excellent clinical judgment, excellent skills, and a high order of knowledge about the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of endocrine disorders. Our graduates learn to treat patients and their families with respect and compassion and possess a high level of professional integrity.

Program Training Rotations/Curriculum:

We have 1 fellow per year in our 2 year Endocrinology Fellowship Training Program at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center. Our curriculum is divided into an inpatient experience, outpatient experience and research experience. The two year training sequence includes one and one-half years of intensive inpatient and outpatient clinical training, followed by one-half year of full-time laboratory and/or patient-oriented research in the second year. The program fulfills all of the requirements of the American Board of Internal Medicine for subspecialty training. Fellows are "board-eligible" after the second year of training.

The inpatient experience mainly consists of consultations at both Mount Sinai St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. Inpatient consultations are varied and range from management of hyperglycemia, hyperthyroidism, and diabetes insipidus to nutrition consultations for initiation/management of TPN. The outpatient experience involves management of patients at the fellow's continuity clinic three days a week. In addition, the first year fellows take part in a 1 month elective in Pediatric Endocrinology and a 1 month elective in Reproductive Endocrinology. In the second year the fellow has 3 months of elective time— where they can choose their focus. In the past, fellows have chosen electives in diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis, pituitary disease, performing thyroid biopsies/FNAs, etc.

The overall goal for our Fellowship Training Program is to produce independently functioning and continuously improving Endocrinologists with an understanding of the science and art of medicine. To measure how trainees meet these expectations we have set our specific goals for each rotation and our evaluation system around the ACGME fundamental goals and outcomes which stretch across all specialties.

Application Process and Requirements:

A. Requirements for Applicants

1. Interested applicants should apply via the ERAS site. We require the following supporting documents to be submitted via ERAS:

- Application
- Picture (not required, but appreciated)
- CV
- Personal statement
- 3 Letters of Recommendation, including one from your program director
- Dean's Letter – MSPE
- Medical School Transcript
- USMLE Transcript
- ECFMG Report (if applicable)

2. Applicants must be graduates of:

- American or Canadian medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).
- American colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- International medical schools
- International medical schools who have completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.

3. Applicants must have satisfactorily completed an ACGME-accredited internal medicine residency and have been declared board-eligible in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. One of the three letters of recommendation described above must be from the director of their Internal Medicine residency program.

4. All applicants must provide documentation that they have met the above requirements. This documentation will be kept in the training record of those physicians accepted into our program.

B. Admission Procedures

1. The program director shall maintain a process for selecting resident physicians who are personally and professionally suited for training in endocrinology.

2. The program will have a resident Selection Committee consisting of the program director, the chief of the division and attending endocrinologists who interview and evaluate applicants to the residency program. The evaluations will be written and kept in the folders of the applicants accepted into the program.

3. The Endocrinology fellowship program will accept only applicants whose command of English is sufficient to facilitate accurate, unimpeded communication with patients, teachers, and other medical and health professional staff. This will be determined through direct observation during the applicant's interview.

4. The ranking and acceptance of applicants will be based on a review of the applicants and the interview. Each member of the Selection Committee will independently rank the leading candidates. The scores will be tabulated and a discussion about a rank order for acceptance carried out. The rank order will then be followed in filling the available slot(s).

5. Eligible applicants will be selected on the basis of their preparedness, ability, aptitude, academic credentials, communication skills, and personal qualities such as motivation and integrity. The Endocrinology Program does not discriminate with regard to sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

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