Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowship
at
UPMC Rehabilitation Institute

is a one year ACGME (#3454113017) accredited clinical fellowship offered by the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute. More about our SCIM Fellowship is available at: http://www.rehabmedicine.pitt.edu/fellowship/fel_SCI.html

Fellowship training is centered at UPMC Mercy, a level 1 trauma center and home to the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute. Fellows also rotate at UPMC Presbyterian and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, each a level 1 trauma center as well.

Our program is focused on preparing the fellow in the optimal use of medical and rehabilitation interventions to improve the daily functioning and quality of life of patients who have both traumatic and non-traumatic spinal cord injuries and other common diagnoses such as multiple sclerosis, myelopathy, and acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy.

Fellowship curriculum includes training in:
- Inpatient SCI rehabilitation
- SCI Acute Care and Consults
- Urology
- Pulmonary Management
- Outpatient Evaluations
- Research

Inpatient Experiences

UPMC is a leading hospital system in Pennsylvania and as such provides the fellow exposure to all levels of care in spinal cord injury medicine.

Rotations in the acute care/trauma setting take place in adult and pediatric care centers within the UPMC system. The fellow will engage in consultations on patients with new SCI as well as readmission of SCI patients with new problems, patients with multiple sclerosis, or patients with spine or spinal cord dysfunction of another etiology.

The fellow completes five months of inpatient rehabilitation training in our 20 bed SCI unit. The fellow helps to lead the interdisciplinary team to maximize patient recovery and independence.

Specialty training in neurogenic bladder, urodynamic testing, and pulmonary management of patients with SCI is also provided.

Outpatient Experiences

During the outpatient rotation the fellow participates in a multitude of clinics with faculty from various departments within UPMC. Experiences include clinics for wheelchair and seating, spasticity, pain, Orthopedic spine, general spinal cord injury, and wound care. Approximately 15% of the fellow's outpatient clinic rotation is spent in pediatric clinics.

Fellows participate in specialty outpatient clinics and programs and receive training treating conditions including:
- spasticity
- botulinum toxin injections
- baclofen pump management
- adult and pediatric spina bifida
- assistive technology

Application Process

Applications can be downloaded from: www.rehabmedicine.pitt.edu/fellowship/fel_SCI.html.

Applicants must submit their rank list through the Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Match in the NRMP (http://www.nrmp.org/).

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