

Applicant Information

Interested physicians who have satisfactorily completed the appropriate residency program can download the application from the Fellowships page on our website: rehabmedicine.pitt.edu. Our program uses the common application for SCI fellowships. We participate in the NRMP Match process to fill our position

The following must be submitted with the application:

- Updated CV
- Copies of *all* score sheets from USMLE, COMLEX, and/or other examinations
- ECFMG Certificate (if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation

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Dr. Harrington is board certified in both Physical Medicine Rehabilitation and Spinal Cord Injury Medicine. As director, she brings a high level of expertise in bowel and bladder health, wound care, and inpatient/outpatient management of care.

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Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowship



University of
Pittsburgh

Department of Physical
Medicine & Rehabilitation
Model System on Spinal
Cord Injury (UPMC-SCI)

UPMC
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Rehabilitation Institute



OVERVIEW

Our program is focused on preparing the fellow in 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 diagnoses such as multiple sclerosis, myelopathy, and acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy.

The fellowship provides excellent exposure to:

- Acute care
- Inpatient rehab
- Outpatient continuity clinics
- Consultations
- Spasticity management

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, both of which are also level 1 trauma centers.

UPMC-SCI

The Department is proud to house a prestigious Model System on Spinal Cord Injury, funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research.



The fellowship offers a unique opportunity for research and enhanced data collection and enhanced information exchange among the model centers.

INPATIENT EXPERIENCES

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

The program includes 5 months of inpatient rehab training in our 20-bed SCI unit. The fellow helps to lead an interdisciplinary team to maximize patient recovery and independence.

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

OUTPATIENT EXPERIENCES

The fellow will participate in several clinics with faculty from a variety of departments within UPMC during the outpatient rotation.

Fellows will participate in specialty outpatient clinics and programs, and receive training treating conditions including:

- Neurotoxin injections
- Baclofen pump management
- Adult and pediatric spina bifida
- Wheelchairs & assistive technology

EDUCATIONAL and RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Fellows will participate in a wide variety of educational opportunities such as educating residents and medical students and presenting at conferences. We provide an educational stipend and additional conference support. Our program does not require the fellow to do on-call, but allow them to do moonlighting if desired. The program offers 20 vacation days and benefits with access to nationally ranked healthcare facilities and physicians.

Fellows are allotted a half day per week protected time to pursue their research interests. By the end of the training, the fellow is encouraged to submit at least 1 abstract to a national meeting and participate in the writing of a manuscript for a peer-reviewed publication.