Pediatric GI/Hepatology/Nutrition Fellowship Training Program

About Us

The Indiana University School of Medicine established Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition as an independent discipline in 1969 under the direction of Dr. Joseph F. Fitzgerald. It was one of the first pediatric GI programs in the U.S.A. The program and the core faculty are nationally and internationally recognized. The fellowship training program is ACGME-accredited and designed to prepare outstanding physicians to be excellent clinicians, with emphasis on an academic career. We strive to educate young physicians in the provision of care to children with thoughtfulness and compassion, along with unsurpassed expertise in the field of gastroenterology. Clinical and translational research are integrated into the training program to promote the trainee's preparation for active participation in the academics. Bench research is widely available on- campus in collaboration with other sections in Pediatrics or Adult Gastroenterology.

Goals and Objectives

The goal of our program is to provide a complete clinical experience in all areas of pediatric gastroenterology that will provide the fellow with the skills on which to build a career in patient care, research and teaching. The fellow will become proficient in all of the procedures that are employed in the evaluation and management of the patient with dysfunction of the gastrointestinal tract, liver or pancreas. The fellow will also develop experience in nutritional assessment and in the design of enteral and parenteral nutritional rehabilitation options during the fellowship program. Time will be allotted during all three years of the training program for the development of clinical, translational or bench research skills. Finally, the fellow will participate in the preparation and presentation of clinical observations and data generated by well-designed research protocols. The fellow will be an active participant in the generation of manuscripts for publication.

Curriculum

Year 1: The first year fellow is on the clinical service for 6 of the 12 months, and one month will be spent in the outpatient GI clinic and endoscopy suite. During the 6 months on the inpatient service, the fellow oversees the performance of the students and residents in the management of all inpatients. He/she provides inpatient consultation services, along with the faculty. Additional months are dedicated to Pathology/Radiology, Nutrition Support, Transplant Hepatology, and GI Subspecialty Clinics. One months during the first year of fellowship is and academic month to be spent identifying a research project and selecting your Scholarly Oversight Committee members. Continuity clinics are held 1-2 half-days a week during non-service months.

Year 2: The fellow is on the clinical service for 3 of the 12 months. Two additional core rotations include Advanced Clinical Elective and Advanced Procedures/Surgery. The remaining 7 months are devoted to academic growth in the fellow's research area. The fellow will attend 1-2 half-day continuity clinics per week during non-service months.

Year 3: 2 of the 12 months are spent on the clinical service. The remaining 10 months will be solely devoted to the completion of research activities. The fellow will attend 2 half-day continuity clinics per week during non-service months.

Conferences: Education conferences are attended by all Pediatric GI Faculty and Fellows. GI/Pathology Conferences are conducted twice monthly. Monthly conferences include Research Conference, GI/General Surgery/Radiology Joint Conference, ImproveCareNow Conference, Fellows' Didactic Conference, and Journal Club. Morbidity and Mortality Conference, in addition to the GI/Pulmonology Conferences, are held quarterly.

The fellows have out-of-hospital call responsibilities during all three fellowship years. The call responsibilities are equally divided among the fellows. There is one fellow responsible for the consult service and a second fellow responsible for inpatient service each month.

Fellowship salary and benefits are commensurate with national standards.

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Faculty

Led by Dr. Jean Molleston, the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health is consistently named as one of the top pediatric gastroenterology programs in the nation by *US News and World Report*. The faculty are regularly acknowledged for their professionalism, skill, and medical expertise by being named some of the *Top Doctors in Indiana* and *Top Doctors in the Nation.* In addition, the faculty are consistently recognized for their efforts in medical education, having received multiple teaching awards, with more than 60 publications over the past two years and over 70 active IRB research studies in 2019. Diverse clinical programs and multispecialty clinics provide tailored care for our patients. This personalized approach is championed by our faculty physicians, with important input from our Nutrition Support Team and a Pediatric GI Psychologist.