Our mission:
To serve. To heal.
To educate.
The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency at Cooper University Hospital is a three year program with Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle credentialing designed to give residents the maximum amount of exposure to all aspects of podiatric surgery and prepare residents for practice. While emphasis is placed on the development of surgical skills, the resident will also develop the necessary clinical skills and practice management ability to succeed. The residency prepares and allows the resident to become eligible to take the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery examinations during their third year. This program is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education and there are currently six podiatry residency positions with two residents per year.

Cooper University Health Care is a tertiary care medical center in Camden, New Jersey. It is the only Level 1 Trauma Center serving the entire southern half of New Jersey. The hospital has a partnership with the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. Cooper offers its residents a wide range of support services including Clinical Pharmacists that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Cooper Medical Library has the largest section of podiatry and podiatric-related books with over 80 titles, as well as a wide range of journals. The Cooper Bone and Joint Institute research staff generously aids the residents in all aspects of research development.

The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency teaching faculty includes full-time, board certified podiatrists with a plethora of experience in both forefoot and rearfoot/ankle surgery. Additionally, the residents are surgically trained in a variety of specialties and also work closely with an orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeon. The Division Head is Erik C. Freeland, DO and the Residency Program Director is Kimberly Hurley, DPM, FACFAS. Additionally Drs. Steven B. Cancell, DPM; Joan M. Jerrido, DPM; and David M. Millili, DPM work full time as part of the residency program. The Program Director meets semi-annually with the residents to review their performance and also provides written evaluations. Additionally, the teaching staff meets regularly to re-evaluate the design and content of the program.
Program Schedule

PGY–1

Internal Medicine
The goal of the internal medicine rotation is to expose the podiatric resident to the hospital management of general medical patient care. The training experience will include performing complete history and physical examinations and the managing of multiple systemic diseases, including: diabetes, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease, rheumatic diseases, kidney disease, etc.

Radiology
The curriculum goals of the medical imaging rotation are to expose the podiatric resident to various applications and indications of radiographic techniques to assess the status of both podiatric and non-podiatric patients. Goals also include the ability to distinguish between various medical imaging tests and correctly identify and order specific tests.

Infectious Disease
The training experience includes direct interaction with the Infectious Diseases staff as they care for the hospitalized patient. Emphasis will be placed on gaining greater knowledge of offending organisms and the proper use of antibiosis.

Pathology
This service covers both anatomic and clinical pathology. Under the direction of board-certified specialists, you will participate in the diagnostic services relating to the evaluation, interpretation and correlation of specimen analysis. This will include histology, microbiology, serology/immunology, and toxicology.

Anesthesiology
The anesthesia training experience includes direct participation in the evaluation and management of the anesthesia patient in the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative settings.

PGY–2

General Surgery
The training experience includes assisting in the surgical care of the non-podiatric surgical patient in the effort to increase their overall understanding of surgical principles and anatomy.

Plastic Surgery
The goal of the plastic surgical rotation is to expose the podiatric resident to the management of non-podiatric plastic surgical pathology. Goals of this rotation include learning basic skin tissue handling techniques including grafting, and rotational flaps to promote tissue closure, and wound healing.
Program Schedule continued

Behavioral Medicine
The behavior medicine requirement is satisfied with two weeks of training on psychiatry. During the rotation the resident will learn to recognize and medically manage various psychological disorders, both minor and complex. Additionally the resident will develop a thorough understanding of informed consent.

Emergency Medicine
The training experience will emphasize observation and direct management of the emergency medical case with interdisciplinary interaction.

Orthopaedic Trauma
The goal of the orthopaedic rotation is to expose the podiatric resident to the management of non-podiatric orthopaedic surgical pathology. The training experience includes assisting in the surgical care of the non-podiatric orthopaedic surgical patient in the effort to increase their overall understanding of surgical principles and anatomy.

PGY-3
Orthopaedic Oncology
The goal of the orthopaedic oncology rotation is to develop a better understanding of the features of bone and soft tissue tumors. The resident will be exposed to both clinical and surgical aspects of orthopaedic oncology. The experience will improve the ability of the resident to recognize and manage bone and soft tissue tumors of the foot and ankle.

Vascular Surgery
The goal of the vascular surgery rotation is to expose the podiatric resident to the hospital management of vascular surgical pathology. The training experience includes assisting in the surgical care of the non-podiatric surgical patient in the effort to increase their overall understanding of surgical principles and anatomy.

Dermatology
The goal of the dermatology rotation is to develop improved ability to describe and recognize skin and nail pathology and also perform diagnostic procedures. An additional goal of the rotation is to better identify clinical situations in which a dermatologist should be consulted for a skin or nail condition of the foot and ankle.
How to Apply

The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program at Cooper University Hospital participates in the CASPR/CRIP, and all information is processed through this system without exception. Information regarding the CASPR/CRIP application process and timeline is available on the websites listed below.

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
www.aamc.org/eras

CASPR Document Office
www.casprcrip.org

CASPR applications must contain the following information in order for your application to be considered:

- Common application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Three original letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current or most recent training director
- Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans
- ECFMG certification (IMG only)
- USLME reports (1, 2 and 3).

The program director and additional faculty members will review applicant files.

Invitation for interview will be based upon their recommendations.

Program Eligibility

Eligibility for the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program requires graduation from an approved Podiatric Medicine program, passing to step I and II exams. Individuals accepted for a position in the residency program must be U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien, or hold a J-1 visa.

The application deadline for the 2016-17 academic year is shown on the CASPR/CRIP website.
The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area

It is extraordinary to have such a high concentration of leadership at one institution, but then, Cooper is an extraordinary health care system.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing Camden health sciences campus that includes the hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, Sheridan Pavilion at Three Cooper Plaza medical offices, the internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Medical Research, and the Ronald McDonald House. Adjacent to the Cooper Plaza/Lanning Square neighborhood, Cooper has a long history of outreach and service efforts to its local community. Some of these initiatives include health and wellness programs for the neighborhood, development of neighborhood parks and playgrounds, and outreach to programs into local schools.

The hospital’s 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion features an expansive lobby and concourse, a restaurant and coffee shop, business center, gift shop, and chapel. State-of-the-art patient care facilities include private patient rooms, technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, and an advanced laboratory automation facility. The Emergency Department features 25 beds, dedicated isolation suites, and autonomous CT scanning technology. Designated floors serve specific patient populations, including those needing advanced surgical and heart care, along with South Jersey’s only dedicated 30-bed inpatient cancer unit.

Also in the Roberts Pavilion is the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit—featuring 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients considered too medically unstable for transport to the operating room.

Cooper University Health Care and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, partnered in 2013 to create MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. Our partnership is a full clinical integration between the two programs. MD Anderson at Cooper physicians adhere to the same philosophy, processes, and guidelines set by MD Anderson in Houston, and patients receive the same proven practice standards and treatment plans provided at MD Anderson. Today at MD Anderson at Cooper, patients have access to more clinical trials for more types of cancer than ever before, as well as a full range of supportive care services.

Advanced, comprehensive cancer services are provided at our Camden, Voorhees, and Willingboro campuses. Cooper Digestive Health Institute locations are fully accredited MD Anderson at Cooper locations providing...
innovative gastrointestinal cancer prevention, detection, and treatment services. Additional cancer clinical services are provided at multiple locations throughout the Philadelphia-South Jersey areas.

CMSRU’s Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets in Camden. The medical school, which opened in July 2012, was designed to support an innovative curriculum that integrates knowledge of basic science concepts, early clinical experience and patient care, self-directed learning, teamwork, and medical and non-medical activities for the greater community’s benefit.

The Cooper Health Sciences Campus is located in the heart of Camden’s business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation via the PATCO and bus terminal adjacent to the hospital.

Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront, which includes a magnificent waterfront park and marina; the Adventure Aquarium; and the BB&T Pavilion, which hosts nationally renowned entertainment throughout the year. Nearby are the Sixers Training Complex, L3 Communications complex, Lockheed Martin, Rutgers University Camden Campus, and Camden County College. There are expected to be $350M in transportation and infrastructure improvements within the next four to five years to handle the influx of thousands of new employees to the area and students at nearby growing academic campuses.

Cooper is conveniently close to Philadelphia. Just a mile-long drive over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge will put you at the doorstep of Philadelphia’s cultural, culinary, and historic venues. South Jersey also offers a range of living and entertainment options. Quaint towns such as Haddonfield and Collingswood are just 10 minutes away. The lights and action of Atlantic City and popular beach towns such as Cape May and Ocean City are a one-hour drive from Cooper.
The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at: 
CooperHealth.org/Locations