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 David Millili, DPM. Additionally Drs. Steven B. Cancell, DPM; and Joan M. Jerrido, DPM work full time as part of the residency program.
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 Infections 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.

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 medial 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

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.aacpm.org

CASPR Document Office
www.casprweb.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)
• APMLE 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 22-23 academic year is shown on the CASPR/CRIP website.

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The Cooper GME Experience

Cooper University Health Care takes pride in its ability to offer a comprehensive array of diagnostic and treatment services. Cooper University Hospital serves as southern New Jersey’s major tertiary care referral hospital for specialized services. Cooper Premier Institutes, Centers of Excellence, and programs include: MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, Surgical Services Institute, Adult Health Institute, Cooper Heart Institute/Cardiac Partners at Cooper and Inspira, Cooper Bone and Joint Institute, Cooper Neurological Institute, Women’s and Children’s Health Institute, Urban Health Institute, Center for Population Health, Center for Critical Care Services, Center for Urgent and Emergent Services, and the Center for Trauma Services, which includes our Level I Trauma Center, Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, and active community trauma prevention education.

Cooper has been a cornerstone in Camden for more than 130 years and has expanded its facilities and services throughout South Jersey. Cooper has been nationally recognized for its leadership in patient safety, receiving the 2019 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ from Healthgrades, placing it among the top 5% of hospitals in the nation. Cooper was also recognized as a high-performing hospital for treating heart failure and COPD by U.S. News & World Report’s 2019-2020 Best Hospital Survey.

Cooper’s commitment is to provide exceptional care to every patient, every day, in a patient-centered, family-focused environment. Every employee—including our residents and fellows—is a member of the care-giving team and has an important role in making the experience at Cooper a healing one for patients and their families.

Your training at Cooper will be academically challenging, enhanced by our top-ranked faculty and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. We welcome the opportunity to have you as part of our team, as we provide university-quality health care in southern New Jersey.

Diversity Statement

The Graduate Medical Education programs of Cooper University Health Care is committed to providing a supportive environment that allows all members of its academic community to thrive and succeed. We work to recruit a diverse group of residents and fellows, and celebrate the multiple dimensions represented in our community, including, but not limited to race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or age. We recognize the importance of monitoring the outcomes of our diversity efforts so that we can better reflect the diversity of our patients and community. Through our GME Diversity Council, we promote on-going exploration of our own biases while also providing education on discrimination and anti-racism. We provide a safe space for residents to engage in dialogue, learn, and contribute to their fullest potential. We seek opportunities to enrich our community through volunteerism and to effect lasting change through engagement with local leaders.

We are proud. We are diverse. We are Cooper.
Just across the bridge from bustling Philadelphia, and less than an hour from the tranquility of the Pine Barrens and activity of the Jersey shore, Cooper University Hospital is easy to access. The academic campus is located across the street from two commuter rail lines (PATCO and NJ Transit’s River Line) and within walking distance of Rutgers University and Rowan University Camden campuses.

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 commuter high-speed line 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 amphitheater, 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