

2019-2020

Nephrology Fellowship Program



Our mission:

To serve. To heal.
To educate.



Welcome



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Welcome to the Nephrology Fellowship Program at Cooper!

Cooper's mission is "To serve. To heal. To educate." The Nephrology Fellowship Division is happy to play an integral part in this mission. Cooper is a large tertiary care hospital serving its immediate Camden community as well as its referral base throughout all of southern New Jersey.

Cooper is absolutely committed to medical education at both the undergraduate and graduate medical education level. After many decades of hosting third and fourth year students from Robert Wood Johnson University in New Brunswick, a new medical school opened at Cooper in 2012. This school, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, graduated its first class in 2016. The institutional commitment to growth and academic pursuits is exemplified by this new academic presence as well as the ongoing complement of residency and fellowship programs. The Nephrology Fellowship Program has a strong history of producing clinician educators with exposure to all varieties of kidney disease. In fact, two of Cooper's current nephrology faculty trained at Cooper either for residency or fellowship, or both.

The Nephrology Fellowship Program offers a great diversity of experiences from critically ill patients at Cooper to transplant patients to all forms of dialysis in the outpatient setting. Please see the Fellowship Education section for more details and future goals of the program.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to meeting you as you consider your site for nephrology training.

Sincerely,

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Fellowship Program Director

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Nephrology Division Chief

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Fellowship Education



The Nephrology Fellowship is a two-year program. Fellows rotate through the inpatient service, outpatient dialysis clinic, and renal transplantation service. Teaching sites include Cooper University Hospital (primary), outpatient Davita Dialysis units, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (transplant rotation). Fellows gain expertise in acute dialysis modalities (including continuous dialysis) and maintenance dialysis modalities (hemodialysis at home and in-center as well as peritoneal dialysis), renal biopsy, immediate and long-term management of renal transplant patients, and access placement for peritoneal dialysis and hemodialysis.

The second year is devoted to consolidation of clinical skills and completion of academic projects. In each year, the fellow maintains an outpatient office practice. Candidates must be board-eligible or certified in internal medicine. Our current ACGME-approved fellowship size is one (1) fellow per year. Fellows are on call one out of every four weekends.

The Cooper University Nephrology Fellowship is very proud of its record in training excellent clinicians. Strengths of the program include the commitment to education as well as the variety and complexity of patients seen. In support of this educational commitment, the fellowship program continues its support of a busy consultative service through the use of non-trainee care providers. Faculty and physician extenders allow fellows to maintain an excellent work-life balance and time for research as well as other scholarly activities. Each fellow completes a didactic program leading to their own initiation and completion of a quality improvement project.

Joe Szulewski, DO, a 2018 graduating fellow states, "I really enjoyed the environment at Cooper. I feel prepared for anything."

Cooper Nephrology has made a commitment to educate fellows on the use of bedside ultrasound devices. Through a close program with Cooper's own world-renowned Critical Care Division and use of local and national education events, Cooper trainees should attain comfort and experience with portable ultrasound devices in the care of critically ill patients. The Cooper Nephrology Fellowship aims to produce clinicians who are familiar with cutting-edge technology in the pursuit of the best care possible.

Educational Conferences

Monday

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Clinical Conference

Tuesday

8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Journal Club

Wednesday

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Core Lecture Series

Thursday

11 a.m. to noon

Case Conference

Friday

11:30 a.m. to noon

Acute Dialysis Interdisciplinary Conference



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How to Apply



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The Nephrology Fellowship Program at Cooper University Health Care participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), and all information is processed through this system without exception. Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the websites listed below.

Association of American Medical Colleges

www.aamc.org/eras

ERAS Fellowship Document Office

aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/fellowship_applicants

ERAS applications must contain of 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 Nephrology Fellowship Program requires a minimum of three years of ACGME-accredited training in internal medicine. Individuals accepted for a position in the fellowship program must be U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien, or hold a J-1 visa.

The application deadline for the academic year is August 31.

The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area



The expansion project at Cooper is a direct reflection of the growth in services that Cooper has experienced over the past several years.



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

The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area *continued*



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.

Cooper Camden Campus Map



The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:
CooperHealth.org/Locations

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