Endocrinology

About The Fellowship
The Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center (NYP/WCMC) is an ACGME-accredited three-year program that prepares an individual for an active career in clinical care, research and teaching.

Our program provides comprehensive training in the evaluation and care of children and adolescents with endocrine disorders, leading to board eligibility in the subspecialty of pediatric endocrinology. In addition, the program aims to develop highly qualified and productive investigators in clinical and/or laboratory research in the field of pediatric endocrinology.

The Weill Cornell Medicine Academic Environment
Weill Cornell Medicine Endocrinology fellows gain extensive experience with patient care for virtually every childhood endocrine disease. In addition, they have many research opportunities within Weill Cornell and our affiliated tri-institutional research centers, Rockefeller University and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), as well as the adjacent Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS). The Weill Cornell Medicine Department of Pediatrics is affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Children’s Hospital.

Clinical research is supported through the Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC). The CTSC provides an integrated, comprehensive research support system that includes education, training and mentoring for clinical research investigators, coordinators and staff.

Curriculum
The Pediatric Endocrine Fellowship consists of at least 12 months of clinical service that is completed during the three years of training. Fellows maintain simultaneous involvement in both patient care and research during all three years, with various amounts of time dedicated to
research on rotation.

**Clinical Training**

**First Year**

During their first year, fellows are expected to be "on service" for approximately six months. The fellow on service is responsible for the care of primary endocrine inpatients, all emergency room, inpatient and outpatient consultation requests, and emergency outpatient endocrine issues and telephone calls, and rotates at the outpatient clinic areas. The program provides continuity clinics in both diabetes and general endocrine.

**Second and Third Year**

In the second and third years of the fellowship, fellows are expected to spend approximately three months on service per year. Fellows spend the rest of their time on research, while they maintain their continuity outpatient clinics. During these two years, the fellows rotate for six-eight weeks in the Pediatric Long-Term Follow-Up (PLTFU) Survivorship Clinic at Memorial Sloan Kettering. Additional time in this setting can be arranged for fellows with a specific interest in cancer survivorship.

**Educational Sessions and Conferences**

Fellows lead the pediatric endocrinology didactic lectures, board review and journal clubs, and case conferences. These sessions are designed to help trainees become familiar with the most current published literature in pediatric endocrinology, with a specific focus on board-relevant content as outlined by the ABP.

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Research

Research is not uniquely allocated to the second and third years of fellowship. Instead, fellows are expected to do research during all three years of their fellowship during the schedule blocks when they are not “on service”. During these research blocks, which may be spent in a clinical or laboratory-based setting, fellows continue to rotate through the outpatient clinical areas. They are expected to learn how to develop a research protocol, conduct a study, evaluate the results, and create a presentation or a manuscript suitable for publication. Development of a grant proposal during the third fellowship year is strongly encouraged.

Fellows have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of research projects within faculty laboratories of collaborating investigators at the tri-institutional hospitals (Weill Cornell Medicine, Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) and the Hospital for Special Surgery. Clinical research is conducted through the Weill Cornell Medicine Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC).

Our Faculty

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Benefits
Benefits and salary are according to PGY level and determined by NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Subsidized housing is usually available in the immediate vicinity of the hospital.

How to Apply
Eligibility
Applicants must be board-eligible or board-certified in pediatrics, and graduates of a United States residency program. A curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation from the applicant’s training program, and a personal statement are required. Interviews are then arranged. All accepted fellows must apply for and obtain a New York State Medical License.

Number of Positions
Our program usually accepts one fellow at each of the three years of training. Past graduates have gone on to rewarding academic careers in major medical centers.

Applications
The program supports and participates in the fellowship match, which for pediatric endocrinology is currently conducted in the Fall. Applications should be submitted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS).

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