Gastroenterology & Nutrition Fellowship

About The Fellowship

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition at Weill Cornell Medicine offers a three-year fellowship approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Our multidisciplinary team approach provides the highest level of care to every child and their family, with regard to all aspects of GI pathology. The goal of our fellowship program is to provide fellows with the best clinical and investigational experience available, in preparation for a successful career in academic gastroenterology. We provide a structured clinical and educational curriculum, as well as a research curriculum tailored to the interest of the fellow.

Our fellowship provides an estimated 18 months of clinical training and 18 months of research experience. The inpatient team provides consultative services to the 50-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 23-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and 30-bed Pediatric Inpatient Unit.

We are affiliated with the top-ranked NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Children's Hospital at Weill Cornell Medical Center, as well as the NewYork-Presbyterian Center for Advanced Digestive Care (CADC) - one of the nation's leading centers for the diagnosis and treatment of childhood digestive diseases.

Our program provides comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of patients with disorders including:

- inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- gastrointestinal motility problems and functional GI complaints
- eosinophilic esophagitis and other allergic GI disorders
- pancreatic disease
- celiac disease
- diarrhea
- gastroesophageal reflux disease
• hepatobiliary disease
• feeding disorders and nutritional deficiencies

Fellows gain clinical experience through the care of patients in our comprehensive treatment programs including:

• Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease
• Motility
• Eosinophilic Esophagitis
• Transition of Care

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**Curriculum**

The structure of our curriculum concentrates clinical time in the first year, maintains clinical expertise in the second and third year, and allows time to focus on the research component of the program during the latter years. Our trainees spend one month per year on the inpatient and outpatient services for both liver and small bowel transplantation at the NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital campus.

**First Year**

- Inpatient - nine months
- Liver - one month
- Research - one month
- Vacation - one month

**Second Year**

- Inpatient - two months
- Liver - one month
- Research - seven-eight months
- Elective (optional) - one month
- Vacation - one month

**Third Year**

- Inpatient - one month
- Liver - (optional) one month
- Research - eight-nine months
- Elective (optional)- one month
- Vacation - one month

Fellows take home-calls throughout the year on a rotation divided among the other fellows.

**Clinics**

All fellows attend two to three half-day clinic sessions per week. The fellows precept residents in an outpatient clinic once per week, and also attend private practice clinic sessions.
**Procedures**
We offer expertise and training in procedural skills including:

- upper endoscopy
- colonoscopy
- therapeutic endoscopy (banding, scleroses, cautery, clipping, balloon dilation)
- suction rectal biopsy
- percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy placement
- paracentesis
- liver biopsy
- esophageal manometry, anorectal manometry, antroduodenal manometry and colonic manometry
- pH impedance
- bravo capsule
- wireless capsule endoscopy
- hydrogen and methane breath testing

The Advanced Endoscopy Team of the CADC performs procedures including ERCP and endoscopic ultrasound.

All fellows perform one session of procedures in the Pediatric Unit for Procedural Sedation per week.

**Conferences**
Our educational curriculum is a structured program consisting of lectures, seminars, invited speaker events, journal club meetings, and visiting professor lectures. Over the course of three years, a thorough review of gastrointestinal physiology is completed. Fellows actively participate in the educational series.

**Weekly Conferences**

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<td>CADC Complex Case Conference (monthly): a meeting with all clinical and ancillary parties involved in the daily operation of the unit, with an emphasis on quality improvement, and identifying and solving problems</td>
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**Research**

Major pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition research projects have arisen from Weill Cornell Medicine over the past few years. A $25 million gift established the Gale and Ira Drukier Institute for Children's Health, devoted to bench-to-bedside research advancing new treatments and therapies that target childhood diseases and disorders. Through the generosity of the Jill Roberts Charitable Foundation, the Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease was established to accelerate new scientific discoveries, enabling personalized translational medicine to prevent and treat inflammatory bowel disease in patients. In addition, our division received over $3 million in funds from the NICHD/NIH to lead a multicenter study examining statural growth in pediatric Crohn's disease. Through these major developments as well as our existing research infrastructure, there are numerous opportunities available for outstanding research experience and mentorship. Fellows will have opportunities for rigorous clinical, translational and basic
research training within a wide variety of divisional, departmental and institutional areas.

Our Faculty

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Benefits
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital offers Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition fellows a competitive salary and benefits package. All fellows are eligible for housing in modern apartments adjacent to the hospital on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Rents are subsidized to make the cost of living reasonable for a trainee.

- Housing
- Salary
- Daycare at Weill Cornell Children’s Center

How to Apply
Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)

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