
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

Bone & Soft Tissue Pathology Fellowship

Description: The bone and soft tissue pathology fellowship is based at UPMC-Shadyside, and receives over 5,000 specimens and consultations from UPMC and other hospitals. There is an option for this year to be as a Clinical Instructor with the first six months being a 'fellowship' experience and the second six months as 'instructor/attending' experience with independent signout and resident teaching. The fellowship program offers a broad-based experience in benign, and malignant soft tissue and bone lesions, and stresses the importance of ancillary techniques such as immunohistochemistry, in situ hybridization, molecular and cytogenetic investigations, often required for diagnosis of these lesions. The bone and soft tissue section is very well supported in these areas. The fellowship is a ten month rotation devoted to this subspecialty including 4 weeks mandatory rotation in molecular panatomic pathology lab and a two month elective rotation in related molecular diagnostics, routine and molecular cytogenetics, informatics and quality assurance. The precise duration of each of the elective rotations is flexible. The fellow will be involved in a daily case sign out and intra operative consultations with the bone/soft tissue pathologist. The fellow is also expected to participate in the teaching of medical students and pathology residents. The fellowship program also emphasizes the importance of a multidisciplinary approach required for the diagnosis of these tumors, and the fellow is expected to actively participate in orthopaedic oncology teaching/working conferences. The fellow will also interact with surgical and medical oncologists, and the department of radiology based at UPMC Shadyside and the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute.

The bone/soft tissue fellow is expected to undertake at least one investigational project and encouraged to publish and present at national meetings. The nature of the project will depend on the fellow's interest and the amount of time they wish to devote to it. The fellowship program has been approved by the ACGME.

Requirements: Completion of AP or AP/CP residency and all three steps of USMLE.

Stipends: Commensurate with the level of postgraduate training in Pathology.

Staff: Uma Rao MD, Fellowship Director; Alka Palekar MD; Liron Pantanowitz MD; Anil Parwani MD, PhD; Karen Schoedel MD.

Applications: Submit application online at <http://path.upmc.edu/fellowship>. Please send current CV and three letters of recommendation including a letter from current residency or fellowship program director 12 months in advance of starting date (July 1 of each year) to Uma Rao, MD, UPMC Shadyside, Pathology, Rm 2.9 West Wing, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

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