
THE METHODIST HOSPITAL
Department of Pathology and Genomic Medicine
Ophthalmic Pathology Fellowship

Description: The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, an affiliate of the Weill Cornell Medical College, offers an ACGME accredited (selective pathology) Ophthalmic Pathology fellowship for physicians who have completed pathology specialty training, or are undertaking ophthalmology training, and are interested in pursuing a career in ophthalmic pathology or ophthalmology, and related research. Located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center, The Methodist Hospital is a 950-bed private adult teaching hospital with a 1.6 million square foot outpatient center that registers over 310,000 annual outpatient visits. The hospital offers a full range of services from primary to tertiary care, including a multi-organ transplant center and cancer center.

One one-year fellowship position is available each academic year under the directionship of Patricia Chevez-Barrios, MD. The fellowship is tailored for each background to ensure adequate training. For example, pathology trained fellows will have rotations in the ocular plastics/oncology service or other ophthalmology service while ophthalmology trained fellows will have rotations in surgical pathology. Fellows will have the opportunity to review ocular specimens (adult and pediatric) that include enucleated eyes, exenterations of the orbit, eyelid, conjunctiva, lacrimal sac, lacrimal gland, orbit and intraocular biopsies.

Cytology training is part of the program and includes interpretation of vitrectomy specimens, anterior chamber taps, corneal and conjunctival scrapings and occasional fine needle aspirations of intraocular lesions. In addition, the fellow will have the opportunity to review outside consultations of ophthalmic pathology cases that are routinely received in the department. The department has a fund available to support research projects (immunohistochemistry, in situ hybridization, and other molecular pathology techniques may be used) or case series reports for interested fellows during the year of training. The fellows will attend and participate in the didactic lectures, grand rounds, the retinoblastoma tumor board and neuropathology/ophthalmic pathology case conference. The fellowship program faculty includes certified pathologists, cytopathologists, hematopathologists, and ophthalmologists.

Requirements: Candidates must have completed at least two years of training in anatomic pathology, preferably AP or AP/CP board-eligible or board certified. Ophthalmology trained applicants must be PGY3 or higher. Candidates must be eligible for a Texas Physician In Training Permit or hold a Full Physician Texas Licensure.

Stipends: Commensurate with level of post-graduate training.

Applications: Application deadline is December 31 of the year prior to the intended fellowship year which begins July 1.

Application inquiries are to be sent to: Patricia Chévez-Barrios, MD, Director, Ophthalmic Pathology, The Methodist Hospital, Department of Pathology and Genomic Medicine, 6565 Fannin Street, M227, Houston, TX 77030

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