



Northwest Parkinson's Disease
Research, Education & Clinical Center

affiliated with

OHSU

Oregon Health & Science University

VA Special Fellowship in Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders



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Portland, Oregon



Benefits of the Special Fellowship:

- Protected research time
- Support to present abstracts at ANN, Movement Disorder Society, or other related professional meetings
- Assistance obtaining Oregon license required to practice at OHSU
- Participation with fellowship programs in other neurology department subspecialties
- Busy VA and OHSU movement disorder clinics
- Close contact with other movement disorder clinicians
- Learning opportunities ranging from small faculty fellowship didactic sessions to lively, interactive journal clubs, to formal lectures
- Opportunities to teach students, residents, other clinicians, and patients
- Guidance in writing abstracts, papers, and grants

Fellowship Requirements:

Eligible physicians must:

- Have an active, full, unrestricted US medical license
- Have successfully completed ACGME accredited residency program in Neurology
- Be Board Certified or Board Eligible in Neurology
- International medical graduates must have current visa and appropriate ECFMG documentation

Application Process:

- We participate in the centralized applications process through SF match (www.sfmatch.org)



Program Description

The VA Special Fellowship in Parkinson's Disease and Movement disorders provides two years of post-residency clinical and research training to eligible neurologists. The fellowship includes a two-year didactic course on clinical research. Research opportunities include basic science and clinical re-search. A third year of Fellowship is generally available, if desired.

Fellows are important members of our team, enhancing clinical practice, conducting research, and teaching students, residents, patients, and their families about movement disorders.

Clinical

A large volume of patients are seen in our VA and OHSU movement disorder clinics, representing diverse conditions including Parkinson's disease, dystonia, Huntington's disease, ataxia, gait disorders, myoclonus, and tic disorders. Having a large number of faculty dedicated to movement disorders exposes our fellows to a variety of teaching methods and clinical techniques. Clinical training in botulinum toxin injection and deep brain stimulation programming is an integral part of the program.

Research

Both the Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC) and OHSU are highly regarded nationally for their outstanding contributions to medical Science. As members of this prominent academic community, fellows will develop and implement a research project; publish and present research results; participate in grant writing; and participate in other scholarly activities. Fellows participate in the two-year Human Investigations program at OHSU which offers a Certificate of Training in Human Investigation, and is designed to meet the growing need for clinical investigators.

Education

Education activities which enhance clinical training include weekly journal clubs, didactic sessions with faculty, seminars from visiting scientists, and grand rounds. Fellows also give presentations educating clinicians and patients at clinical conferences, support group meetings, and via PADRECC video conference series.

Background

In 2001 the VA created six centers of excellence, designated as Parkinson's Disease Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (PADRECCs) following previously successful efforts within the VA to integrate clinical care, medical education, and research missions.

The NW PADRECC is a collaboration of the VA Portland Healthcare System, the Puget Sound Health Care System, and the Parkinson's Center of Oregon at OHSU. Built in 1987, the PVAMC is one of the most modern VA facilities in the country. The PVAMC serves as a tertiary referral center for the NW PADRECC service area, and along with OHSU, is located atop Marquam Hill in Portland, overlooking the city. The two institutions are connected by a 660-foot long sky bridge.

As the state's only academic health and science center, OHSU blends education, research, and patient care with community service. OHSU's distinguished Department of Neurology places a strong emphasis on research. The strong linkage among the PADRECC and its academic affiliates offers an interdisciplinary

environment that fosters innovation in research and clinical care.

The movement disorders group consists of MDs, PhDs, NPs, nurses, social work staff, study coordinators, rehabilitation specialists, and administrative assistants.

As the largest movement disorders program in the Pacific Northwest, patient referrals routinely come from the greater Portland area as well as throughout Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa.



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This VA Movement Disorder Fellowship participates in the Match program:
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