Pediatric Orthopedic Physician Assistant Fellowship Program

Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida

NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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Educational Philosophy

Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida is excited to offer an exclusive training opportunity to aspiring advanced practice providers and foster in them a sense of excellence as they progress in this career.

Growth is the focus of this fellowship. Nemours offers a level of high-volume patient exposure, with progressively furthered independence in responsibility. Fellows are expected to play a substantial role in the overall care of each patient. To prepare the fellow for all aspects of their pediatric orthopedic career, this program provides a strong foundation in various subspecialties led by experts in each field. Fellows will also have the opportunity to rotate with other orthopedic-affiliated departments within our hospital system, as well as, design a portion of their own curriculum to match their individual interests.

To be selected as a fellow within this program, the individual must have demonstrated a high level of professionalism, intelligence, and competence. Therefore, it is expected of the fellow to continue to be highly self-motivated and take advantage of all educational opportunities. Through this program, fellows will be involved in a number of structured didactic trainings, and other educational supplements. However, the fellow is expected to support their own learning and close any gaps in knowledge or skill with additional research and practice.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an advanced, specialized training experience for highly motivated physician assistants dedicated to practicing in the field of pediatric orthopedic surgery. This fellowship will facilitate the development of the knowledge and skills in clinical, surgical, outpatient and inpatient settings for future pediatric orthopedic physician assistants through hands-on learning, guided medical practice, simulation workshops, didactic lectures and various other learning experiences.

Professional Expectations

Clinic

Expectations: Obtain patient's history, conduct physical exam, review imaging studies, determine differential diagnoses, and proposed plan of management. Review with supervising provider and accurately document the encounter.

Operating Room

Expectations: Fellow is expected to present to the OR having prepared for each case, with knowledge of the patient's history, exam findings, indications for the procedure, steps of the procedure, pertinent surgical anatomy, and expected post-operative plan and recovery. You should discuss the case with the surgeon prior to Pre-op Conference.

Rounding / Emergency Room Coverage

Expectations: Fellow is responsible to see and round on any patient they operate on that remains in-patient. Rounding visit and documentation should be completed prior to any other responsibilities that day. At times the role of the fellow may require evaluation and treatment of orthopedic consults through our Emergency Department.

Call

Expectations: During the fellowship, you will be expected to take call with furthered gradual progressive responsibility based on comfort and competence, deemed by the fellow and program directors. All call responsibilities will be supported by both a physician assistant and attending surgeon from the Nemours team.

Professional Development

- New-to-Practice-APP Lecture Series
- Outreach Assistance at Local APP Programs
- APP Mentoring Program
- Quarterly Core Fellowship Curriculum
- Participation in Pediatric Orthopedic Provider Professional Organizations
- Attendance to the International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium (IPOS)
    - IPOS is the leading educational meeting for pediatric orthopedics, organized by Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA)

Program Curriculum

Pediatric Orthopedic Surgical APP Fellowship consists of a 52-week curriculum divided into various subspecialty blocks and external rotations. ***The fellow is also allotted 4 weeks of vacation they may schedule throughout this 52-week curriculum.***

- Orientation
- International Limb Correction Center
- Spine Deformity
- Congenital Abnormality and Complex Care
- Sports Medicine
- Fracture Care and Trauma
- Elective Rotations (Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine)
- Selective Rotation (options of Foot, Ankle, Hand, Musculoskeletal Tumor, others)
- End of Fellowship and Graduation Ceremony

Didactic Opportunities

- Weekly Didactic Lecture Series
- Weekly Pre-Operative and Post-Operative Conferences
- Monthly Casting and Splinting Workshops
- Monthly Orthopedic Journal Club Review
- Monthly Orthopedic Interesting Case Conference
- Monthly Orthopedic Trainee Presentations
- Participation in Orthopedic Research Project

Quality Improvement Capstone

Quality improvement is at the forefront of all medical advancement, improved patient outcomes, and enhancement of one's own practice. By advocating for quality improvement, healthcare providers strengthen professional relationships, remain innovative and effective in their care for patients, and contribute to the ongoing evolution of evidence-based practice. Ultimately, participation in quality improvement related projects benefits the provider, the patient, and the medical community as a whole.

The Nemours Pediatric Orthopedic Surgical PA Fellow will be expected to participate at a level deemed appropriate by the program director in a quality improvement project. Under the guidance of the quality improvement team, and with the support of your fellowship cohort, the fellow will be able to implement their own quality improvement plan during their fellowship year.

PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions:

1. Complete Pediatric Orthopedic PA Fellowship Program Application
2. Provide one-page typed personal statement describing yourself, your background, and why you desire a career in pediatric orthopedic surgery.
3. Provide a copy of your CV
4. Provide copy of current American Heart Association BLS
5. Provide three letters of professional recommendation
    a. one must be from your program director
    b. May be sent via email to jennifer.luther@nemours.org or as part of the application packet
6. Send complete application with above documents to jennifer.luther@nemours.org
7. If necessary to submit as regular mail, please send to:

Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida
c/o Jennifer Luther (GME)
6535 Nemours Parkway
Orlando, FL 32827

If you have any questions regarding our program, you may email:
Jennifer.luther@nemours.org , kaitlin.maher@nemours.org **OR**
joseph.manning1@nemours.org

Important Dates:

- Application Window: January 1 to April 30
- Interview Dates: May to June
- Selection Notification: June to Early July
- Commitment Deadline: July 15th
- Projected Start Date: October 1st

Pediatric Orthopedic PA Fellowship Program Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address

_____
Apartment/Unit#

_____
City *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____
From: _____ To: _____

Undergraduate: _____ Address: _____
From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

NP/PA Program: _____ Address: _____
From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

References

List three professional references. ***One must be from your program director.***
Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Company: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

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Employment History and/or Medical Experience

Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Supervisor: _____
Job Title: _____
Responsibilities: _____
From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

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Military Service (if any)

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____
If other than honorable, explain: _____

I hereby declare that the above statements in this application and all attachments hereto are complete and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Received By: _____ Date: _____
Contacted By: _____ Date: _____
Interview Date Scheduled: _____
Interview Completed: _____