

Welcome to the Duke Nephrology Training Program.

We are delighted by your interest in our program. At Duke, matching with us means becoming part of the Duke family, where we are deeply invested in your success both during your fellowship and long after you graduate. Our goal is to offer a comprehensive learning environment that places you at the center of our program. The Duke Nephrology Training Program is committed to work-life balance, education, and career development. With a long-standing track record of producing leaders in nephrology, be it in private practice, academia, research, or industry, we believe in tailoring our fellowship program to support each fellow's unique career path.

We will match five fellowship positions, and each fellow has the opportunity to explore their desired career path, whether it is in research or clinical practice. Our program features a night float system in place for the last 7 years, eliminating overnight calls for fellows, and offers paid internal moonlighting opportunities for upper-level fellows. Additionally, first-year fellows enjoy 50% of their weekends completely free from clinical duties, while the other weeks you will come in only 1 day on the weekend.

Our fellows gain invaluable experience rounding at Duke University Hospital (1,100 beds) and the Durham VA Health Care System (250 beds), both world-class tertiary referral hospitals serving the Southeastern US. This variety ensures a well-rounded educational experience. To support individual career development, we offer four distinct scholar pathways: three research scholar pathways (biomedical science, global health, and clinical research) and a clinical concentration pathway. Completion of these pathways allows our fellows to stand out in job placements. Our scholar pathways cover a broad range of nephrology topics, from education, transplant, bench research, bioinformatics, glomerulonephritis, onconeurology, to home-suitable dialysis. To expose fellows to outpatient nephrology early in their training, we include eight weeks of outpatient experiences during the first year, along with weekly continuity clinics, outpatient dialysis unit rounding, and home dialysis (PD and home hemodialysis).

Fellows interested in becoming clinician educators can join the Department of Medicine Society for Early Education Scholars (SEEDS) program, led by Dr. Sparks. For those focused on research, there is the Fellow Research Academy (FRA). The Fellows Advocacy Curriculum (FAC) teaches advocacy principles and includes a trip to Washington, DC. Additionally, fellows can participate in a coaching program, all of which provide longitudinal career development and mentorship opportunities. We have an active U2C/TL1 training grant from the NIH NIDDK (NC KUH TRIO), offering numerous research opportunities through the Duke Clinical Research Institute, the Duke Clinical & Translational Science Institute, and Global Health Research Pathways, among others. Fellows may also pursue a Master's degree in global health, clinical research, basic science, bioinformatics, or education, supported by the Division.

Our educational conferences are designed to present the latest advances in nephrology: fellow-led case conferences, treatment-based glomerulonephritis club, problem-based learning sessions, physiology series, weekly board-review sessions, POCUS curriculum, on-site nephropathology with two nephropathologists, and a weekly journal club. Our faculty is committed to not only delivering top-notch patient care but also ensuring that each fellow is equipped to practice medicine independently and lead the next generation of nephrologists.

Take some time to explore our website, and we hope to welcome you to the Duke Family.



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