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Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship

Please consider The University of Tennessee Health Science Center when you consider an ACGME approved Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship. The University is making significant enhancements in education and training in Geriatrics. We have just been reaccredited for the maximum 5 year duration with commendation for being in substantial compliance with all training requirements.

What We Believe:
Psychiatric care for the elderly poses a unique set of challenges for elderly with late onset psychiatric disorders, frail elderly, and those with a range of cognitive impairment. More than any other area, care must be effectively coordinated with multiple disciples, informed by neuroscience, cognitive science, psychology, medical science, and palliative care. It requires modified interviewing and evaluative skills.

There is a Geriatric Manpower shortage, highlighted by Institute of Medicine (IOM) reports. This means a plethora of career opportunities. We anticipate a return to differentially higher salaries and fee schedules for board certified individuals in priority areas such as Geriatrics in the future, meaning it will become financially beneficial to subspecialize in a shortage area. Although content areas are proscribed by ACGME in Geriatric Fellowship Requirements, teaching models are not. We believe Fellows should be treated more like junior faculty than trainees, seminars occur more than lectures, and that longitudinal experiences are superior to block rotations. This will be a mentorship experience.

What We Offer:
- Core faculty who are nationally recognized in Geriatric Psychiatry as your mentors
- Approximately 4 hours per week of didactic education
- Seminars in gerontology, dementias, med-psych interface, systems of care, and geriatric pharmacology
- Geriatric Psychiatry Case Conferences
- Group and Individual Supervision
- Work with Dementia
- ECT Experience
- Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry experience
- Psychotherapy
- Consultation-Liaison
- Long Term Care Experiences
- Selective Committee Participation
- Quality Improvement and Clinical Research
- Teaching Medical Students and Junior Residents
- Rural Telepsychiatry

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