

Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship

Program Overview

This one-year comprehensive clinical and research program is based primarily at Erlanger Health System – the 6th largest public health system in the U.S. The goal of this program is to teach competent general surgeons to become well-versed in the diagnosis and management of diseases and disorders of the colon, rectum, and anus. The program prepares the Fellow to apply for and successfully obtain certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.



The program is managed by Dr. Daniel Stanley (Fellowship Program Director) and Dr. Alan Hyde (Associate Program Director). All rotations are performed at three area hospitals located within a three-mile radius of downtown Chattanooga: Erlanger Hospital, CommonSpirit/Memorial Hospital, and Parkridge Hospital.

The Colon and Rectal Fellow will obtain a well-balanced experience with anorectal surgery, minimally invasive techniques, pelvic floor center, and surgical skills/simulation lab in a hybrid academic/private practice setting. Our program provides superb training with a broad range of clinical experience and abundant research opportunities under the direct supervision of a multi-disciplinary colon and rectal faculty. Emphasis is placed on instruction of the Fellow in the outpatient office affiliated with University Surgical Associates, the southeast region's largest general surgery and general surgery subspecialty practice.

Conferences

Fellows attend weekly/biweekly multidisciplinary didactic conferences, weekly grand rounds, weekly/monthly colorectal conferences, and monthly Journal Club meetings. Weekly institutional basic science conferences also provide additional instruction. Attendance at departmental conferences is expected.

Research

Dedicated research is not required. However, the Fellow is expected to be involved in a project that can be submitted for presentation to a regional or national meeting, with the overall goal being accepted in a peer-reviewed publication. Internal funding is available for original research work.

Requirements

Applicants must have completed a five-year surgery residency prior to entering the one-year fellowship. Applicants must have a current valid full or unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state, territory, or possession of the United States or by a Canadian province, and applicants must continue to be licensed throughout the certification process to be eligible for certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Application Procedure

Applications to the Fellowship go through the Electronic Residency Applications Services (ERAS). The annual submission deadline is September 15th. Interviews are conducted from September through mid-October.

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