

# Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program

Department of Pediatrics

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## PROGRAM CURRICULUM POLICY

The fellowship curriculum encompasses the areas of clinical medicine, administrative practice, and scholarly activity in Neonatology. The academic year is divided into 12-month blocks.

### Required Rotations (36 months)

- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Rotation - 11 months
- Delivery Room/Consult Rotation – ½ month (PGY-4, first rotation)
- Maternal Fetal Medicine Rotation – ½ month (PGY-4)
- Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease Rotation – 1 month (PGY-5)
- Neonatal Step-Down Unit Rotation – 1 months (PGY-6)
- Research Rotation – 22 months\*

\* total duration of the rotation is inclusive of allowed annual leave or vacation, call, clinic, and regional/national conference responsibilities. Research time may be reduced to allow for a limited number of additional clinical electives, as long the fellow is meeting research goals agreed upon by the Scholarship Oversight Committee (SOC).

### Longitudinal Experiences

- Newborn Nursery and Delivery Room Experience
- Neonatal Outpatient Follow-up Clinic Experience

### Electives

- Supportive Care Medicine Elective – 1/2 month
  - This elective is strongly recommended for all fellows. It focuses on resolving ethical dilemmas in care, goals of care, and bereavement support.
- Maternal Fetal Medicine Elective – additional 1/2 month
  - This elective allows fellows to develop a more in-depth understanding of prenatal care of high-risk pregnancies due to fetal anomalies, maternal health concerns, etc.

### Goals & Objectives

Each rotation, whether required or elective, and each longitudinal experience has goals & objectives that fellows are strongly encouraged to review prior to the start of each rotation. The goals & objectives are included in the NICU Fellowship Program Manual, available in the neonatal fellows' office space at the Health Science Center and electronically shared with fellows by the program administrator at the start of training.

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### **ROTATION SCHEDULING**

#### **First Year – PGY-4**

NICU– 5 months

Delivery Room/Consults – 1/2 month

MFM – ½ month

Research & Electives – 6 months

Vacation – 1 month

In-house Call – 11 months

Outpatient clinics -10 clinics per year during research blocks only

#### **Second Year – PGY-5**

NICU - 4 months

NCLD Team – 1 month

Research & Electives - 6 months

Vacation – 1-month

In-house Call – 10 months

Outpatient clinics -10 clinics per year during research blocks only

#### **Third Year – PGY-6**

NICU - 2 months

Step-down – 1 month

Research & Electives – 8 months

Vacation – 1 month

In-house Call – 9 months

Outpatient clinics -10 clinics per year during research blocks only

### **Educational Conferences and Other Didactic Activities**

Conferences, simulation, and participation in administrative meetings are also part of the program curriculum. These requirements are separately detailed in the program’s “Didactic Educational Attendance Policy”.