

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Fellowship Overview

The fellowship is intended for physicians to acquire particular expertise and skills in clinical practice, teaching, investigative research and administrative functions related to the field of pediatric emergency medicine. The clinical information and skills acquired during residency training will be sharpened and focused as the fellow gains new knowledge and experience pertinent to the emergency management of seriously ill and injured children. The fellow will participate in teaching of both medical and lay personnel on topics related to pediatric emergency medicine in a variety of formats. An understanding of clinical research will be fostered through course study in research design and the development and execution of a research project. In addition, exposure to the administrative aspects of managing an emergency department will be afforded the fellow during the years of training.

Clinical Facilities/Experience

MUSC Children's Health serves as the comprehensive regional pediatric tertiary/ quaternary hospital for Charleston and the surrounding area. The current Children's Hospital contains 166 beds and receives an estimated 8,000 admissions annually. All major subspecialties are represented at our institution with national recognition in the US News and World Report hospital rankings in 6 specialties. MUSC Health has invested more than 500 million dollars to expand the clinical mission of pediatric care in the region with the construction of the new Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital which is set to open in the fall of 2019 and a new medical office building and ambulatory surgical center that opened in early 2019.

The Children's Health Emergency Department (ED) provides care for over 25,000 patient visits per year in this downtown location including upward of 150 trauma's annually. Our division also runs 3 remote After Hours Clinics where MUSC pediatricians care for an additional 26,000 patients annually. The new ED will be state of the art and will have 18 beds with two beautiful and expansive trauma/resuscitation rooms, a dedicated orthopedic room, and dedicated psychiatric safe rooms. We will have an additional 6-8 beds to flex into in the evenings when volumes necessitate. Current acuity ranges from minor pediatric illnesses to major multiple trauma, almost 18% of patients visits resulting in admission. We perform greater than 400 procedural sedations annually. Nationally we rank in the top 20th percentile for amount of critical care billed and percentile of patients admitted which is a strong testimony to the acuity of patients we see. The Emergency Department is staffed 24 hours a day by faculty physicians of the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and residents from training programs in pediatrics, emergency medicine, and medicine-pediatrics, anesthesia, and family practice. We are also staffed with only pediatric nurses and Child Life experts. We were just awarded the prestigious 2017 Lantern Award from the Emergency Nurses Association!

The Lantern Award is a national recognition award given to emergency departments that exemplify exceptional practice and innovative performance in the core areas of leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research.

MUSC has an excellent transport team that transports patient to our hospital from around the entire state of South Carolina via ground, helicopter and fixed wing vehicles. The ED attending and fellows serve as medical control for the transfers that come to the emergency department.

Sample schedule for Peds grads...

<i>Peds First Year</i>	<i>Peds Second Year</i>	<i>Peds Third Year</i>
PED	Research	PED
Trauma	PED	Research
PED	PED	Research
PED	PED	Research
PED	Research	PED
PED	Research	Elective
Research	Research	PED
Anesthesia	PED	PED
PED	Elective	PED
PICU	PED	CAP/Elective
Ortho/Radiology	Toxicology	PED
Elective	PED	Ultrasound

Sample schedule for EM grads...

<i>EM First Year</i>	<i>EM Second Year</i>
PED	PED
PED	PED
Wards	PED
Research	PED
NICU	Research
Elective	Research
PICU	CAP/ID
PED	Ortho/Radiology
Research/Elective	PED
PED	PED
PED	Toxicology
PED	Ultrasound

Fellowship Curriculum

Research Experience

All pediatric fellows participate in on-line courses in Evidence-Based Medicine and Clinical Research Methods during their dedicated research months. In addition, fellows will be expected to attend and participate in regular journal club meetings, during which critical review of current literature pertinent to pediatric emergency medicine will be conducted. The Pediatric residents participate in an Evidenced-Based Medicine Curriculum throughout their three years of training; the fellows will be encouraged to attend these weekly educational conferences and review of current literature. MUSC and GME also create regular conferences pertinent to fellows and their gaining knowledge in these endeavors.

Fellows will be expected to design and implement a research project during their three-year fellowship which will satisfy the “Meaningful Accomplishment in Research” requirement of the American Board of Pediatrics in order to sit for the Sub-board examination in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Fellows entering the training program are not assigned to a research program. From discussions with faculty, educators and clinicians, the fellow is expected to identify a research question and a mentor to assist the fellow in addressing that question. We firmly believe that the project must be of the interest of the fellow or it is not worth pursuing. This mentor must be responsible for providing the ongoing formative feedback that is essential to the trainee’s attainment of competence in clinical care, teaching and scholarship.

Each fellow will have a scholarship oversight committee (SOC) with appropriate expertise in scholarly research endeavors; the SOC will be appointed during the first year of fellowship. The mentor and SOC will ensure global scholarly success as mentioned above.

We expect that fellows will submit their completed research projects to a national meeting for presentation, and if accepted will be supported by our division to present at the conference. Each first-year fellow will attend a national Peds EM fellows’ conference where their research ideas will be discussed with other fellows and nationally-recognized PEM faculty.

Teaching Experience

Fellows will prepare and present instructional lectures to students, residents, nurses, and other medical personnel (e.g., nurses and emergency medical services personnel) on topics related to pediatric emergency medicine. The department offers many additional opportunities to teach, including Pediatric Advanced Life Support classes, Suture/Wound Management and Splinting workshops, and Sim Lab courses for residents and medical students. Under the supervision of Drs. Amanda Price, each fellow will annually develop a mock code scenario through simulation while learning details of curriculum development and evaluate his/her colleagues and faculty in the simulation scenario and procedural skills. Fellows have many more opportunities to teach simulation to residents on the topics of resuscitation and procedures.

In addition, one-on-one teaching skills will be developed as fellows precept residents and medical students on clinical cases in the Emergency Department. Teaching activities will be monitored and periodic critique/feedback will be provided.

Pediatric Fellows as a whole participate in a Teach the Teacher course which focuses on improving the skills of feedback and mentorship to name a few. In addition, MUSC's Center for Academic Excellence collaborates with all Pediatric Fellowship Directors to provide resources for Peds fellows in specific courses such as developing a CV, how to conduct small group discussions, professionalism, scholarly publication preparation etc. Fellows have the opportunity to teach and mentor residents with participation in Pedicomm, a communication course for pediatric residents and medical students in several College of Medicine teaching courses.

Administrative Experience

Fellows will participate in inter- and intra-departmental meetings as they relate to the Emergency Department and are of interest to the individual fellow. As part of this process, policies and procedures will be developed and reviewed. We encourage the fellow to choose multi-disciplinary committees or project development teams that support their interest within our field. Fellows have many opportunities and resources to perform and evaluate the success of Quality Improvement projects which impact operations in both the Peds ED and Children's Hospital as a whole.

Educational Conferences

One day every week is set aside for fellowship educational conferences. The format will vary week-to-week but will include: didactic lecture presentations from faculty within the department and faculty from other disciplines on topics germane to pediatric emergency medicine; review of sections of a major textbook of pediatric emergency medicine; case conference presentations such as morbidity and mortality; research conferences; hands-on ultrasound training and critical review of contemporary articles taken from a variety of academic journals. Fellows take an active role in Fellows Conference with presentations on topics relevant to M&M, PICU Review and Toxicology. This will allow them some administrative and teaching experience. A current fellows conference schedule is included in your folder for your review.

Other educational conferences include: Simulation Labs for both procedures and resuscitations, Peds EM/Peds Radiology Conference, EM resident conference, Peds noon conference, PediComm communication course, Sedation course, Mock Codes, Ultrasound...and the list goes on!

Innovations in Education

Ultrasound

Under the direction of Brad Presley who are fellowship-trained in Ultrasound, the fellows receive in depth training in ultrasound within fellows conference. From ocular evaluations to vascular access to musculoskeletal, they cover it all. Feel free to check out the website:

Simulation Laboratory

Our world-class Simulation Center has 50 advanced adult and pediatric simulators, used to provide clinical training to nursing, medical, and allied health trainees as well as continuing education for practicing health care professionals. Simulation training includes acute care, trauma, CPR, mock codes, and procedures – valuable practice in a controlled, risk free environment. The opportunities for teaching experience and research endeavors are endless!

PEM Portal and Moodle

Our Peds EM portal is an excellent resource for lots of pertinent information. In addition, the Peds ED division has a course through Moodle where we archive our lectures so they can be reviewed at any time for learning or teaching. We just added a complete library of important and landmark PEM articles with access from any computer at any time. We encourage fellows and faculty to add to the articles library with any new literature they wish to share.

Journal Club and Treatment Guidelines

Fellow-driven journal clubs are avenues to critically review literature and to develop treatment guidelines for management of patients in the ED. Collaboration with other Pediatric and EM specialists foster communication and combined learning.

International Experiences

The MUSC Pediatrics Program is highly invested in the health of children on the international scale. The program has funded residents to participate in international rotations, and has sent several residents abroad over the past three years.

Child Advocacy & Injury Prevention

MUSC leads the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium, which links the academic center to community-based health care centers statewide with an emphasis on health disparities, rural health issues and access to health care.

Research Activities

The Darby Children's Research Institute is home to cutting edge research in pediatric cardiology, endocrinology, oncology, prenatal nutrition, and obesity.