

DERMATOPATHOLOGY

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- Matriculation in the Dermatopathology Fellowship Program requires that the trainee must have completed an ACGME accredited residency in Dermatology, Anatomic Pathology, or Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. Therefore, fellows already have significant training in dermatopathology during their residency in dermatology or pathology.
- All dermatopathology fellows will devote a 4-month block of their fellowship year exclusively to the study of dermatopathology.
- For the remaining 8 months, dermatopathology fellows who have had training in pathology will devote 50% of each day (averaged over a week) to education in clinical dermatology provided by the teaching faculty and examine at least 1000 patients including children and adults. During this clinical education, they will adhere to the scope of practice of PGY-2 resident physicians in dermatology (Attachment A).
- For the remaining 8 months, all dermatopathology fellows who have training in dermatology will devote 50% of each day (averaged over a week) to education in anatomic pathology provided by the teaching faculty and must examine at least 1000 surgical pathology specimens and 200 cytopathology specimens. During education in anatomic pathology, the trainee will adhere to the scope of practice for a PGY-1 resident physician in pathology (Attachment B).
- With regard to dermatopathology, the dermatopathology fellow is required to participate in grossing specimens that are submitted for analysis. The fellows are required to be present during the daily sign-out sessions and consensus conference, at which time the microscopic sections of the pathology specimens are analyzed in the presence of the supervising attending physician. The dermatopathology fellow is responsible for previewing the microscopic report for those cases which are assigned to him/her by the attending physician. The attending physician will then review each of the reports and make any necessary corrections before verification. The dermatopathology fellow is also responsible for ordering special studies and recut sections and reviewing with the attending physician on each case. The dermatopathology trainee is also responsible for communicating with clinicians and

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pathology staff regarding new malignant diagnoses, rush biopsies, additional ancillary testing requests, and pertinent clinical histories.

Note: The departments of Dermatology and Pathology adhere to the Medicare teaching physicians regulations for residency provision for all patients. Therefore, the term “under supervision” refers to the Medicare regulations.