

Nuclear Medicine Residency Program

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School of Medicine
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Introduction

The Nuclear Medicine Division at the University of Washington was established in 1962 and has had a postdoctoral training program since its inception. It is part of the Department of Radiology within the School of Medicine.

The current one-, two- or three-year residency is designed in compliance with, and is approved by, the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education. This program provides a balanced and in-depth experience in all aspects of the basic science and clinical training of nuclear medicine. The program is approved for five full time residents. Applicants may be board eligible in another specialty, or have completed at least one or two years in other specialty training. The one-year program is available for diagnostic radiologists who wish to pursue special competence in Nuclear Radiology from the American Board of Radiology (ABR) or receive American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) Certification.

Joint arrangements with other departments for coordinated training are available. A one-year PET/CT Fellowship with emphasis in cancer imaging is also offered to qualified applicants.

Residency Program Outline

The nuclear medicine residency is designed to provide fundamental training in the following areas:

- Physics of nuclear medicine
- Nuclear medicine instrumentation
- Mathematics and statistics of nuclear medicine
- Computer sciences
- Nuclear pharmacy
- Radiation safety and protection

- Dynamic and static imaging
- Metabolic tracer studies
- Absorption and distribution kinetics
- Radionuclide therapy
- Laboratory quality control
- Regulatory aspects of nuclear medicine

- Diagnostic nuclear medicine
- Cross-sectional imaging
- Hybrid imaging (PET/CT, SPECT/CT) and correlative imaging

The first year emphasizes clinical training in the affiliated hospitals. An intensive introductory course in basic instrumentation and physics is given at the beginning of the year. A series of basic science lectures, Journal Club, Reading Club, and weekly clinical conferences are a part of the program throughout all years of training. There is laboratory experience in nuclear pharmacy and instrumentation. At the end of the introductory course, residents are expected to demonstrate proficiency by passing a written exam.

The second and third years provide opportunities for further in-depth clinical training. This allows for specialized clinical training, such as cardiac nuclear medicine, neuroimaging, oncologic imaging, or pediatric nuclear medicine. Nuclear medicine residents receive in-depth training in CT cross-sectional imaging, PET and SPECT imaging, and in integrating the information provided by hybrid imaging systems (PET/CT, SPECT/CT) together with other relevant clinical data. This is particularly emphasized for oncologic imaging.

In collaboration with the Division of Endocrinology, the Division of Nuclear Medicine participates in the care of a large number of patients with a variety of thyroid diseases. Additionally, the Division of Nuclear Medicine participates in the care of osteoporosis patients in collaboration with Gerontology. Residents are expected to become involved in special divisional clinical or research projects upon entering the program. 16 weeks of research time is set aside over the first two years of training. Opportunity for extended experience in specialized study or research during or beyond the second year is available on an individual basis and is encouraged for physicians entering academic or research careers.

Clinical Facilities

The Nuclear Medicine Division involves six centers affiliated with the medical school, each with its own clinical nuclear medicine service: University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC), Harborview Medical Center (HMC), VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS), Swedish Medical Center (Swedish), Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center (CHRMC), and the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA). The administrative offices for the academic program are located at UWMC.

Each nuclear medicine service has a well-equipped diagnostic clinic that includes gamma cameras, single-photon computed tomography (SPECT), and on-line computers dedicated to nuclear medicine. More than 12,000 in vivo diagnostic procedures are performed annually. There are active clinical PET/CT services at UWMC, SCCA, and CHRMC.

Research Facilities

There is opportunity for research during all portions of the training program. UWMC has a well-equipped animal laboratory, excellent facilities for radiochemical and radiopharmaceutical research, and a large instrumentation development and imaging research laboratory. There is a cyclotron at UWMC and a radioisotope production facility used for the positron emission tomography (PET) program.

Specific research programs in nuclear medicine include radionuclide evaluation of cardiovascular disease, radiopharmaceutical development, PET studies of tumor biology, radiolabeled monoclonal antibody imaging and

therapy of hematologic tumors, brain imaging, biokinetic modeling, and software design.

An active nuclear medicine physics group has research projects in camera detector design, camera electronics, image reconstruction algorithms, and image quality assessment.

Faculty

The Division of Nuclear Medicine includes 12 physician scientist faculty and seven basic science faculty. Two additional nuclear medicine physicians provide teaching on a part-time basis. There are several additional basic scientists affiliated with the program who provide teaching and research opportunities.

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General Information

Residents are evaluated monthly by the attendings at the institution of rotation. The evaluations are based on both clinical activity and understanding of the basic sciences. In addition, the residents will meet semi-annually with the program director.

Salary information for residents is available upon request. Residents are eligible for a variety of University fringe benefits, including health and life insurance. Each resident is entitled to three weeks paid vacation annually.

How to Apply

Applicant must have completed a minimum of two years of postdoctoral training in a residency that provides broad experience in Clinical Medicine prior to nuclear medicine training. Individuals with additional training are encouraged to apply. To apply, please complete the attached application form and return to: David H. Lewis, M.D., Director of Nuclear Medicine Residency Program, University of Washington Medical Center, 1959 N.E. Pacific St., Box 356113, Seattle, WA 98195-6113. Please answer all questions carefully. When you select your references, please inform them of that fact and ask them to write to us directly at the time your application is submitted.

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Application for Residency or Fellowship Training

INSTRUCTIONS

The completed form should be returned to David Lewis, M.D., Division of Nuclear Medicine, University of Washington Medical Center, 1959 N.E. Pacific St., Box 356113, Seattle, WA 98195-6113.

TYPE OF APPLICATION Residency (1-, 2- or 3-year programs) PET/CT Fellowship

Date _____ Date you wish to begin training _____

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Citizenship _____

Business address _____ Phone _____

Home address _____ Phone _____

PREMEDICAL EDUCATION

College _____ Address _____ Date: From-To _____ Degree _____

MEDICAL EDUCATION

College _____ Address _____ Date: From-To _____ Degree _____

INTERNSHIPS, RESIDENCIES, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Position _____ City _____ Institution _____ Type of service _____ Date From-To _____

USMLE Step 1: _____ Step 2 CK: _____ / _____ CS: _____ Pass/Fail _____ Step 3: _____

ARE YOU LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE? _____ Where? _____

MILITARY SERVICE AND PRESENT STATUS _____

Board Eligibility _____

• ECFMG status or other qualifications _____

• Visa type _____ Visa number _____

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS _____

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES _____

PUBLICATIONS _____

SPECIAL TRAINING AND INTERESTS

- Have you had any special training or experience in the basic science or clinical aspects of nuclear medicine? If so, please describe _____

YES answers to the following questions require a written explanation on a separate sheet (positive responses to questions do not necessarily preclude acceptance).

Have you ever been involved in a malpractice lawsuit or claim (whether or not you were individually named as a defendant)? Yes No

Have you ever been called before any entity for questioning concerning unprofessional conduct, incompetence, negligence, unsafe practices, or mental or physical impairment? Yes No

If you have been licensed to practice medicine, has any such license, or application for it, ever been denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted? Yes No

Have you ever been addicted to, or treated for addiction to, a controlled substance, drug, or chemical? Yes No

Have you ever used a prescription drug, including controlled substances, for other than therapeutic purposes? Yes No

Are you currently suffering from any disability or illness (mental or physical) that could affect your ability to fully practice medicine? Yes No

- **On a separate sheet write a note listing your reasons for selecting nuclear medicine, your long-range objectives in nuclear medicine, and the amount and type of training you desire.**

- Where do you contemplate locating after your training?

- Upon completion of the program, you intend to receive: ABNM certification by examination
 ABR Nuclear Radiology Special Competency by examination

REFERENCES

- Please ask the dean of the medical school from which you graduated to send a letter of characterization, including your rank in your graduating class (Dean's letter).

- List a minimum of three additional references. Include the director of your internship or residency program (please contact them and ask each to write a letter of reference at this time).

Name	Title	Address

Signature

Date
