

Graduate Medical Education Program Information

Specialty: Dermatology

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Mission

In order to fulfill our mission to train the next generation of military dermatologists prepared to independently provide the full spectrum of dermatologic services to members of the US Armed Forces serving in remote regions across the globe, while also meeting the standards set for an ACGME-accredited residency program we aim to:

Aims

- Provide a staged progression of oversight and autonomy, helping our residents build the skills, leadership and confidence necessary to achieve our goals while training at a large military medical center that provides inpatient and outpatient care to military members and family members of all ages.
- Make medical dermatology the core focus for our trainees where they work closely with the general dermatology faculty to establish a panel of patients and provide a continuum of comprehensive dermatologic services, including necessary procedures and dermatopathology interpretation.
- Provide cutaneous surgical and procedural training sufficient to equip graduates with the skills for solo practice upon graduation. Laser and procedural dermatology is a focus of our program and we have embraced the necessary mission of rehabilitating Wounded Warriors and work in close partnership with our orthopedic, plastic surgery, and physical therapy colleagues through Project CARE (Comprehensive Aesthetic Restorative

Effort) to improve the lives of those injured while serving in the US Armed Forces.

- Through partnerships with the University of Southern California/Los Angeles County Hospital and Rady Children’s Hospital we provide training in complex inpatient consultation and pediatric dermatology.
- Provide an extensive didactic educational series composed of combined grand rounds conferences with the University of California San Diego, regular review of dermatology texts and journals, as well as multidisciplinary and morbidity and mortality conferences.

Program Description

- Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
- Length of Training: 3 years
- Required prior ACGME training and required number of years: 1 year Internship

Rotations

PGY2 Rotations	Sites
Dermatology	NMCSD
COMPASS	San Diego

PGY3 Rotations	Sites	PGY4 Rotations	Sites
Dermatology	NMCSD	Dermatology	NMCSD
Rady Children’s Hospital	San Diego	LAC + USC Medical Center	Los Angeles
COMPASS	San Diego	Rady Children’s Hospital	San Diego
Electives	San Diego	COMPASS	San Diego
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Academic Curriculum

The academic curriculum is the structural plan for the residency and is based on the ACGME Dermatology Residency Program requirements.

The following is typical of our programs rotations:

First year: 12 months clinic (includes general surgery, 1 or 2 – ½ day a month at Hansen’s Clinic, 2 ½ day cosmetic clinics, 2 ½ day wound care clinics and assignment as AV-Education resident)

Second year: 1-2 months procedural dermatology (Mohs/Laser), 1-2 months dermatopathology, 1 month Pediatric Dermatology usually at Rady Children’s Hospital, 1 month elective, and 6 months of clinic.

Third year: 1-2 months dermatopathology, 1 month elective, 1-2 procedural dermatology (Mohs/Laser), 0.5-1 Pediatric Dermatology, 0.5 In-patient, 5-6 months Senior Resident (consult) and Assistant Senior Resident (academics), and 1-2 months clinic.

The main elements of the curriculum include:

- (1) Weekly academic conferences
 - a. Grand Rounds
 - b. Dermatopathology
 - c. Laser
 - d. Clinical Pathological Correlation (CPC)
 - e. Journal Club
 - f. Kodachromes
 - g. Book Review
- (2) Procedural laboratories
- (3) Supplemental planned educational activities
 - a. Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QI/PS)
 - b. Research
 - c. Tropical Medicine Course
- (4) Military Professional Development

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