To serve, to heal and to educate
Cooper University Hospital is the leading tertiary care center in southern New Jersey. Cooper’s physicians, recognized as leaders in their fields, are committed to providing not only exceptional patient care but also an excellent learning environment to teach the next generation of physicians. Cooper University Hospital is also the primary clinical site of the first four-year medical school in southern New Jersey, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. The opening of the medical school in 2012 has further enhanced the faculties’ commitment to education.

Cooper Endocrinology is the largest endocrinology practice in New Jersey. Because the Division of Endocrinology has a number of community offices as well as an office situated in the city of Camden, a very diverse patient experience is offered to our trainees with the full breadth of endocrine disorders.

The Endocrinology Fellowship at Cooper University Hospital is a two-year fellowship program and accepts one candidate per year. Inpatient consults are performed on the main campus of Cooper University Hospital in Camden. Outpatient experiences include clinics on the Camden campus as well as within the suburban endocrinology office in Cherry Hill, NJ.

**Ambulatory rotations**

Fellows will maintain a weekly continuity clinic on the Camden campus with an emphasis on non-diabetic endocrine disorders. They will also participate in the innovative Diabetes Clinics at Cooper’s Urban Health Institute in Camden; these clinics utilize cutting edge approaches and multidisciplinary teams to provide diabetes care to an underserved population. Fellows will also have the opportunity to rotate with a variety of faculty members in our suburban practice giving them a broad experience in endocrinology.

**Thyroid ultrasound and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)**

Fellows will have scheduled rotations in our weekly Thyroid Biopsy clinic beginning in the first year. They will perform thyroid ultrasound and FNA under faculty supervision. They will continue to mature these skills through the second year and will be competent in thyroid FNA by the end of fellowship.
Additional Education
In the second year, fellows will have scheduled rotations in Pediatric Endocrinology and Maternal Fetal Medicine to gain insight into endocrine disorders in childhood and in pregnancy.

Research Experience and Scholarly Activity
Fellows will engage in scholarly activities throughout fellowship. First year fellows are encouraged to outline a project that they are interested in pursuing under the direction of the faculty. Cooper has ample opportunities for research including a large critical care database and an electronic medical record database, as well as opportunities for prospective case series. Each fellow will be expected to complete a scholarly project by the end of fellowship. They will present their research at Cooper Research Week and will be encouraged to submit abstracts for presentation at a national endocrinology meeting. There will also be opportunities to write case reports and reviews of the literature.

Fellows are immersed in this rich environment, and have ample opportunity to interact and educate their peers through formal and informal teaching sessions.
The Division of Endocrinology has a robust conference series which encourages use of evidence based medicine and collaboration with colleagues across multiple disciplines.

The division holds two excellent multidisciplinary CME conferences each month. These conferences help us partner with our colleagues for a superior educational experience for the trainees and faculty involved. Neuroendocrine tumor conference is a multidisciplinary conference involving neurosurgery, radiology, pathology, radiation oncology, and endocrinology. This monthly conference reviews challenging pituitary cases. Endocrine tumor conference is a second multidisciplinary conference involving endocrine surgery, pathology, radiology and endocrinology. This monthly conference reviews challenging endocrine tumor patients such as those with thyroid cancer, adrenal tumors, neuroendocrine tumors and parathyroid disease.

Case conference is a monthly discussion of an endocrine case with guidance working through a differential diagnosis, laboratory findings, final diagnosis and treatment. Journal club conference reviews important current literature in endocrinology. Presenters help guide the audience through critical evaluation of a journal article to determine if the new literature should alter clinical practice. The fellowship core curriculum series covers a broad range of subjects with particular attention to endocrine emergencies at the start of the year and covering the breadth of endocrinology topics throughout the year.
How to Apply

The Endocrinology Fellowship Program at Cooper University Hospital participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the websites listed below.

Association of American Medical Colleges
www.aamc.org/eras

ERAS Fellowship Document Office
aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/fellowship_applicants

ERAS applications must contain the following information in order for your application to be considered:

• Common application form
• Curriculum vitae
• Medical school transcript
• Three original letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current or most recent training director
• Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans
• ECFMG certification (IMG only)
• USLME reports (1,2 and 3).

The program director and two additional faculty members will review applicant files. Invitation for interview will be based upon their recommendations.

Program Eligibility

Eligibility for the Endocrinology Fellowship Program requires a minimum of three years of ACGME medical training in internal medicine or emergency medicine. Individuals accepted for a position in the fellowship program must be U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien, or hold a J-1 visa.

The application deadline for the 2016–17 academic year is August 31, 2015.

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The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area

It is extraordinary to have such a high concentration of leadership at one institution but, then, Cooper is an extraordinary hospital.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing health science campus that includes the main hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Research, Three Cooper Plaza medical offices and the Ronald McDonald House.

Adjacent to the Cooper Plaza/Lanning Square neighborhood, Cooper has a long history of outreach and service efforts to its local community. Some of these initiatives include health and wellness programs for the neighborhood, development of three neighborhood parks and playground, and outreach to programs into local schools.

The Hospital’s 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion houses state-of-the-art patient care facilities, including 120 private patient rooms, a 30-bed medical/surgical intensive care unit, 12 technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility and a 14,000-square-foot Emergency Department. The Emergency Department features 25 beds, dedicated isolation suites and autonomous CT scanning technology. Two new floors in the Roberts Pavilion, each with 30 private patient rooms, opened in August 2014. The two floors are designed to serve specific patient populations with Pavilion 8 serving a growing advanced-care surgery patient population and Pavilion 9 serving the Cooper Heart Institute for hospitalized heart patients. The Pavilion features an expansive lobby and concourse, a restaurant and coffee shop, health resource center, business center, gift shop and chapel.

The Pavilion also houses the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit. A design showcase for patient and family-centered care, the unit features 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients too unstable for transport to the operating room.

In 2013 Cooper celebrated the opening of MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the $100 million, four-story, 103,050-square-foot center located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus in Camden, dedicated to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research. MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper offers South Jersey’s only dedicated inpatient, 30-bed cancer unit adjacent to the new cancer center at Cooper University Hospital. The center includes bright, spacious chemotherapy treatment areas, patient exam rooms, conference centers and advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies. The designers incorporated an aesthetic approach to healing with abundant natural light, a rooftop Tranquility Garden, an illuminated floor-to-ceiling “Tree of Life” centerpiece and more than 100 pieces of original art created by 71 New Jersey artists.

The expansion project at Cooper is a direct reflection of the growth in services that Cooper has experienced over the past several years.
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets in Camden. The new $139 million building, which opened in July 2012, was designed for CMSRU's curriculum with spaces and technologies to support faculty and students in their educational process. In 2012, CMSRU welcomed the class of 2016 with 50 students.

The Cooper campus is located in the heart of the Camden's business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation—the commuter high-speed line and bus terminal are located a half-block from the campus. Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront where the New Jersey State Aquarium, the River Sharks stadium, the USS New Jersey and Susquehanna Bank Center are located.

Cooper is conveniently close to Philadelphia. Just a mile-long drive over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge or a ferry boat ride will put you at the doorstep of Philadelphia’s cultural, culinary and historic venues.

South Jersey also offers a range of living and entertainment options. Quaint towns such as Haddonfield and Collingswood are just 10 minutes away. The lights and action of Atlantic City and those other popular beach towns such as Cape May and Ocean City are a one-hour drive from Cooper.
The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:

CooperHealth.org/Directions