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Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program

To serve, to heal and to educate

Cooper University Health Care

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Cooper is the first hospital in the South Jersey area to undertake a novel and innovative allopathic Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship. Training takes place within the Cooper University Health System and through partnerships with area hospices and pediatric palliative care specialists.

Residents are welcome to apply who will be graduates of programs in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, radiation oncology, or surgery.

The purpose of this yearlong experience is to provide the trainee with an unparalleled, comprehensive, hands-on educational experience resulting in the fellow being very well prepared for board certification in HPM and a career as an expert practitioner in the field. This is an exceptional opportunity for someone with strong leadership skills.

Mark Angelo, M.D.
Head, Division of Palliative Medicine

Dr. Mark Angelo, Head, Division of Palliative Medicine is the program director for this one year training fellowship. Dr. Angelo has taught residents and fellows in Palliative Medicine for several years at Cooper and he is currently the Director of Professionalism and Communication within the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Cooper University Hospital. He has lectured extensively at Cooper and elsewhere on many topics in palliative medicine including starting a palliative care program, novel approaches to palliative medicine, pain and symptom management, and multidisciplinary approaches to patient care.

Additional faculty at Cooper includes Dr. Jay Vanston who is also well recognized for his teaching profile. He has lectured on a national level at conferences and symposia and is also well published in the field.
Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) Fellowship at Cooper

HPM fellowship is a yearlong experience, recognized by the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and application for fellowship accreditation is submitted in February 2014. Pending approval, accreditation status is expected in May 2014.

Curriculum

The curriculum utilizes many of the learning methods with which you have become familiar during your residency. The year is broken up into thirteen 4-week blocks. There will be six or seven blocks of palliative inpatient care, approximately 5 blocks of home hospice and inpatient hospice care, as well as blocks in long-term care, research time, longitudinal outpatient experience, and electives that may include interventional pain management, administration, HIV/AIDS, neuro, trauma, psych, etc.

Hospice experiences are shared with partner hospices and pediatrics is delivered through partnership with Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Pediatric Palliative Care Program.

Didactics

There is a highly developed didactic educational component for the HPM fellowship at Cooper that includes dedicated and protected learning time for lecture, role play scenario, small group sessions, grand rounds, M&M, and journal club.

Sessions are delivered weekly and are delivered by a multidisciplinary group of educators who will deliver a wide range of experiences for education of the fellow.
How to Apply

HPM Fellowship is not considered part of the Electronic Residency Application Service, and as such, does not require applications to go through a Match process.

If you are interested in exploring fellowship opportunities in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at Cooper you will need to submit:

- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Two 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 Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program requires a minimum of three years of ACGME approved training in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, radiation oncology, or surgery. 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 2014-15 academic year is March 15, 2014. You are encouraged to submit your application or intent for application earlier.

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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.
Cooper Campus Map

The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:
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