



Stroke/Neurovascular Fellowship Opportunity

University Health Network Stroke Program

Program Supervisor: Dr. Joanna Schaafsma
Duration: 1-year clinical or 2-year clinical-research fellowship
Application open: December 2022 until filled
Start date: July 1 (with potential delay until September 1), 2024
Accredited by the Canadian Stroke Consortium

DESCRIPTION: The University Health Network (UHN) Stroke Program is offering Stroke/Neurovascular fellowship positions starting July 1, 2024. UHN is a multi-site academic teaching hospital network, that houses one of Ontario's Regional Stroke Centres at the Toronto Western Hospital (TWH) site. We provide comprehensive clinical stroke care, including hyperacute care with thrombolysis and endovascular thrombectomy, inpatient stroke unit care, and specialized Stroke Prevention Services. We also have an active clinical stroke research program with participation in (inter)national clinical trials in acute stroke and secondary stroke prevention therapy. Our Team includes seven stroke neurologists, five nurse practitioners and one stroke-clinic nurse. There is strong clinical and research collaboration with Interventional Neuroradiology, Diagnostic Neuroradiology and Vascular Neurosurgery.

CLINICAL TRAINING: We offer 1-year clinical (Stroke Expert) and 2-year combined clinical and research (Stroke Scholar) fellowships that align with the National Stroke Fellowship of the Canadian Stroke Consortium (CSC). Fellows participate in the emergency assessment and treatment of patients with acute stroke and TIA, inpatient stroke management, outpatient care in the Stroke Prevention Clinic and in Neurovascular clinics of interest, including Stroke in Young Adults, Stroke in Women, Vasculitis, Pediatric Stroke Transition, Vascular malformation/aneurysm, and Revascularization clinic. For the two-year fellowship, an interventional neuroradiology and vascular neurosurgery observation period is possible as well as a rotation on the neuro-ICU.

EDUCATION: Fellows participate in local, citywide, and national educational rounds.

RESEARCH: There is protected time for research and/or QI projects. Fellows complete at least one research project and participate in clinical trial recruitment. Pursuit of further scholar projects can be accommodated during a two-year Stroke Scholar fellowship. The unique variety of multidisciplinary subspecialty clinics and availability of advanced imaging techniques creates ample research opportunity.

ELIGIBILITY: The UHN Stroke Program provides funding support for the fellowship. Sponsored trainees are also welcomed to apply. This position is available for physicians with Neurology or General Internal Medicine certification.

If you are interested in this fellowship opportunity, please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter outlining your interest in the program and your clinical and research experience to:

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