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Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Fellowship

The UAB Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, and Blood & Marrow Transplantation is excited to announce a one-year clinical fellowship in pediatric neuro-oncology starting in July 2021. The fellowship program has been designed to enhance the fellow's knowledge of pediatric brain tumors including biology, diagnosis, clinical course, treatment options, outcomes and areas of research. The fellowship can be further structured to meet the specific interests and experience of each individual applicant. Applicants should be BC/BE in pediatric hematology-oncology or pediatric neurology. The pediatric neuro-oncology fellow will be appointed as a Clinical Instructor at the UAB School of Medicine commensurate with qualifications.

Duties and Responsibilities

Throughout the year, the fellow will be responsible for the following:

Clinical Duties

- Seeing all pediatric patients with newly diagnosed brain tumors at Children's of Alabama and UAB. This will allow the fellow to understand the presenting signs/symptoms of patients with brain tumors and be involved with initial decision-making and treatment planning.
- Managing newly diagnosed brain tumor patients as a primary neuro-oncologist in an inpatient setting as well as in the weekly continuity clinic. The fellow will be precepted by a neuro-oncology attending physician.
- Selecting appropriate patients already undergoing treatment to follow in order to gain a deeper understanding of clinical courses and treatment decisions for various types of tumors at later stages in the treatment course.
- Managing the hematology-oncology service as the attending physician for up to 4 weeks of inpatient service (split equally between general inpatient service and chemotherapy service). Requirements will be adapted for fellows with a background in neurology.

Research

- The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in a clinical and/or translational research project during the year.
- They will also have an opportunity to enroll and treat patients on multiple early phase clinical trials available through PEP-CTN (Pediatric Early Phase-Clinical Trials Network/COG Phase 1 Consortium), Sunshine Project of the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation (NPCF), the Neurofibromatosis Clinical Trials Consortium (NFCTC), or the NEXT Consortium.

Electives

- There will be electives offered in Neurosurgery, Neuroradiology, Radiation-Oncology, Neuropathology as well as opportunities to participate in global health initiatives.

Children's of Alabama is a 332-bed tertiary care hospital with a full array of clinical subspecialty programs, closely associated with UAB. The Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology comprises 28 faculty, including four neuro-oncology faculty, and has a 24-bed dedicated inpatient unit adjacent to an eight-bed pediatric BMT unit. The Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders (ACCCBD) treats >90% of Alabama children with cancer and blood disorders. The Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Program has a large referral pattern for children with brain tumors including Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia. Approximately 50-60 children with brain tumors are diagnosed and treated each year with >1,000 patient visits/year. Birmingham is a vibrant, family friendly, civic-minded, and philanthropic community with great schools, arts and recreation.

For more details about the fellowship program, please click on the following link:

uab.edu/medicine/peds/hem-onc/pediatric-neuro-oncology-fellowship-program

Contact Information

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact us. Full application will include CV, a brief personal statement (300-500 words), two letters of recommendation, and copy of medical school diploma or ECFMG certificate (if applicable).

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