

Child Abuse Fellowship Program



The Department of Pediatrics offers a three year ACGME accredited fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics for physicians who have completed an ACGME-accredited pediatric residency and are eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics. The goal of the fellowship is to train physicians for careers in child abuse, neglect, and advocacy. The program offers an enriched experience in the areas of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, failure to thrive, neglect, and maternal substance use as well as the opportunity for community and agency experiences (e.g., law enforcement, social services, dependency court, criminal court). The fellowship is also open to individuals who are seeking a combined 4 year fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Our Child Advocacy Center, referred to as “The Hub” handles approximately 600 referrals a year for evaluation of child sexual and physical abuse. There is a separate failure to thrive clinic, which handles 400 visits per year and a SAFE Clinic which evaluates infants exposed in utero to illicit substances and also handles 400 visits per year. Harbor-UCLA also serves as a hub for children in foster care. Fellows also see inpatient consults as part of the SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) Team and attend the monthly conference of the Los Angeles County Child Death Review Team. In addition, there is the opportunity to obtain a Master of Public Health through the Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA and participate in the UCLA K30 Graduate Training Program in Translational Investigation. Both opportunities require a separate application process from the fellowship program.

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