

AMBULATORY ANESTHESIA FELLOWSHIP (WITH EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL ANESTHESIA)

Duration: 1 year

Number of positions: 1

Fellowship supervisor: Dr. De Tran

Main Hospital: Saint Mary's Hospital (SMH)

Associated Hospitals: Lasalle Hospital (LH), Montreal General Hospital (MGH)

Key Faculty: Drs Murray Yazer (SMH, Fellowship co-supervisor), Justin Greenberg (SMH), Gina Wu (SMH), Juan-Francisco Asenjo (MGH), Jose Aragon (LH).

Type of Fellowship:

The Fellowship is primarily clinical in nature: 4 days per week will be dedicated to providing clinical care for patients in the operating room. However the candidate is expected to complete at least one clinical research project during the Fellowship year. To this end, 1 day per week will be allocated to non-clinical (research) activities.

Funding:

At this time, the Fellowship program will only accept candidates who possess funding from their home institution.

Mission Statement:

To provide evidence-based training towards comprehensive academic knowledge of Ambulatory and Regional Anesthesia as well as clinical proficiency in providing the highest standards of anesthetic and perioperative care. The candidate will also gain experience in the design and conduct of clinical research projects.

Description:

St Mary's Hospital (SMH) is an acute-care, specialized hospital with 271 adult beds. Located in the heart of Montreal, it serves a culturally diverse community that comprises over 100 different languages including English and French. St Mary's Hospital is a McGill University-affiliated teaching hospital for multiple medical and surgical specialties including Anesthesiology.

St Mary's Hospital enjoys a very busy caseload of ambulatory surgery, orthopedic sports surgery, joint replacement surgery (900/year), orthopedic trauma, and deliveries (over 4300/year).

The Anesthesiology department of SMH is comprised mainly of Fellowship-trained faculty with expertise in Regional Anesthesia (4), Cardiac Anesthesia (2), Intensive Care (1), Obstetric Anesthesia (1), and Quality Improvement (1). Peripheral nerve blocks are routinely performed with ultrasonography in a dedicated induction room for the great majority of orthopedic and plastic (hand) surgery. Furthermore truncal blocks are increasingly performed for general and gynecologic in- and outpatient surgery.

Nine months of the academic year will be spent at SMH. To provide Fellows with optimal training in all facets of Ambulatory Anesthesia (with emphasis on Regional Anesthesia), they will also spend a combined total of 2 months at other institutions in order to acquire additional experience with ambulatory perineural catheters (Lasalle Hospital: 1 month) and complex orthopedic trauma and oncologic surgery (Montreal General Hospital: 1 month). One month will be reserved for an elective rotation.

In addition to technical proficiency, at all 3 sites, emphasis will be placed on evidence-based practice. Fellows will receive training from a roster of Faculty that is regularly involved in teaching both at national (e.g., LUCAS) and international (e.g., ASRA) meetings.

During the Fellowship year, the trainee is expected to: 1) Perform clinical work under the supervision of the staff anesthesiologists. 2) Participate in the departmental academic activities (i.e., mortality/ morbidity rounds, teaching rounds, research) 3) Perform call duties.

The level of involvement with residents and medical students' teaching will depend on the candidate's interests and will be determined by mutual agreement before the start of the Fellowship. However interaction with residents and medical students is strongly encouraged. Fellows will have access to the McGill and SMH's libraries and online facilities.

Call Duty:

There will be no overnight call duties. However, in addition to regular daytime activity, the candidate will be expected to work 4 weekday evening shifts (from 16:00 to 22:00) as well as 2 weekend day shifts (8:00 to 20:00) per month. All call duties will be pro-rated to reflect time off (i.e., vacation).

Vacations:

In addition to statutory Holidays, the candidate will be allowed a combined total of 4 weeks of vacation during the Fellowship.

Evaluation and Assessment of Progress:

The Fellow will present a progress report quarterly to the Fellowship Supervisor.

Formal evaluation of the Fellow's progress will be performed quarterly according to promotion guidelines.

Before the end of the training period the fellow will be expected to present the results of his/her research project at Anesthesia rounds (at Saint Mary's Hospital).

Evaluation on completion of the Fellowship will require submission of a clinical case log and updated curriculum vitae to the Fellowship Supervisor.