Adult Clinical Immunology and Allergy

The specialty training program in Clinical Immunology and Allergy is faculty-based and is carried mostly at: Montreal General Hospital, and Montreal Children's Hospital.

Individuals Responsible for the Program:

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The objective of the training program in Adult Clinical Immunology and Allergy is to allow trainees to become proficient in the clinical evaluation of adult patients with known or suspected immunologic diseases as well as in the performance and interpretation of the common diagnostic and laboratory procedures relevant to allergy and clinical immunology. The trainee's knowledge will ultimately encompass the broad field of the specialty including atopic diseases, allergic drug reactions, collagen-vascular diseases, diseases associated with autoantibodies, immunologic deficiency states, hypersensitivity to infectious agents and the immunologic aspects of rheumatology, dermatology, hematology, pulmonary diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, ophthalmology and neurology. The candidate is required to become familiar with the problems of the specialty from the clinical, pathological and immunopathological aspects as they apply to disorders in adults. The academic activities are fully integrated with those of the Pediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy Program and there is extensive exposure to the clinical activities as well; this allows trainees to become proficient in issues regarding pediatric clinical immunology and allergy. Advances in molecular genetics and molecular biology have made a major impact in this specialty. The Training Program will emphasize these changes. Ultimately, applicants should acquire basic skills in molecular genetics and molecular biology.

A candidate may spend six months to one complete year in a laboratory research project as part of the two-year program. There are active clinical immunology laboratories in each of the participating hospitals under the supervision of the hospital directors of allergy and clinical immunology. There is a close liaison with rheumatology.

There are six to eight hours per week of formal teaching seminars, conferences, and a journal club in addition to consultation rounds and patients seen in physicians' offices on an ambulatory care basis.

The requirements for specialty training in clinical immunology and allergy include three years of internal medicine training and two years of specialty training as described above.

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