

McGill University
Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Oculoplastic Surgery Fellowship Training Program Description

Fellowship Program Director:	Dr. Bryan Arthurs	
Preceptors:	Dr. Bryan Arthurs Dr. Chantal Ares Dr. Christian El-Hadad	
Training Sites:	McGill University Health Center Adult Sites	60 %
	Jewish General Hospital	30 %
	Montreal Children's Hospital	10 %
Number of trainees per year:	1	
Duration of the training program:	1 year	

Description of the fellowship program:

This oculoplastic surgery fellowship training program is set up to provide the necessary clinical and surgical education so as to acquire expertise in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with different eyelids, lacrimal and orbital disorders. The fellowship's clinical care component will be coupled with participation in, and development of clinical research studies in patients with various ophthalmic and ocular adnexal diseases. The oculoplastic fellow will spend a minimum of 75 to 80 % of his/her time on clinically-related patient matters (surgical rounds, clinics and operations). The fellow will be encouraged to interact with, and to initiate collaborative research involving the Henry C. Witelson Ocular Pathology Laboratory, the Departments of Neuroradiology, Neurosurgery, Neuropathology, Dermatopathology, Otolaryngology, Oncology and Radiation Oncology. The fellow will also be actively involved in competency-based ophthalmology residency training along with medical student teaching (journal club and academic rounds) and will be expected to further develop and lead the teaching and training of the oculoplastic training facilities that helps to develop sound ophthalmic plastics resident operative skills.

Source of funding for fellowship:

Please check acceptable sources of funding on the postgraduate medical education website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/pgme/admissions/prospective-fellows>

Research Activity:

Fellows are encouraged and expected to actively participate in research projects during the course of their fellowship. Guidance, allocated time, and funding for research projects will be available. The expectation is that each fellow will be the primary author on at least one original, prospectively conducted research project with completion.

In addition, the research project should be written up in manuscript form for submission to a peer reviewed journal. Furthermore, the fellow will present the results of the study at the annual McGill Ophthalmology Research Day, regional meetings and possibly national conferences.

Fellow Duties and Responsibilities:

While the oculoplastic fellow is not formally on call, the fellow will be the primary contact for any oculoplastic related consults from the ophthalmology service. The fellows will review their consults with the oculoplastic staff covering the service. This exposure provides ample opportunity to triage, diagnose and initiate treatment in an independent yet supervised manner.

Fellow Teaching Responsibilities Towards Residents:

The oculoplastic fellows will provide teaching to the on-call ophthalmology residents with respect to patient examination, diagnosis, imaging and management decisions in ophthalmic plastics related pathologies. Assistance in oculoplastic related procedures is also expected. The teaching and guidance of residents extends into the daily clinics and operating room. Fellows will also participate in didactic teaching to residents during the oculoplastic section of ophthalmology residency teaching curriculum.

Faculty roles:

The fellow will be expected to interact on a regular basis with all the faculty in the Division of Ophthalmology and in particular with the teaching faculty of the oculoplastic service. This will offer the fellow the broadest exposure to the different areas of staff expertise, both in clinical care, clinical research and teaching.

Curriculum:

The fellow will be expected to spend the majority of the time in both clinical endeavors and the OR setting. This should still leave enough time however for academic pursuits. Different assigned readings, from staff (reflecting their areas of expertise), and organizing journal clubs along with academic half day seminars will constitute just some of the learning exercises expected of the fellow. Attendance at ophthalmology meetings offered at both the academic and clinical levels along with paper presentation at local and national conferences will be expected.

Evaluation:

The clinical fellow will receive an evaluation every three months by the fellowship director, after receiving input from the attending staff, and who will then submit this evaluation to the residency program director and the residency committee for review. The fellow will have the opportunity to offer formal feedback to the fellowship director and

staff every 3 months. Any fellowship concerns will be promptly addressed by the residency program director.

Summary of Clinical Practice:

The Oculoplastic program is based primarily at the McGill University Health Center and the Jewish General Hospital and in collaboration with the Montreal Children's Hospital annually treats over 1000 patients and 350 surgical oculoplastic pathologies. Two or three operative days per week are devoted to oculoplastic surgery. The oculoplastic service follows, studies and treats a large outpatient clinical cohort encompassing the spectrum of ocular adnexal disorders. The oculoplastic fellow will be exposed to the full gamut of ocular adnexal pathologies including those surgical disorders requiring multidisciplinary approaches. The oculoplastic service is a dynamic clinical service which works closely with the radiology, radiation-oncology, neurosurgery, pathology and otolaryngology programs. The fellow's participation in this multidisciplinary dialogue will be encouraged.