

MCGILL UNIVERSITY VITREORETINAL DISEASES AND SURGERY FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR:

Dr. John Galic

PRECEPTORS:

Dr. John Chen

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NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS:

1 per year

DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP:

2 years

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

McGill University is Canada's most prestigious university located in one of the country's most dynamic cities. The McGill Vitreoretinal Fellowship is a two-year programme commencing July 1st. Two fellows rotate on an alternate basis on three-month cycles between the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) hospitals/clinics (i.e. McGill Academic Eye Centre and Montreal General Hospital) and the Jewish General Hospital. During the MUHC rotation, fellows will also work in a private retina office (Montreal Retina Institute). On occasion, fellows will follow and treat pediatric patients at the Montreal Children's Hospital within the MUHC.

The fellowship provides a strong foundation in both surgical and medical retina skill development. Over the two-year period, fellows can expect high surgical exposure with active participation during a minimum of two surgical days per week. Typically, fellows will complete several hundred surgical cases in each of their two years. Surgical training involves instruction in all of the newest modalities of vitreoretinal surgery (vitrectomy, 3D heads-up display, endoscopic surgery etc.) as well as significant exposure to classic surgical techniques such as scleral buckling. Surgeries are performed with the latest technologies in dedicated retina operating theatres at all sites.

Fellows will also participate in high volume retina clinics with exposure to a diversity of retinal pathology. Exposure to all current modalities of investigation and treatment is

routine; fluorescein angiography (Zeiss, Heidelberg), ICG video angiography, OCT (Cirrus, Heidelberg), ERG, laser photocoagulation, PDT, intravitreal injections etc.

PERCENTAGE TIME SPENT BY THE FELLOW IN EACH INSTITUTION:

50% - Jewish General Hospital

30% - McGill Academic Eye Centre, Montreal General Hospital

20% - Private offices – Montreal Retina Institute

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 prior to the end of the second year. 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. Fellows are encouraged and supported to present their research projects at all major retina conferences (ASRS, AAO, Canadian Retina Society).

TEACHING:

There are weekly fluorescein angiogram rounds in which all modalities of retina imaging are reviewed as well as a discussion of complicated cases. Journal clubs are also regularly scheduled throughout the course of the year. Fellows will also have the opportunity to participate in McGill organized meetings involving many retina faculty across Quebec to discuss challenging cases as well as see world class visiting lecturers.

FELLOW DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The retina fellow will be the primary contact for any retina related consults from the ophthalmology service. The fellows will review their consults with the retina staff covering the service. The fellows typically cover the retina calls on alternating days. This exposure provides ample opportunity to triage, diagnose and initiate treatment in an independent yet supervised manner.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS RESIDENTS:

On-call retina fellows will provide teaching to the on-call ophthalmology residents with respect to patient examination, diagnosis, ultrasound imaging and management decisions. Assistance in retina related procedures is also expected including laser, cryotherapy, vitreous tap and injection, etc.

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 retina section of ophthalmology residency teaching curriculum.

SALARY:

The fellow's salary, and any associated university fees, are completely funded by the McGill University Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery Fellowship programme. Applicants are however encouraged to seek all forms of funding from their local government or health care institution to help subsidize their studies.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION:

Applicants are matched to the McGill Vitreoretinal Fellowship Programme through the SF Match:

SF Ophthalmology Fellowship Match

<https://www.sfmatch.org/>

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