



Education at URMC – Program Features



Program: Anatomic & Clinical Pathology Residency Program

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Current Faculty Members: 42

Degree offered: Pathology Residency certification in AP/CP or AP only

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About the Program

Our ACGME-accredited Anatomic & Clinical Pathology Residency program boasts a full five-year accreditation. With 16 residents and two to three year out student fellows each year, our program offers flexibility in residency training, abundant research opportunities and the availability of a Resident Research Year out.

Facilities

The breadth and depth of the faculty, including many internationally recognized teacher-clinicians and clinician-researchers. The major amount of resident time is spent at Strong Memorial Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital on the main campus of the University of Rochester Medical Center. The required Forensic Pathology rotation is located at the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office about three miles away. Elective rotations are available at Highland Hospital, which is part of the Strong Health System and is located about a mile away, and at Rochester General Hospital located about five miles away.

Equipment

The Pathology Department has an up to date Surgical Pathology suite with multiple two headed microscopes for sign out of the approximately 49,000 surgical specimens per year. There is also a ten headed scope with video feed for larger groups. The grossing room boasts six stations which are fully adjustable for height and include dictation and computer access at each station. Ventilation is superb and the lack of any smell of formalin is remarkable. All residents are given a microscope and a laptop computer at the start of their residency which is set up with a virtual private network so all hospital and lab information systems are accessible from home or any place in the hospital through the hospital Wi-Fi system.

Technology

We run a state of the art clinical laboratory processing about 10,000,000 tests a year. The hospital uses an electronic health record system and there is a separate laboratory information system interfaced with that system. Most library needs can be met online though we do maintain individual libraries around the department and the Strong Memorial Hospital's Miner Library is available for quiet study and technical assistance.

Research

Many of our faculty have active research programs and resident are strongly encouraged to participate. Most of our residents produce a couple papers, abstracts or other outside presentations during their four years. We also have a Ph.D. Pathology program which is integral to our department. Interested residents wishing to do a year of intensive bench research are encouraged to apply for our Research Year-Out with funding and stipend supplied by the department.

What makes us Unique?

- Located on the southern shore of Lake Ontario and three hours from Toronto, Western New York offers
- The affordable and high-quality lifestyle provided by the City of Rochester and Western New York.
- The genuine camaraderie between our trainees and faculty allows for learning in a supportive atmosphere which fosters excellence in clinical medicine.

- Rochester has many of the benefits with very few of the disadvantages of an urban center. It is rated the "best minor league sports city" in the U.S. It is home to the historic Susan B. Anthony House, the acclaimed Garth Fagan Dance Troupe, and the infamous "Garbage Plate" at Nick Tahou's no-frills eatery. Rochester has the world's largest concentration of lilacs. It offers some of the most appealing and affordable housing in the country—not to mention an extensive and highly regarded parks system, and five nationally ranked high schools. MSN Real Estate recently ranked Rochester the #1 Most Livable Bargain Market in the United States, saying, "Rochester provides a lot of bang for your buck. It has big-city culture, a highly educated population, picturesque scenery, affordable housing and an expanding high-tech job base." Many of our residents elect to buy a house for their four years here. If they don't, the rental prices are very reasonable.
- Rochester is known as "Festival City" with festivals almost every weekend from late spring through early fall. These include the Lilac Festival which kicks off the festival season in early May and the Rochester International Jazz Festival which runs for a week in June. Our museums and performing arts are first-rate and Rochester is home to one of the great music schools of the world, the Eastman School of Music.
- Recreational opportunities abound in Rochester. Numerous sports are available from sailing on Lake Ontario or the beautiful nearby Finger Lakes to snowboarding and Alpine or Nordic skiing in the winter. Adult leagues for all types of sports exist both within the University and in the community. Running, cycling, soccer and golf are especially popular with many venues available for these activities. The Erie Canal runs through Rochester (it is still a functioning waterway) and miles of canal and towpath are here for cyclists, paddlers, runners, or for those just wishing a pleasant walk. For more deep woods adventures, the Adirondack Park is located in the northeast quadrant of New York State and is larger than the five biggest National Parks in the continental US put together! It is about a three hour drive to reach the Adirondacks. For weekend getaways to larger cities, Toronto, Canada is about a three hour drive from Rochester and Boston and New York City are about a six hour drive away.