



Education at URMC – Program Features



Program: Cardiovascular Fellowship Training

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Current Faculty Members: 50+

Degree offered:

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About the Program

The program is an ACGME accredited program at the University of Rochester Medical Center is a three-year program aimed at training academic and clinical cardiologists. Our curriculum expectations and learning objectives correspond to the updated COCATs (ACC guidelines for training in Clinical Cardiology) published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. We currently have 15 approved, filled ACGME positions.

Facilities

The University of Rochester Medical Center is a large, tertiary referral center that treats a broad spectrum of cardiac disease. Patients come from the City of Rochester and throughout western New York and northern Pennsylvania for their care. With over 50 full-time clinical and research faculty members, the cardiovascular faculty of the University of Rochester Medical Center and Strong Memorial Hospital are committed to seeing that fellows in the program receive the highest caliber training to prepare them for practice, teaching, and research careers.

Equipment

We have a wide array of diagnostic imaging, including echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, cardiac MR, and coronary CT angiography, as well as a busy Cath and EP lab that offers multiple modalities of treatment, and an active heart failure/transplant team.

Technology

The Cardiology Division has extensive clinical facilities in the Hospital. Major features of the program are an active clinical service, a busy cardiac catheterization laboratory and coronary care unit, active programs in echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, electrophysiology, heart failure and transplantation, preventive cardiology, and a broad range of clinical and basic research activities.

Research

Clinical investigators are active in multi-center clinical trials as well as single center projects in the sections of interventional cardiology, EP, nuclear cardiology, echocardiography, and clinical cardiology. In addition, there are ongoing efforts to develop several translational projects with the rapidly growing basic science unit in the new Cardiovascular Research Center. There are many opportunities for fellows to participate in Basic Research. The University of Rochester Medical Center is one of the top 25 funded academic medical centers in the USA. Our basic research in cardiology is one reason for our top ranking. At the Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute, more than 100 scientists, technicians and fellows perform the basic research that is changing the future cardiology. For the research experience, each fellow has a preceptor from the Cardiology Division or other faculty, who works closely with the fellow in developing and carrying out a project during the second and third years.

What makes us Unique?

The University of Rochester Medical Center is a large, tertiary referral center that treats a broad spectrum of cardiac disease. Despite the extensive patient exposure and facilities, our program is truly medium sized, with the benefits of a bustling large medical center balanced nicely by a close-knit, friendly environment small enough so that we know all of our colleagues well. Additionally, our faculty truly treat fellows as colleagues, not as subordinate trainees.