

Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center
Transplant Hepatology Fellowship / Hepatology Research
Fellowship

TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted August 1 – Nov 30

Interviews will be held in December

Please send the completed application, Personal Statement, Current CV and 3 Letters of Recommendation to the address below.

Please email all documents to:

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR

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Profile of the Program Director: Mark Russo, MD, MPH, FACP, FAASLD AGAF received his Medical Degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan and his master's in public health from School of Public Health at The University of North Carolina. He completed his training in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology at The University of North Carolina. He was faculty in the liver transplant programs at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan and The University of North Carolina where he earned the rank of Associate Professor of Medicine. He is currently the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation at Carolinas Medical Center. His research interests include autoimmune hepatitis, liver transplant, primary sclerosing cholangitis, hepatocellular carcinoma and drug-induced liver injury. He has published over 140 peer-reviewed publications and 5 book chapters.

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General Overview: The Transplant Hepatology Fellowship at Carolinas Medical Center is designed to provide advanced training in liver disease and liver transplantation for candidates intending to pursue a career in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology. Candidates are required to have completed an ACGME-accredited residency in internal medicine, and they must be board eligible, or board certified in internal medicine. The Transplant Hepatology Fellowship is intended to provide a comprehensive academic educational program with advanced clinical training, research, and local, regional, and national conferences. We offer both an ACGME and non-ACGME Transplant Hepatology Fellowship. Those applying for the ACGME Transplant Hepatology Fellowship will have had to complete an ACGME Gastroenterology Fellowship or are a current CMC GI Fellow applying or the third-year track.

The duration of the fellowship is one year. During the fellowship the fellow will be provided with the opportunity to fulfill UNOS qualifications for a liver transplant physician. They will be given the opportunity to observe the liver transplant operation and to attend organ recoveries. The fellow will follow post-liver transplant patients at least weekly in the outpatient clinic. Fellows will see patients with liver diseases of all types and severity including patients with MASLD, mild liver fibrosis undergoing antiviral therapy for hepatitis B or C to patients with end stage liver disease undergoing liver transplantation.

Clinic is held daily times a week. Inpatient responsibilities include rounding on pre and post liver transplant patients and formulating a plan that will be presented to the liver attending. Under the mentorship of one of the liver faculty, fellows are expected to conduct clinical research with the expectation they will present their research at one of the national liver meetings such as: AASLD, ACG, DDW, or ATC. They will be responsible for submitting the research proposal to the IRB and following through with the research plan, submission of an abstract and manuscript. Approximately 25% of the fellow's time is devoted to research. The educational component of the Fellowship revolves around local conferences conducted at Carolinas Medical Center, which include Medical Grand Rounds, liver pathology conference, weekly transplant selection conferences, liver-GI Journal Club, and monthly hepatobiliary conferences. Regional conferences include the NC society of Gastroenterology meeting. Fellows attend at least one national conference. Fellows will also work with other members of the liver faculty which include Philippe Zamor, MD, Paul Schmeltzer, MD, Natasha Adlakha, MD, Steven Zacks, MD and Andrew deLemos, MD, Sean Rudnick, MD.

Carolinas Medical Center has an ACGME-accredited Gastroenterology Fellowship Program.

**Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center TRANSPLANT
HEPATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**
(Application for both nonACGME and ACGME fellowships)

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PERSONAL DATA

Last Name	First Name	Middle
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Permanent Address: _____

City	State	Zip Code
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Cell phone	Work Telephone
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Email Address _____

Country of Citizenship

Is the applicant a U.S. citizen?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, is the applicant a permanent resident or possess a student or training visa?

☐ Permanent resident of the U.S. ☐ Visa – Type and number:

Start Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Eligible for renewal? Yes _____ No

☐ Please check if you are applying for the 1 yr. ACGME-Accredited Transplant Hepatology Fellow position
(Completion of an ACGME GI Fellowship Required).

☐ Please check if you are applying for the 1 yr. non-ACMGE Hepatology Fellow position

Current employer or GME Program: _____

Location: _____

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EDUCATION	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE AWARDED
College				
Medical School				
Graduate School				
POST GRADUATE TRAINING	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE AWARDED
Internship				
Residency				
Fellowship				

Licensure:

STATE	DATE OF ISSUE	EXPIRATION DATE	NUMBER

Have you ever been denied a license, permit or privilege of taking an examination by any licensing authority?
_____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had a license or permit encumbered in any way (i.e., revoked, suspended, surrendered, restricted, limited, placed on probation?) _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever been named in a malpractice suit? _____ Yes _____ No

(If you answered yes to any of these questions, please attach a detailed explanation.)

Certification

Board

Year of Certification

Honors

(Attach a separate page if necessary).

Attach a personal statement of why you are interested in this position.

REFERENCES

Three letters of recommendation are required.

How did you learn about this fellowship program?
