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WELCOME

Welcome to the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System / UCLA-Affiliated Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program. The field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is constantly evolving and we are proud to be a part of the exciting progress. Since 1955, our program has trained over 350 physiatrists and remains dedicated to providing quality healthcare to veterans, training compassionate, ethical, skilled physiatrists, supporting scientific discovery and field advancement through research, and producing leaders in education, patient care, and advocacy.

VA GLA is CARF-Accredited (in Stroke, Inpatient Rehabilitation, Amputee Rehab, Vocational Rehab, and Pain Medicine) and our PM&R training programs are fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). We offer outstanding clinical experiences in all aspects of neurorehabilitation and musculoskeletal medicine including interventional physiatry, electrodiagnostic medicine, amputee care, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, and other subspecialty areas.

Currently, the program hosts 25 PM&R Residents and supports 4 Pain Medicine Fellows. Our full-time faculty members outnumber our trainees (a superb teaching faculty:resident ratio) and are passionately dedicated to educating our residents and fellows. In addition, our trainees work with numerous part-time and voluntary faculty clinicians based in the community and the private sector.

We are a multi-campus training program comprised of a family of affiliated hospitals in the Los Angeles areas (Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – West Los Angeles and Sepulveda, UCLA Medical Center, California Rehabilitation Institute, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Long Beach VA Healthcare System, and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center). We offer a well-balanced curriculum evenly divided between outpatient and inpatient rotations.

The residency program shares resources and faculty with the Pain Medicine Fellowship Program (founded and ACGME accredited since 2001). Co-staffed by Physiatrists, Anesthesiologists, Psychologists, Neurologists, and Psychiatrists, this program offers a true multidisciplinary approach to comprehensive pain management. Thus, the residents have the opportunity to learn from experts and gain exposure to various evaluation and treatment methods in pain management, including post-operative care and interventional pain procedures.

On behalf of the bright residents, fellows, and faculty across our family of facilities, I welcome you to learn more about us. We look forward to meeting you during your visit, rotation or interview here.

Best Regards,

Dixie Aragaki, MD
Program Director, VA GLAHS Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency
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CURRICULUM

Overview

Thank you for your interest in our residency program. Listed below are sample schedules for the West Los Angeles VA followed by the components of our curriculum. Strong emphasis is placed on both clinical exposure and formal classroom teaching everyday of the week. Residents have ample opportunities to gain hands-on experience by participating in various procedures, including electrodiagnostic testing and ultrasound-guided injections. Furthermore, residents are expected to present morbidity and mortality, quality improvement, patient safety, journal club, grand rounds, as well as various other presentations throughout the year. Since this is a multi-campus program, the typical day will vary from one site to another. Regardless of the rotation, Tuesday afternoons remain protected time for didactics, which are predominantly faculty-led, and all sites remain committed to the educational experience of the residents.

Our typical work day lasts from 8am-5pm, but at times it can run later. Twenty days of vacation are provided with another ten days allowed for illness/required certifications/conferences. Our call schedule varies considerably based on location as well as post-graduate year. We encourage you to ask us questions about it when you visit.

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Components of the Curriculum

The three components of the Physical Medical and Rehabilitation (PM&R) and Pain Medicine curriculum include:

1. Basic Science and Clinical Didactics
2. Clinical Practice
3. Research

1 | Basic Science & Clinic Didactics

Basic Science: Annual Lecture Series
Presented on an annual basis, this series of modules consisting of six to twelve lectures each are given by specialists in their respective fields, as follows:

- Introduction to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Gait Analysis/Kinesiology
- Neuromuscular Physiology and Neurorehabilitation
- Functional Musculoskeletal and Neurological Anatomy
- Musculoskeletal Examination Skills
- Anatomy Lab (MSK Ultrasound)
- Electrodiagnosis I
- Electrodiagnosis II
- Research Module/Statistics
- PM&R Administration/Medical-Legal Practice Issues
- Prosthetics/Orthotics/Amputee Rehabilitation

Clinical Didactics: Core Lecture Series
A second component is the Core Lecture Series, which is presented over a three-year period by Staff and Residents as follows:

- Stroke Rehabilitation (2019-20; 2021-22)
- Geriatric Rehabilitation (2019-20; 2021-22)
- Neuromuscular Disorders (2019-20; 2021-22)
- Rheumatologic and Connective Tissue Diseases (2019-20; 2021-22)
- Modalities and Therapeutic Exercises (2019-20; 2021-22)
- Spinal Cord Injury (2017-18; 2020-21)
- Degenerative Spine Disorders (2017-18; 2020-21)
- Musculoskeletal/Sports (2017-18; 2020-21)
- Pediatric Rehabilitation (2017-18; 2020-21)
- Cardiopulmonary, Cancer Rehab (2017-18; 2020-21)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (2018-19; 2021-22)
- Central Nervous System Disorders (2018-19; 2021-22)
- Industrial Rehabilitation (2018-19; 2021-22)
- Pain Management (2018-19; 2021-22)
- Additional Topics (burns, skin, movement disorders, polytrauma) (variable)
- Pain Lecture Series held every Wednesday morning 8-9am.

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2 | Clinical Practice

This component offers the opportunity to acquire appropriate evaluation and treatment skills as well as to demonstrate competence in the inpatient and outpatient settings covering the following rehabilitation and pain management areas:

- General Rehabilitation
- Musculoskeletal/Rheumatology Rehabilitation
- Electrodiagnostic Medicine
- Pain Medicine including Interventional Pain Management
- Amputee Rehabilitation
- Prosthetics/Orthotics and Wheelchair
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
- Nursing Home Care Unit (Geriatric Rehabilitation and Cancer/Palliative Care)
- Wellness and Fall Risk Assessment
- Sports Medicine
- Polytrauma

3 | Resident Research

By the Fall of the PGY-2 year, each new resident is assigned to a research team and faculty advisor. The team will prepare, conduct, and submit results of the project over the course of the three-year residency program. In August of each year, a full day is dedicated to our Research Day, where residents give poster and PowerPoint presentations on their respective research.

Goals

- Gain an exposure to and appreciation of scientific research in PM&R
- Acquire research skills and interests necessary for more intensive future involvement in research
- Provide the opportunity for an experience-based decision regarding pursuit of an academic career
- Enhance the ability to critically review research literature
- Develop an understanding of the interrelatedness of research to clinical practice
- Develop relevant clinical work of publishable quality
- Foster the recognition that involvement in research can be enjoyable and personally rewarding

Responsibilities

First Year Residents: Research Module: Literature Review and Methodology

1) Beginning September, attendance at a weekly practicum with Team Mentor/PI Tuesdays at 1:15–2:00pm.
2) Nine (9) hours of classroom instruction on research methodology with exercises designed to augment the practicum
3) Attendance at the Annual Research Day (August)
4) Attendance at the six (6) hour Statistics Lecture Series with a grade of at least 70% on the exam.
Second / Third Year Residents: Research Module: Data Collection and Analysis

1) Conduct research activities on their team project during designated research time
2) Attendance at a weekly practicum with Team Advisor on Tuesdays 1:15 – 2:00 pm
3) Team poster presentation at the Annual Research Day (August)
4) Present at AAPM&R annual conference (Third Year Residents [exceptions made for junior residents])

Select publications by residents and faculty

2020


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2018


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2017


Joves B, Pangarkar S, Decision Making in Pain Management, 3 ed., HIV AIDS related pain disorders,


2016


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- West Los Angeles Healthcare Center
- Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center
- California Rehabilitation Institute*
- UCLA Medical Center*
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles*
- Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center*
- VA Long Beach Healthcare System

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PAIN FELLOWS

DICKRAN ALTOUNIAN, DO
Hometown Los Angeles, CA
Residency UT Health McGovern Medical School
Medical School Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Interests Playing sports including basketball and baseball. I love hiking, camping, traveling, and trying out new cuisines with my wife.

SUSIE KWON, MD
Hometown Fullerton, CA
Residency NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
Medical School Georgetown
Interests Medical illustration, fine arts, golf

RYAN MCCARTY, MD
Hometown Nashua, NH
Residency Emory
Medical School Medical College of Georgia
Interests Ice hockey, beach and mountain activities, traveling

MATTHEW ROBINSON, DO
Hometown Fairfield, CA
Residency UCLA/GLA VA PM&R
Medical School Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Interests Discovering and enjoying new destinations with my wife, cooking and mixology, driving clutch, movies, fitness, sports, Disney

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RESIDENTS

Class of 2021

DAVID BLUMEYER, MD

Hometown San Diego, CA
Medical School David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Internship Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Interests Gym, surfing, snowboarding, being a White Cloud, EDM

CHRISTOPHER BROPHY, MD

Hometown Bend, OR
Medical School Keck School of Medicine of USC
Internship White Memorial Hospital
Interests Powerlifting, video games, cycling, foreign film, book clubs, eSports, turning phrases, stumbling down the PubMed rabbit hole, reading between the lines and writing on the margins

PAIGE CRONN, MD

Hometown Antioch, CA
Medical School Wayne State University
Internship UC Irvine Medical Center
Interests Baking, crafts, comics, sunshine :)

ANDREW HANNA, DO

Hometown Orange, CA
Medical School Medical School Touro University - Nevada
Internship Larkin South Miami Hospital
Interests I love to travel the world, try different hotels/restaurants, study finance and biotech advancements. I enjoy watching the NBA and Formula 1. I also participate in basketball, tennis, and golf. Go Lakers!

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CALVIN HO, MD, MEd
Hometown: Hawthorne, CA
Medical School: Howard University
Internship: UC Irvine Medical Center
Interests: Jesus Christ, family, sneakers, volleyball, volunteering, House

ROYA MOHEIMANI, MD
Hometown: Newport Beach, CA
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Internship: Kaiser Permanente Sunset LA
Interests: Playing basketball/soccer and more, avid college football fan, underwater basket weaving

NIKESH PATEL, DO
Hometown: Corpus Christi, TX
Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Internship: Stonybrook Southampton Hospital
Interests: Traveling, soccer, snowboarding, watching football, movies, sleep

JEANNIE ZHANG, MD
Hometown: Cerritos, CA
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Internship: Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
Interests: Walking, dog-spotting, reading fiction, writing
Class of 2022

MATTHEW BROWN, MD
Hometown: Bellevue, WA
Medical School: Keck School of Medicine of USC
Internship: Kaiser Permanente Sunset LA
Interests: Water polo, body surfing, hiking, camping, church, cooking, yoga, piano

JONATHAN DROESSLER, MD
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Medical School: Creighton University School of Medicine
Internship: UC Irvine Medical Center
Interests: Socks, going to the YMCA, listening to podcasts, watching His Dark Materials and the Mandalorian, disc golf

DAVID HEMMATI, MD
Hometown: Encino, CA
Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Internship: UC Irvine Medical Center
Interests: Lakers, basketball, ping pong, bowling

ANDYSHEH KAMGAR-Parsi, DO, MS
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Internship: Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Interests: Piano, creative writing, eating chocolate chip cookies

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HARDIK PARIKH, MD

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA  
Medical School: Keck School of Medicine of USC  
Internship: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
Interests: Early morning workouts, hooping, spending time with family and friends, lakers basketball, LA sports, cooking, eating

MELISSA PHUPHANICH, MD, MS

Hometown: Manhattan Beach, CA  
Medical School: Rush Medical College  
Internship: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
Interests: Yoga, hiking, skiing, rock climbing, kayaking, paddle boarding, the beach

MIA SHAN, MD

Hometown: North Potomac, MD  
Medical School: UC Irvine School of Medicine  
Internship: UC Irvine Medical Center  
Interests: Drawing, playing around with Photoshop, piano, hiking, going to the Beach, sunsets

KUNAL SINHA, MD

Hometown: San Diego, CA  
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA  
Internship: Olive View-UCLA Medical Center  
Interests: Racquetball, kayaking, hiking, Rush Hour marathons, last minute ski trips with my co-residents
Class of 2023

RYAN ALANO, MD, MPH
Hometown: Pasadena, CA
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Internship: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Interests: Photography, card magic, playing piano and guitar, cars, traveling, hiking

DEREK BUI, DO
Hometown: Fairfax, VA
Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
Internship: Valleywise/St. Joseph
Interests: Surfing, mountain biking, hiking, eating delicious food

MICHAEL CHUNG, MD
Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
Medical School: Albany Medical College
Internship: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
Interests: Traversing the world to eat, cooking, snowboarding, camping, photo editing, and attempting to not kill my house plants

JERRY Luo, MD
Hometown: Corvallis, OR
Medical School: Keck School of Medicine of USC
Internship: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Interests: Reading, music, coffee, road biking

DAVID SCHULZE, DO, MS
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
Medical School: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Internship: Medical City - Weatherford
Interests: Gardening, writing, politics, road tripping, camping, nature, voice acting, grilling, and of course my dog Spooky

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LINDSAY SMITH, MD
Hometown: Mercer Island, WA
Medical School: Weill Cornell Medical College
Internship: Coney Island Hospital
Interests: Beaches, animals, Great British Bake Off, volleyball, bouldering

RYAN SMITH, MD
Hometown: Santa Monica, CA
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Internship: University of Arizona - Tucson
Interests: Ice hockey, A Song of Ice and Fire, hiking/camping, photography

ELIZABETH WEINER, MD
Hometown: Hermitage, PA
Medical School: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Internship: Maimonides Medical Center
Interests: Cooking, working out, eating ice cream, playing tennis, live music

GRACE ZHANG, MD
Hometown: Northbrook, IL
Medical School: Medical College of Georgia
Internship: Presence Saint Francis Hospital
Interests: Tennis, longboarding, painting, baking, laying down on my couch
HOW TO APPLY

Applications
Thank you for your interest in our residency program. Applications are accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). Please visit www.aamc.org/eras for more information.

Deadline
The deadline for application submission is December 31st each year.

Interviews
Interviews are by invitation only and conducted between October – January. Positions are filled by the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).

Positions
8 – 9 residency positions are available each year

Completion of Internship Requirement
Applicants are expected to have successfully completed either a preliminary year of medicine or surgery, or a transitional internship prior to the start of our residency program.
AFTER RESIDENCY

We recognize the importance of preparing graduates to handle the demands of academics, fellowships, and private practice. Our recent graduating classes have been evenly split amongst these categories.

Where do our graduates go?

- VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System/ UCLA Pain Medicine Fellowship
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Group (Southern California/ Northern California) PM&R, Occupational Medicine
- UCLA Interventional Spine Fellowship
- UCLA Harbor Sports Medicine Fellowship
- USC Interventional Spine Fellowship
- Cedars-Sinai/California Rehabilitation Institute Faculty
- West Los Angeles VA faculty
- UCSF Fresno Palliative Care/Hospice Fellowship
- UCSD/Scripps Health Palliative Care/Hospice Fellowship
- UCSD Pain Fellowship
- Stanford University Pain Fellowship
- UC Davis Sports Medicine Fellowship
- UC Davis Pain Fellowship
- UC Davis Neuromuscular Fellowship
- Loma Linda Pain Fellowship
- MD Anderson Cancer Rehab Fellowship
- Johns Hopkins University Sport Medicine Fellowship and Pediatric Rehabilitation Fellowship
- Harvard-Spaulding Spine Fellowship
- University of Illinois Sports Medicine Fellowship
- Private practice in Los Angeles, New York, Texas, New Jersey, Georgia, San Francisco
- And many other programs, places and practices…
PAIN MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP

Since its inception in 2001, the Pain Medicine Fellowship has received full ACGME accreditation and shares both resources and faculty with the PM&R Residency Program. This 12-month program trains 4 fellows each year, providing them with a wide diversity of experience in both outpatient and inpatient settings with a multidisciplinary approach to comprehensive pain management. Working alongside Psychiatrists, Anesthesiologists, Neurologists, Pediatricians, Psychologists, and Psychologists, there is substantial training in interventional pain procedures and minor surgical procedures (Pumps and Stimulators). In addition to general musculoskeletal pain disorders, fellows have great exposure to headache and facial pain, palliative and cancer pain, as well as pediatric pain issues. Please see below for a sample schedule of our pain lecture series.

For additional information about the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System/ UCLA multi-campus fellowship in Pain Medicine and the application process, please click here to be directed to the website. *

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MEDICAL STUDENT CLERKSHIPS

Fourth year medical students are invited to participate in a 3-4 week elective rotation to gain exposure to inpatient acute rehabilitation services, outpatient PM&R and subspecialty clinics, as well as comprehensive pain management experience. Currently, VA GLA electives are restricted to UCLA medical students. We highly encourage you to first contact our Education Office at (310) 268-3342 to check on course availability.

Affiliated institutions such as California Rehabilitation Institute, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and outpatient practices accept Non-UCLA students for clerkships.

Information regarding available PM&R electives can be found within the *Elective Course Manual*

**Available PM&R Electives to UCLA students:**
- ME254.01 PM&R, WLA VA
- ME254.02 PM&R, Sepulveda VA
- ME298.01 Comprehensive Pain management, WLA VA

**Available PM&R Elective to UCLA and Non-UCLA students:**
- NE254.01 PM&R, California Rehabilitation Institute
- MD254.01 Non-Operative Musculoskeletal & Spine Pain Management, UCLA
- MD295.01 Comprehensive Spine and Pain, UCLA

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Welcome to Los Angeles!
Here is a little bit about the city and its various neighborhoods in which our residents live.

Fun Facts about LA
Population: 3,979,576 (from 2019 Census)
Avg Annual Rainfall: 14 in / 36 cm
Avg January Temp: 57 °F / 14 °C
Avg July Temp: 72 °F / 22 °C

Where do our residents live?
Santa Monica  Brentwood  Westwood  Los Angeles
Culver City/Palms  Venice Beach  Marina Del Rey  Pasadena
Downtown LA  Mar Vista  West LA  Sherman Oaks

Our residents are made up of a mix of native Angelenos as well as out-of-staters. We bring together a diverse background and set of interests, which we hope you’ll ask us about when you come for a visit.

Los Angeles offers cultural experiences including numerous ethnic neighborhoods, museums, live theatre, along with music and sports venues. Not a weekend will go by without some part of the city waiting to be explored. Los Angeles is also a fantastic location for outdoor activities including surfing, hiking, biking, and just a few hours away is some of the best skiing in California.

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