



Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

**British Columbia Children's Hospital
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

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BC Children's Hospital is offering a 3-year fully accredited subspecialty resident training program in Pediatric Gastroenterology. We provide 2 years of clinical and a third year dedicated to clinical or basic research. We aim to attract and develop highly motivated, intelligent, and exceptional fellows who will become leaders in the field of Pediatric Gastroenterology.

BC Children's Hospital is located in beautiful Vancouver, Canada, one of the most vibrant and active cities in the world. Known for its stunning scenery and landscape, Vancouver provides the perfect backdrop

for fellowship training in Pediatric Gastroenterology. The Hospital is the sole tertiary care centre for Pediatric Gastroenterology in the Province of British Columbia and serves a pediatric population of approximately 1 million children aged 0 – 18 years. Our clinical unit's staff includes five full time and three part-time attending gastroenterologists, two basic researchers, one clinical nutrition specialist, clinical trainees of various levels of training from medical students to fellows, four clinical nurses, a dietitian, and support clerical and administrative staff.

Our fellowship program accepts applications from residents in Canadian pediatric training programs, as well as international applicants who have completed equivalent pediatric residency training. This fully accredited program offers a curriculum which meets and often exceeds Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada standards. Funding is available for both Canadian and foreign graduates using different funding sources.

Clinical rotations are performed primarily at BC Children's Hospital. Fellows are also



encouraged to pursue elective experiences, either in Vancouver or at other centres.

Our ambulatory care program sees nearly 1000 new referrals and 1700 follow-up patients in the clinic per year, plus 170 medical day unit and 100 ER assessments. We follow approximately 400 children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease with approximately 70 new patients diagnosed with IBD every year. The clinic also follows a large group of celiac patients, eosinophilic esophagitis, gastro-esophageal reflux, and abdominal pain patients. There are specialty clinics for multi-organ transplant, celiac disease, liver disease and complex nutrition and a transition clinic.

We perform 550 upper endoscopies, 190 colonoscopies and 90 other interventional procedures per year through our newly renovated endoscopy suite. Non-endoscopy procedures include pH probes, breathe testing and suction rectal biopsies.

We offer an active research program. Fellows have the opportunity to participate in clinical and basic-science research, based on their interest. Our clinical research focus includes Inflammatory Bowel Disease,

Celiac Disease, Eosinophilic Esophagitis and Biliary Atresia. Laboratory research focuses on the role of inflammation and tissue repair in IBD, factors that control bacterial populations in the gut and how intestinal inflammation affects the microbial population.

Additional opportunities exist to acquire a Masters degree in clinical epidemiology, Education or Health Care Administration as part of the third year research / scholarly activity component of the program.

If you would like further information about our program, or would like to apply for fellowship training in Pediatric

Gastroenterology, please contact Dr. Orlee Guttman (oguttman@cw.bc.ca) or Dr. Kevan Jacobson (kjacobson@cw.bc.ca).

We are currently accepting applications for a July 1 start date.

Learn more about our program and the city of Vancouver... you won't be disappointed!



Websites:

British Columbia's Children's Hospital:
www.bcchildrens.ca

BCCH GI Division and Information:
www.mygi.ca

BCCH GI Division IBD research program:
www.vangopro.ca

Child and Family Research Institute:
www.cfri.ca

Living in Vancouver and BC:

www.tourismvancouver.com

www.vancouverscenes.com

www.whistlerblackcomb.com

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