



Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

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

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BC Children's Hospital offers 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, one of the most vibrant and active cities in the world. Known for its stunning landscape, Vancouver provides the perfect backdrop for fellowship training in Pediatric Gastroenterology.

The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition is based out of BC Children's Hospital which 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. Our division has more than 10 faculty (some full-time and some part-time), along with Associate Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Clinicians, Dietitians, Social Workers, a dedicated GI pharmacist, as well as clerical and administrative staff. Clinical trainees including medical students and pediatric residents are regularly part of an educational rotation on our team. We also have three basic science researchers who work closely with our division and are involved with GI research.

Our fellowship program accepts applications from residents in Canadian pediatric training programs, as well as international applicants who have completed equivalent pediatric residency training and meet the language requirements set out by the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons (See full details at this link: <https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/RP-English-Lanugage-Proficiency-Requirements.pdf>)



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 international graduates through several funding sources.

Clinical rotations are completed 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 over 1000 new referrals and approximately 5000 total outpatient appointments per year. We follow many hundreds of patients with IBD every year with over 120 new diagnosis each year. The outpatient clinics also follow a large numbers of patients with the full spectrum of pediatric GI disorders. There are numerous sub-specialty clinics including Multi-Organ Transplant (MOT), Complex Feeding and Nutrition, Intestinal Failure, Hepatology, Celiac, Eosinophilic Esophagitis and Inflammatory Bowel Disease (including VEO-IBD, Intestinal Ultrasound, and Transition).

We perform approximately 300 colonoscopies and 700 upper endoscopies per year. Non-endoscopy procedures include pH/ impedance testing, esophageal and rectal manometry,

breath testing, suction rectal biopsies, TransNasalEndoscopy, FibroScan and Intestinal Ultrasound.

We have an active research program. Fellows have the opportunity to participate in clinical and/or basic science research, based on their interest and background. Our clinical research focuses include IBD, celiac disease, eosinophilic esophagitis and hepatology (biliary atresia, FibroScan). 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 pursue a Master's degree in clinical epidemiology, health professional education or public health 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 Daisy Yin (daisy.yin@cw.bc.ca) (Fellowship Program Assistant)



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BC College of Physicians and Surgeons
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**An introduction to our program,
our hospital and our city**

