

## RESIDENCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT Gastroenterology Fellowship

### From The Program Director:

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The Osteopathic Gastroenterology Fellowship Program, based at Millcreek Community Hospital, is designed to provide training for a career in clinical practice. The program is approved by and meets the requirements of the AOA and the ACOI. To enhance the training and experiences for the G.I. Fellows there are several out rotations scheduled during the three year program. The G.I. Fellows rotate at Westmoreland, Latrobe and Jefferson Hospitals, which are located outside of Pittsburgh. They also rotate at Mercy Hospital and Pittsburgh Children's Hospital for Pediatrics and at the Cleveland Clinic for Liver and Liver Transplant Training.

*G.I. Inpatient/Consult Service:* The Fellows function in conjunction with Attendings and Medical Teams for Gastrointestinal and Hepatologic issues at all hospitals. Fellows are exposed to several perspectives on evaluation and treatment plans. At the majority of our hospitals the G.I. Fellows provide guidance and teaching to the Residents, Interns, and Medical Students. In addition to gaining patient care experience, Fellows perform Endoscopic Procedures during this time as well.

*Endoscopy Training:* The Fellows are comprehensively and extensively trained in the areas of Esophagogastroduodenoscopies, Colonoscopies, Liver Biopsies, Manometry, Video Capsule Endoscopy, Therapeutic Procedures such as Dilations, Hemostasis, Foreign Body Extractions, Paracentesis as well as ERCP.

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Do Not Miss "Jeopardy" which  
will be starting on Friday, Febru-  
ary 15th in the Education Center  
during Morning Report at 7am.  
Prizes will be awarded to the  
winning teams!!

## Millcreek Community Hospital's Upcoming Events

### Comlex Board Review

2/15 & 2/18, 1st Flr. Conf. Rm., 9am to noon

2/20 & 2/22, 1st Flr. Conf. Rm., 1pm to 4pm

2/25 & 2/27, Ed. Ctr., 9am to noon

2/29, 3/3, & 3/5, 1st Flr. Conf. Rm., 9am to noon

3/7, Ed. ctr., 1pm to 4pm

### G.I. Board Review: Step II & III

2/20, LECOM, Lecture Hall D, 1:30pm -5pm

### Generic Drug Lecture by Highmark

2/25, Ed. Ctr., noon to 1pm

### Primary Care 2008

3/7, 3/8 & 3/9, Peek'n Peak

### ENT Residents In-Service Exam

3/2, Ed. Ctr., 8am to 5pm

### IM Residents In-Service Exam

3/7, 1st Flr. Conf. Rm., 8am to 12:30pm

### Spiriva, COPD Lecture

3/17, Ed. Ctr., noon to 1pm

### Alliance Advisory Group

3/31, Ed. Ctr., noon to 1pm

### LECOM Hospital Day

4/17, Zem Zem, 10am to 1pm

### Bowl With a "D.O."

4/23, Rolling Meadow Lanes, 5:30pm

## **Gastroenterology Fellowship, continued**

*Liver Transplant:* This training is based at the Cleveland Clinic for Inpatient Training and at other Affiliates for Outpatient Clinics.

*Conference and Education:* There are several educational conferences and opportunities for the G.I. Fellows to attend, including:

1. Attending Rounds - held daily on inpatient and consult services.
2. Medical Case Based Conferences -held daily.
3. Gut Club - held weekly.
4. G.I. Journal Club - held weekly.
5. G.I. Pathology Rounds - held twice weekly.
6. G.I. Grand Rounds - Internal & External Presentations held every other week.
7. G.I. Fellow Lectures - provided weekly to Medical Students, Interns & Residents.
8. Nutrition Conferences - held twice a month.
9. Didactic Rounds - provided weekly.
10. Medical Grand Rounds and Medicine Journal Clubs - held weekly.
11. Board Review - held every other week.
12. Participation in the Junior Faculty for the Gastroenterology System at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.
13. Peer Review and Core Competency Review

*Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine:* The G.I. Fellows participate in the Junior Faculty for Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the Lake Erie college of Osteopathic Medicine. Lectures and hands-on training in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine along with the clinical application of Osteopathic Principles are presented.

### **From the Gastroenterology Fellows:**

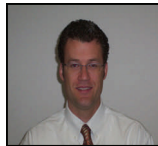
Over the three years of the Gastroenterology Fellowship, Fellows are exposed to a wide array of Gastrointestinal related procedures, hospital and clinical settings. There is dedicated time spent in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Gastrointestinal Related Pathology and Radiology. The Fellowship training is further enhanced by specialized training in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic procedures such as Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), Stricture Dilation, and Bleeding Hemostasis Techniques. The Fellows' learning experience is supplemented with innovative rotations such as in Gastroenterological Anesthesia and Advanced Airway Management, experiences that may not be offered or required in many fellowship programs. There is a strong emphasis placed on medical education to create well-rounded Gastroenterologists. These teaching experiences include providing lectures to Residents and Medical Students, both in the hospital setting and in the affiliated medical school, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Fellows also are encouraged to participate in obtaining a Master's Degree in Medical Education during their training. All told, the Fellowship Program is designed to produce highly trained, expert Gastroenterologists who excel as teachers and clinicians.



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## **2008/2009 INTERN MATCH RESULTS**

**By John J. Kalata, D.O., Internship Director**

We are pleased to report that we have matched with twelve Interns/PGY1 Residents for the 2008/2009 academic year. I would like to thank MCH's Administration, Program Directors, current Residents and staff for their help with recruiting these graduates to our program.

### **Traditional Rotating Internship:**

**David McGarvey, LECOM**

### **Family Practice and OMT Specialty Track Internship:**

**Kevin Capp, LECOM**

**Kristen Chandler, PCOM**

**Robert Chandler, LECOM**

**Kelly Common, LECOM**

### **Ophthalmology Special Emphasis Internship:**

**Tracey Durkovich, UNECOM**

### **Orthopedic Surgery Specialty Track Internship:**

**Geoffrey Cornelsen, DMU-COM**

**Roger Warren Rogers, LECOM**

**Michael Sobolewski, LECOM**

### **Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery Specialty Track Internship:**

**Ryan Palmer, KCUMB-COM**

### **Psychiatry Special Emphasis Internship:**

**Kristina Semeniken, LECOM**

**Jamie Fuhrer, LECOM**

### **POMA CLINICAL ESSAY CONTEST**

First Prize: \$1,000 and Golden Quill Award

Second Prize: \$500 and Framed Winner's Certificate

Honorable Mention: \$200 and

Framed Winner's Certificate

**Deadline for Submitting Papers: March 14, 2008**

**Email Entries to: [publ@poma.org](mailto:publ@poma.org)**

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