

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM TRACK-SPECIFIC GOALS &  
OBJECTIVES**

The University of Washington Fellowship in Dermatopathology is a one-year comprehensive training experience. Training includes experience with routine and complex dermatopathology cases, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence, and molecular diagnostic techniques. The University of Washington is a tertiary referral center, providing a broad range of in-house as well as consult material for a rich educational experience. Dermatopathology fellows interface with clinical dermatology, hematopathology, soft tissue pathology, oral pathology, and surgical pathology. Fellows are expected to be active in clinical conferences, teaching conferences, and teaching and mentoring of dermatology and pathology resident trainees. Research is strongly encouraged through projects in both pathology and dermatology.

**PATHOLOGY TRAINED DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWS**

**GOAL:** Prepare pathology-trained dermatopathology fellows to deliver expert dermatopathology care.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will learn from and participate in dermatology clinics under the supervision of dermatology attending faculty including the General Dermatology Clinics, Lymphoma Clinic, Dermatology Grand Rounds/Patient Care Conference, and Pigmented Lesion Clinic. In addition, fellows will have exposure to Mohs surgery and interface with the faculty Mohs surgeon.

**DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will learn from and participate in the didactic learning environment of dermatology specific conferences including (but not limited to) Dermatology Patient Conference and Dermatology Grand Rounds (every other week), as well as attend weekly Dermatopathology lectures.

**DERMATOPATHOLOGY EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will participate in dermatopathology-related clinical activities daily, and develop a level of competency to practice as an independent dermatopathologist. Clinical activities include Dermatopathology Slide Review, Dermatopathology Sign Out, Dermatopathology Didactic Conference, Dermatology Clinical Correlation Case Discussion Conference and dermatopathology research activities.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Patient Care:**

- Perform and document a complete exam of the skin.
- Learn and use appropriately, consistently and accurately the language of dermatology.
- Demonstrate skill in clinic/office-based diagnostic tests, including KOH prep, scabies prep, Gram's stain, Wood's lamp exam.
- Select appropriate biopsy lesion, body site and technique.
- Demonstrate diagnostic competency in clinical dermatology by exposure to direct patient care in dermatology clinic.
- Initiate, with graduated responsibility, patient care for dermatologic disease.
- Communicate with patients, family members, and colleagues with compassion and courtesy.

**Medical Knowledge:**

- Demonstrate the basic knowledge base required for practice of dermatopathology.
- Perform and demonstrate competence in dermatologic diagnostic procedures and tests, including KOH prep, scabies prep, and skin biopsy.
- Demonstrate mastery of basic principles of immunohistochemistry (including immunofluorescence), and molecular testing for the diagnosis of dermatologic conditions.

**Practice-Based Learning & Improvement:**

- Participate in didactic and patient-centered conferences included in the program curriculum.

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- Demonstrate active, self-directed learning.
- Efficiently and effectively accesses and assesses best-evidence for clinical decision making.
- Actively participate in didactic conferences and clinicopathologic conference discussions.

### **Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

- Consistently use a compassionate, courteous and respectful demeanor in the work setting.
- Effectively communicates with other physicians and staff in a manner that respects patient privacy.
- Communicate effectively with interdisciplinary team.
- Prepare timely and legible medical records including dermatopathology reports.

### **Professionalism**

- Consistently demonstrate ethical conduct.
- Consistently demonstrate dependable behavior in patient care, follow-up and administrative tasks.
- Demonstrate sensitivity to issues of culture, age, gender, and disability.

### **Systems-Based Practice**

- Progressively demonstrates practicing cost-effective care without compromising quality of care.
- Understand how different practice systems function to deliver care.
- Demonstrate effective team behavior to enhance patient safety and care.
- Identify clinical errors and effective solutions.

## **DERMATOLOGY TRAINED DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWS**

**GOAL:** Prepare dermatology-trained dermatopathology fellows to deliver expert dermatopathology care.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will learn from and participate in anatomic and surgical pathology as well as hematopathology patient care activities under the supervision of Pathology faculty.

**DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will learn from and participate in the didactic learning environment of Anatomic Pathology and Dermatology conferences including (but not limited to) Residents' Didactic Series, Cytology Conference, Dermatology Patient Conference and Dermatology Grand Rounds (every other week).

**DERMATOPATHOLOGY EXPERIENCE:** The fellow will participate in dermatopathology-related clinical activities daily, and develop a level of competency to practice as an independent dermatopathologist. Clinical activities include Dermatopathology Slide Review, Dermatopathology Sign Out, Dermatopathology Didactic Conference, Dermatology Clinical Correlation Case Discussion Conference and dermatopathology research activities.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

#### **Patient Care:**

- Gross, review, and sign out general surgical pathology cases under the supervision of Pathology faculty.
- Learn and use appropriately, consistently and accurately the language of pathology.
- Demonstrate diagnostic competency in pathology by exposure to general surgical pathology, cytology, and hematopathology.
- Communicate with patients, family members, and colleagues with compassion and courtesy.
- Initiate tests and diagnostic pathologic diagnoses relevant for dermatopathology.

#### **Medical Knowledge:**

- Demonstrate the basic pathology knowledge base required for practice of dermatopathology.
- Demonstrate mastery of basic principles of immunohistochemistry (including immunofluorescence), and molecular testing for the diagnosis of dermatologic conditions.

**Practice-Based Learning & Improvement:**

- Participate in didactic and patient-centered conferences included in the program curriculum.
- Demonstrate active, self-directed learning.
- Efficiently and effectively accesses and assesses best-evidence for clinical decision making.
- Actively participate in didactic conferences and clinicopathologic conference discussions.
- Discuss economic issues in lab management.

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

- Consistently use a compassionate, courteous and respectful demeanor in the work setting.
- Effectively communicates with other physicians and staff in a manner that respects patient privacy.
- Communicate effectively with interdisciplinary team.
- Prepare timely and legible medical records including dermatopathology reports.

**Professionalism**

- Consistently demonstrate ethical conduct.
- Consistently demonstrate dependable behavior in patient care, follow-up and administrative tasks.
- Demonstrates sensitivity to issues of culture, age, gender, and disability.

**Systems-Based Practice**

- Progressively demonstrates practicing cost-effective care without compromising quality of care.
- Understand how different practice systems function to deliver care.
- Demonstrate effective team behavior to enhance patient safety and care.
- Identify clinical errors and discuss effective solutions.
- Practice regular quality control and take measures for error prevention.