The University of Wisconsin Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation is now accepting applications for the 2018…

Non-Operative Pediatric Orthopedic (NOPO) Fellowship

Principle: Medicine faces an increase in pediatric orthopedic conditions and injuries that are initially encountered by primary care providers who are unfortunately receiving less musculoskeletal (MSK) training required to manage these disorders. This challenge is complicated by societal expectation for subspecialty expertise in these disorders; traditionally managed by pediatric orthopedic surgeons (POS). Recent studies document that only 15% of patients referred to surgeons meet strict AAP criteria for appropriate referral. An immediate need exists for Pediatric MSK specialists (NOPO) who can partner with POS specialists and who can diagnosis and treat the 85% of primarily non-operative pediatric MSK conditions.

For nearly a decade, the University of Wisconsin has trained graduates from accredited US Pediatric residencies to become pediatric MSK specialists. These highly trained specialists (NOPO) are competitively recruited by large medical practices and academic centers to enjoy an excellent income in an outstanding and stimulating field of medicine.

Goal: This one-year fellowship will train US Board Eligible or Board Certified Pediatricians to practice as specialists in non-operative pediatric musculoskeletal medicine. The fully trained fellow will be facile in the diagnosis of all musculoskeletal conditions and will be competent in the non-operative management of these conditions. The successfully trained fellow will gain employment in association with a busy pediatric orthopedic group; thus providing expertise and expanded clinical service in pediatric sports medicine, fracture care and comprehensive pediatric orthopedics. Our fellows are competitively recruited for positions, which have traditionally resulted in satisfying and stimulated careers in MSK medicine with very good income potential and with minimal-to-no call responsibilities.

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