

# Hematology Oncology Fellowship



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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Clinical Excellence

- Cancer Genetics Program
- Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program
- Childhood Cancer Survivorship Program
- South Texas Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center
- South Texas Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Program
- Comprehensive Vascular Anomaly Program

### Education and Outreach Excellence

- Rio Grand Valley Hemophilia Outreach Clinic
- Southeast Asia Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program

### Research Excellence

- Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute
- Children's Oncology Group
- NCI Community Oncology Research Program
- POETIC Pediatric Phase 1
- Fellow awarded grants - St. Baldrick's, Hyundai Hope on Wheels, CPRIT (Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas)

## PROGRAM GOALS

To develop physicians who become:

- Proficient in the evidence-based management of children, adolescents and young adults with hematology and oncology disorders
- High quality basic scientists, clinical investigators or clinical educators
- Outstanding clinicians with a lifelong commitment to patient care and community involvement

## OUR FAMILY

- 80-100 new oncology diagnoses annually
- 1-2 fellow/yr
- 10 Clinical and research division faculty
- 1 Nurse Practitioner
- 2 Genetic Counselors
- 2 Psychologists
- 4 Social Workers
- 1 Vascular Nurse Coordinator
- 2 Hemophilia Nurses
- 2 Physical Therapists
- 6 Research Staff



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# Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Fellowship



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UNIVERSITY

## Program Highlights:

- Premier program in the Southeast
- Robust patient volumes + equal balance of hematology & oncology
- Clinical, translational, & basic research all equally possible and valued
  - Collaborations with Georgia Tech
- Opportunities for additional training
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year for research, neuro-oncology, BMT, survivorship
  - Combined med/peds fellowship
  - Advanced degrees during fellowship including MSCR and PhD

## Size Matters:

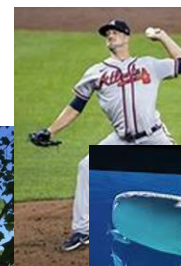
- 6 fellows/year
- >125 PHO faculty
- ~500 new oncology dx/yr
- Largest hematology program in the country
- State-of-the-art new hospital opened in **2024**

## Program Culture:

- Family feel despite size
- Fellows treated as colleagues
- Constantly evolving based on fellow feedback

## Atlanta:

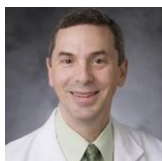
- Vibrant, progressive city
- Something for everyone: food, sports, museums, music
- “City within a forest”



## Program Leadership:



Katie Sutton, MD  
Director



Dan Wechsler, MD, PhD  
Co-Director



Megan Brown Fleegle, MD, MSc  
Associate Director



Gary Woods, MD  
Associate Director



Gary Lindsay  
Sr. Program Coordinator



## Program Basics

- 4 fellows per year
- 1<sup>st</sup> year is focused on clinic training
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year are focused on scholarly research



# Seattle Children's Hospital / University of Washington Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship Program

## Clinical Training

- First year rotations – inpatient oncology, outpatient hematology and oncology, and inpatient and outpatient bone marrow transplant
- Third year – 2-3 weeks of “pre-attending” time on service of choice
- Rotation sites – Seattle Children's Hospital, UW Medical Center (radiation oncology), Odessa Brown children's clinic (sickle cell disease clinic)
- All years: ½ day weekly continuity clinic – longitudinally follow a cohort of primary patients with diverse diagnoses; opportunity to customize subspecialty clinic in 3<sup>rd</sup> year (egs. BMT, hematology, neuro-oncology)
  - Monthly heme continuity clinic

## Research Training

- 1st year: 4 elective weeks to explore research opportunities and meet with potential mentors
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> years: primary research years in laboratory, translational, outcomes, survivorship, and other areas of mentored research
- Opportunities to pursue MS/MPH or PhD during fellowship
- Customized Scholarship Oversight Committee to guide research and career development
- NCI T32 Pediatric Oncology Research Training Program
- Complimentary research fellowship opportunities: Health Equity, Palliative Care, Health Services, Hematology

## Curriculum

- 1st Tuesday of the month – protected didactic time
- Humanism Series: topics including bias & discrimination, resilience & work-life balance, debrief sessions, and communication (VitalTalk)
- Professional Development Series: topics including choosing mentors, job searches, academic tracks and promotions, career transitions
- SCH Fellows College: topics including teaching, scientific presentations, how to network and give a job talk, successful negotiating skills
- Yearly PHO grant writing course and mock study sections

<https://fredhutch.org/pedoncfellowship>



UW Medicine







# Utah Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship

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## Program Highlights

- Largest geographic referral area in United States
- New clinic, infusion area and inpatient space opened July 2022
- Over 200 new oncology patients annually
- Hematology referral center for 5 states
- 25 faculty with expertise in BMT, cellular therapy, palliative care, neuro-onc, hematology
- Dedicated survivorship and cancer predisposition clinic
- Labs specializing in novel CAR-T therapy, checkpoint inhibition, new drug development and oncofertility

## Fellowship Highlights

- 2 fellows per year; 6 fellows total
- 100% board pass rate
- Tuition support for masters in clinical investigation, public health and other advanced degrees
- Annual fellow winter retreat and bimonthly wellness dinners
- Support for conference attendance including ASPHO for incoming fellows
- Myriad of basic science, translational and clinical research opportunities
- Support for additional research years for interested fellows
- Monthly Fellow Business meetings drive program change

## Utah and Salt Lake City

- One of the most livable cities in the United States
- 7 ski resorts within 45 minutes
- Easy access to world class outdoor activities including 8 national parks within 5 hours
- Host of 2034 Winter Olympics, Red Butte outdoor concerts and countless other cultural activities
- Family friendly with great public schools
- Award-winning restaurants and breweries

## Program Leadership



Mike Pulsipher, MD  
Division Chief



Jen McNeer, MD  
Medical Director



Billy Thomsen, MD  
Program Director



Kellee Parker, DO  
Associate Director



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#### Program Director:

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#### Associate Program Director:

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#### Program Coordinator:

Elia (Kay) Chapa, MPA, MLS

#### Program Highlights:

- 3 Fellows/Year
- Weekly Oncology and Hematology Clinics
- 350 New Diagnoses Per Year
- Diverse Patient Population
- Academic Half-Day Education
- Night Float Model with Home Calls
- Quaternary Care Center

#### UT Southwestern Affiliations:

- Multiple Masters Level Programs
- NCI-Designated Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Access to World-Renowned Basic Science Laboratories
- Multi-Disciplinary Conferences



#### Dallas, Texas:

- 4<sup>th</sup> largest metro area in the country
- Excellent dining, shopping and cultural activities
- Professional sports teams; NFL, NHL, NBA, MLB, MLS
- Affordable cost of living

