



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Division of Gastroenterology,  
Hepatology and Nutrition  
Fellowship Training Programs



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WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER



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## Find the Right Fellowship at Ohio State

We understand that there are many elements of a fellowship program to consider and you need to find the right fit to succeed. The faculty of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition provide fellows an innovative teaching environment with outstanding clinical and research opportunities.

### The five fellowships that will be offered are:

- Gastroenterology Fellowship
- Transplant Hepatology Fellowship
- Advanced Fellowship in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Advanced Pancreatic Disorders Fellowship
- Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy Fellowship

## A Dynamic Environment to Help You Thrive

Our division is an exciting place to be. You can expect to find a fellowship that challenges you, mentors who respect you and an experience that prepares you for a successful medical career.

Our division has enjoyed significant growth over the last several years.

We've expanded our clinical services in the community and achieved regional and national recognition in clinical excellence and research in the fields of endoscopy, IBD, pancreas and hepatology.

Our faculty ranks have doubled in the last five years, providing fellows ample opportunity to find the right mentor match. Ongoing, confidential assessments ensure optimal collaboration.

The division embraces innovation at every level, as evidenced by the increase in endoscopic procedures and particularly rapid growth in advanced procedures like endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS).

Clinical as well as basic science research opportunities are plentiful, and each fellow receives protected research time to implement and record his or her hypotheses, with engaged mentor support.

Our fellows regularly present abstracts at national meetings and publish manuscripts in high-impact peer-reviewed journals. In addition, Ohio State's Center for Clinical and Translational Science provides assistance with education, protocols and funding.

**Ohio State's emphasis on clinical care, research and mentoring has helped our fellows achieve a 100% board pass rate for the past 11 years!**

## Gastroenterology Fellowship (ACGME accredited)

Offering broad training, our Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited gastroenterology fellowship provides clinical, endoscopic and research training modified to meet the individual goals and interests of each trainee.

- Fellows will be eligible for American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) certification in gastroenterology upon satisfactory completion of the three-year training program.
- This program is fully accredited by ACGME for a complement of 15 fellows in a 5-5-5 configuration.
- Program structure supports ample training in both clinical and basic research, as well as clinical gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopic procedures.
- Upon completion, postdoctoral fellows have sufficient background and training to pursue an academic career or a career in clinical practice.

### Fellowship includes:

- **Inpatient and outpatient clinical care**
  - At least 18 months of clinical training in general gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition
  - Consultative experience on the inpatient gastroenterology and hepatobiliary services and outpatient gastroenterology clinics and endoscopy centers
  - Ongoing ambulatory training in the longitudinal management of gastrointestinal and hepatic disorders

- **Research opportunities**

- Additional research months are available to meet individual interests and goals
- Expectation to prepare research findings for presentation at a national meeting and publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- The division director and program directors approve trainees' schedules and grant credit upon satisfactory completion of specified rotations



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## Transplant Hepatology Fellowship (ACGME accredited)

Ohio State's ACGME-accredited transplant hepatology fellowship training program provides extensive inpatient and outpatient clinical experience as well as longitudinal didactic teaching. The program prepares fellows to manage advanced liver disease and be fully competent in transplant hepatology to diagnose and manage complex hepatology issues.

- This one-year intensive clinical program is designed to comply with ACGME requirements.
- Completion of a three-year GI fellowship is required. In addition, a three-year combined GI/transplant hepatology fellowship program is offered that allows for certification in both GI and transplant hepatology within a three-year period.
- The fellowship also meets ABIM requirements for board eligibility and certification in transplant hepatology.

### Fellowship includes:

- **Inpatient training**
  - Four months in the inpatient liver transplantation service with responsibilities related to patient care, procedures including liver biopsy and routine upper and lower endoscopy, and supervision and training assistance of house staff
- **Outpatient training**
  - Six months of supervised outpatient care in the liver transplant clinic and the liver disease consult clinic, along with transplant observational activities and clinical research projects
- **Research opportunities**
  - Ongoing or new clinical research projects related to liver disease or liver transplantation



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## Advanced Fellowship in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Non-ACGME Accredited)

As a high-volume, top-rated tertiary referral center with clinical, endoscopic and research opportunities, Ohio State can offer fellows broad exposure to the inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) field, from basic IBD management to complex and difficult-to-manage care and innovative clinical trials.

- This one-year program can only be done after completing a three-year gastroenterology fellowship.

### Fellowship includes:

- **Clinical opportunities**
  - Outpatient clinical experience in the multidisciplinary Ohio State IBD Center and with telemedicine care
  - Inpatient consultations for complex treatment refractory IBD care
  - Weekly endoscopy time, as well as opportunities to learn capsule endoscopy, chromoendoscopy, scope balloon dilatation and, if interested, balloon enteroscopy procedures
  - Rotation with IBD colorectal surgery, pharmacy, radiology, behavioral medicine and nutrition/dietitian
  - Monthly multidisciplinary case conferences, journal club, grand rounds and other IBD-related meetings and conferences
- **Research opportunities**
  - Devoted research time with available resources, including biostatistical support, and large claims databases, including NIS, NRD and Truven MarketScan
  - Current investigator-initiated studies and clinical trials
  - Translational research in IBD, including animal models for influences of microbiome, pain receptors and metabolomics/proteomics analysis



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## Advanced Pancreatic Disorders Fellowship (Non-ACGME Accredited)

This 12- to 24-month fellowship in pancreatic disorders will provide you with specialized experience in evaluating and managing pancreatic diseases. One of only 30 hospitals in the United States designated a Pancreas Center of Excellence by The National Pancreas Foundation, the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is proud to offer this unique fellowship program designed to develop the skills needed for an academic career in medical pancreatology.

### Fellowship includes:

#### • Clinical opportunities

- Biweekly outpatient experiences in a dedicated subspecialty pancreas clinic
- Complex inpatient consultations
- Weekly multidisciplinary pancreas meetings
- Routine endoscopy (EGD/colonoscopy)
- Technical proficiency for advanced endoscopic procedures (EUS/ERCP) cannot be ensured, but efforts can be made to provide exposure based on interest

#### • Research opportunities

- Diverse clinical research, including health services, large database analysis and clinical trials
- Experience with clinical center selected for a collaborative NIH grant (Consortium for the Study of Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes and Pancreatic Cancer)
- Ongoing foundation- and industry-supported clinical trials in pancreatic diseases
- Translational pancreatic research, including animal models of pancreatitis, cancer immunology and proteomic analysis

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## Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy Fellowship (Non-ACGME Accredited)

This 12-month fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy provides an additional year of endoscopic training in endoscopic retrograde cholangiography (ERC), EUS and other therapeutic endoscopic procedures. Our fellows become proficient in the performance of ERCP, diagnostic EUS and therapeutic EUS-guided procedures. In addition, we train fellows in pancreatic cyst gastrostomy, pancreatic necrosectomy, EDGE-assisted ERCP, altered anatomy ERCP, upper and lower endoscopic mucosal resection, device-assisted enteroscopy, complex esophageal dilation, luminal stenting, fluoroscopically guided G-J tube exchange and radiofrequency ablation of Barrett's esophagus.

This one-year program can only be done after completing a three-year gastroenterology fellowship.

### Fellowship includes:

#### • Clinical opportunities

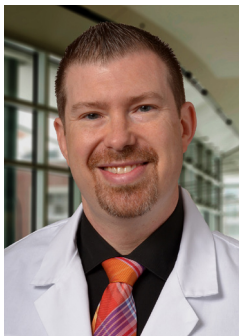
- Seven half-day sessions weekly with hands-on training in ERCP, EUS and other complex therapeutic endoscopic procedures
- Weekly outpatient experiences in a dedicated subspecialty pancreas clinic, pancreatobiliary and advanced endoscopy clinic or pancreatic cystic neoplasm clinic
- Two half-day sessions weekly performing routine general endoscopic procedures

- **Education opportunities**

- Weekly multidisciplinary pancreas meetings
- Advanced Endoscopy Conference attendance
- Presenting at the Gastroenterology Fellowship Education Conferences
- Teaching basic endoscopy procedures to the gastroenterology fellows

- **Research opportunities**

- Diverse clinical research, including health services, large database analysis and clinical trials
- Experience with clinical center selected for a collaborative NIH grant (Consortium for the Study of Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes and Pancreatic Cancer)
- Multicenter NIH-sponsored advanced endoscopy trials



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## Application requirements for all fellowships:

MD or DO

U.S. citizen, permanent resident or J-1 Visa status

- J-1 Visas may be accepted only if applicant is willing to proceed to an O-1 Visa
- J-1 Visas are not accepted for the Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy fellowship

Valid Ohio medical license by commencement of training

Completion of a three-year U.S. postgraduate residency program that is ACGME-accredited

For advanced fellowships: additional completion of ACGME-accredited gastroenterology program

Application materials vary slightly by individual fellowship but may include:

- Application (PDF)
- CV
- Letter of interest
- Three letters of recommendation
- Photograph (optional)

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