

Thoracic Pathology ACGME Accredited Fellowship Position Department of Pathology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

The Department of Pathology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center offers a Thoracic Pathology Fellowship Training Program. This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). All fellows should have completed training in anatomic pathology and be certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Pathology by the time they will start this fellowship.

For the first time there will be two Thoracic Pathology Fellows each year with 50% time spent on clinical work and 50% on translational research projects. We have just been approved by ACGME for the second position, so we have newly available positions beginning July 2020 and July 2022. Both positions are filled for July 2021.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise in pathologic diagnosis of pulmonary, pleural, and mediastinal diseases. In addition to outstanding thoracic pathologists (Darren J. Buonocore, M.D., Jason C. Chang, M.D., Natasha Rekhtman, MD, PhD, Jennifer L. Sauter MD and William D. Travis, MD), the in-house hospital-based Thoracic Disease Management Team (DMT) consists of a world-class group of thoracic surgeons, oncologists, radiologists, radiation therapists, and molecular biologists. A high volume of quality in-house surgical and consultation pathology material provides a strong foundation for this training program.

Research Training

Multiple research opportunities exist to collaborate within the Thoracic Multidisciplinary Team at MSKCC involving thoracic surgery, medical oncology, radiology, radiation oncology, molecular pathology and computational pathology. The fellows will have 50% of their time available to work on research projects, which should allow time for scientific publications involving tumors and non-neoplastic diseases of the lung, mediastinum and pleura.

Clinical Training

During the clinical training, the fellow will be responsible for running the thoracic pathology consult service. This clinical service consists of second opinion consultations on difficult neoplastic and non-neoplastic pulmonary, pleural, and mediastinal specimens. In addition, the fellow will observe and provide assistance to the oncologic surgical pathology fellows who are rotating on the thoracic inhouse service. The consultations provide a broad spectrum exposure to non-neoplastic as well as neoplastic material, thus providing an excellent supplement to the hospital-based thoracic material.

Many of the consultation cases and a substantial percentage of the in-house cases are complex and require ancillary techniques such as histochemical and/or immunohistochemical and molecular studies as well as clinical or radiologic correlation. In addition, there are frequent opportunities for interaction with all five of the senior staff, with many educational discussions about diagnostic criteria, differential diagnoses, recent pertinent publications, and the limitations of existing classification systems. A study set of 1000 digitized cases of pulmonary, mediastinal, and pleural specimens, including many rare entities, is also available for study.

We also have conferences featuring outstanding thoracic radiologists who discuss consultations that include chest radiologic images, as well as weekly conferences with clinical staff (surgeons, radiologists, oncologists, etc.) to discuss current cases. These conferences allow for exposure to a dynamic integrated approach to the diagnosis of a variety of thoracic entities, including non- neoplastic lung disease.

Expectation for Project Completion

During the year of training, the fellows are expected to complete at least one research project that should result in an article for publication in the medical literature. The project should be based on the large volume of outstanding archival and current clinical material for both neoplastic and non-neoplastic thoracic diseases. The fellow is also expected to give a presentation of this research at a departmental conference, and he or she will submit an abstract to be presented at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology annual meeting.

Number of Positions

Two per year. One position available for July 2020 and one for July 2022.

Length of Program One year (start date July 1st)

How to Apply Online only (apply at least 18 months prior to planned start date) *https://www.mskcc.org/departments/ pathology/fellowships*

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