Department of Emergency Medicine

Program Overview

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga is proud to be the home of the University of Tennessee’s first Emergency Medicine Residency Program. Our Program is approved as a three-year residency beginning at the PGY-1 level with six to eight residents at each level.

All 1st year residents spend the month of July in the Emergency Department. A special introductory lecture series and simulation skills sessions are provided during this month. The remainder of experience in the 1st year provides residents with broad exposure to a variety of medical disciplines. Residents develop a strong clinical background in critical care, anesthesiology, trauma surgery, and obstetrics. The 2nd and 3rd years provide residents with increasing clinical responsibility during blocks of both adult and pediatric emergency medicine. Didactic conferences are held weekly during protected time for both residents and faculty. Journal clubs are also conducted on a monthly basis.

All required rotations are performed at Erlanger Health System, a system that includes the main, downtown adult hospital – Erlanger Baroness Campus, and the pediatric hospital - Children’s Hospital at Erlanger. Both are housed within the same medical center complex. Erlanger is a recognized leader in healthcare and is a tertiary care facility for a region involving portions of five states. The Erlanger Health System has a 551 bed capacity, (licensed for 813 beds), including 122 adult and pediatric critical care beds. The Emergency Department 2010 census included over 87,000 annual visits (adults and children). Erlanger East Campus near Hamilton Place Mall is a new 24-hour Emergency Department that is projected to handle over 35,000 visits per year.

Our Benefits

- Monogrammed white lab coats
- Funding toward meals every day on duty
- Garage parking
- Professional development reimbursement
- On-site child care (on space available basis)

Applications

Chair: David C. Seaberg, M.D., FACEP
Residency Director: Sudave Mendiratta, M.D., FACEP
Residency Coordinator: Velvet Green

Our program participates in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) so all applicants must register with the Match. In addition, applicants must submit applications via the AAMC’s Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). A complete application for Emergency Medicine should include:

- Completed ERAS application form
- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Official transcript from your medical school
- Two letters of recommendation – at least one should be a CORD Standard Letter of Evaluation (SLOE – formerly SLOR) completed by an Emergency Medicine Faculty (see the CORDEM.org website for details)
- USMLE Step 1 passing score (USMLE Step 2 if available)

Once an applicant has completed the application packet in ERAS and submitted it to our program, our Selection Committee will review the application. Interviews will be offered for the most qualified applicants. Interviews will be extended by invitation only. We hope to see you in Chattanooga!

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