Neuro-Oncology Fellowship Program

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The Neuro-Oncology Fellowship at University of Colorado is designed to provide the clinical, didactic and academic training to complete the education and training necessary for independent practice in neuro-oncology as well as develop an advanced level of competence in the specialty of neuro-oncology. The program consists of two years of training:

- The first year is dedicated to clinical neuro-oncology, concentrating on primary and metastatic brain tumors in outpatient and inpatient settings, paraneoplastic disorders, and neurological complications of cancer.
- The second year is designed to provide fellows with an opportunity for clinical research as well as a more independent management of neuro-oncology cases with decreasing staff supervision. There are also opportunities for interactions with various clinical and basic science faculty in order for the fellow to develop individual interests.

Fellows have the opportunity to participate in the clinical research activities of this institution and, through treatment consortia, to gain experience in clinical trial design and execution, drug development, regulatory aspects of trials and development of strategies that hold promise in brain tumor therapy. They are also encouraged to participate in neuro-oncology practice improvement initiatives. Specific training goals include:

- Advanced skill in the medical evaluation, treatment and consultation to patients and professionals sufficient to practice on an independent basis.
- Advanced understanding of the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors, neurologic complications of systemic cancer, and paraneoplastic syndromes.
- Scholarly activity; e.g., submission of a study or literature review for publication, presentation, submission of a grant proposal or outcome assessment
- Eligibility for subspecialty certification in neuro-oncology.

Prerequisites

Fellowship candidates must have completed medical school in an accredited U.S. or Canadian institution, and be board eligible or board certified in neurology or other appropriate specialty.

Applicants to the fellowship program should have completed a three-year approved neurology residency; however, non-traditional applicants will be considered.

Applications must include: an introductory letter from the candidate, a curriculum vitae, USMLE scores, and three letters of recommendation.

Applications can be emailed, faxed or mailed to:
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