Retina Fellowship Program Information

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The split between clinical and research time, and medical vs surgical learning would vary somewhat, depending on the needs of the chosen fellow.

**Clinical Activities**

Diagnose and manage more complicated retina cases. This would include the appropriate examination techniques, medical knowledge, pharmacology knowledge, laser and surgical skills necessary to manage more difficult retina cases. As well, knowledge of the indications, and ability to accurately interpret the tests used in the diagnosis and management, such as OCT and fluorescein angiography would also be expected.

The fellow should spend approximately half of his/her clinical time in the office, improving and learning the examination and laser, intraocular injections, and other office procedures necessary to provide retina vitreous care.

The rest of the clinical time will largely be spent in the operating room, observing and performing vitrectomies, scleral buckles, and pneumoretinopexies.

**Research**

One-half a day per week (or more depending on the needs of the fellow) would be set aside for a research project. The goal would be to complete this by the end of the fellowship year, and present the information at a national or international meeting. Ideally this would then be written up so that it could be submitted for publication.

**Teaching**

Scholarly activity such as teaching residents and other members of the health team, presenting at Grand Rounds, presenting at Journal Club, participating in research, presenting his/her research from the fellowship year at an ophthalmology conference either nationally or internationally, would be expected.

**Fellowship Objective**

The main objective is for the fellow to acquire the necessary advanced skills to diagnose and manage more complicated retina cases. This would include the appropriate examination techniques, medical knowledge, pharmacology knowledge, laser and surgical skills necessary to manage more difficult retina cases. As well, knowledge of the indications, and ability to accurately interpret the tests used in the
diagnosis and management, such as OCT and fluorescein angiography would also be expected.

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The fellow would be expected to conduct him/herself in a professional, respectful manner around patients and all members of the healthcare team, at all times.

Fellows gain basic knowledge and expertise by the completion of their training. They are all competent in retina photocoagulation and intravitreal injections. Retina vitreous surgery,(ie., vitrectomies scleral bundle, use of intraocular gases, silicone oil) are only managed by fellowship trained Retina vitreous specialist.

**TRAINING LOCATION(S)**
- Misericordia Health Centre
- Manitoba Clinic
- Winnipeg Clinic

**MATCH PROGRAM**
☐ YES  ✗ NO

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
September 15th of the year proceeding the anticipated fellowship year.  
July 1st being the expected start date of the following year.

**PROGRAM INQUIRIES**
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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Candidates must apply to:

1. The defined entry requirements and qualifications for candidates and the listed documentation that will be required for the selection process (CV, Letters of Reference, personal letter)
   1. Medical Degree from a World Health Organization recognized University
   2. Successful completion of an Ophthalmology residency program
   3. Eligible for an educational license from the Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons
   4. Skills, abilities and attributes;
      i. Good communication skills, including command of the English language
      ii. Good clinical skills
   5. CV
   6. 3 Letters of Reference from institutions where the candidate has trained
   7. Personal Letter
   8. If the above are acceptable, then an interview in person will be conducted by a panel which includes the faculty members (retina fellowship trained members)
   9. Selected candidates are subject to a three month probationary period to determine suitability for continued advanced training.