

Curriculum

The Nephrology fellowship consists of a two year educational curriculum. There are 2 fellows per year rotating through three inpatient and five outpatient core educational experiences.

Monthly rotations in the clinical and research tracks in Nephrology fellowship				
Inpatient rotation	All fellows	Clinical track	Research track	
	PGY-5 Months	PGY-6 Months	PGY-6 Months	PGY-7 Months
MCG consults	2-3	1-2	1	NA
VA consults	2-3	1-2	1	NA
Inpt Nephrology and transplant	2-3	1-2	1	NA
Ambulatory nephrology (Transplant, Stone, Pediatric nephrology, and Inmate clinics)	2	2-3	NA	NA
Outpatient dialysis	1-2	2-3	NA	NA
Research	1-2	1-2	9	12

Inpatient educational experiences

Inpatient nephrology and transplant

An inpatient service staffed by two residents, a nephrology fellow, and a nephrology faculty member. The team cares for transplant and general nephrology patients, admits every day, and has cross-coverage provided by the night float team and the on-call fellow.

In conjunction with the Nephrology attending, the fellows make all dialysis decisions on every patient on the service, write all acute dialysis orders, place and manage all temporary vascular access, serve as first call for the acute dialysis unit, respond to and manage all acute dialysis medical issues, and perform all renal biopsies.

Fellows also work directly with the attending Nephrologist to see all transplant patients admitted to the service as well as perform any off-service consultations to the transplant nephrologist. Fellows perform all percutaneous transplant renal biopsies, assist and manage all immunosuppressive protocols, and work with consulting services to coordinate all dialysis-related care.

Inpatient nephrology consults

Inpatient services at GHSU medical center or the Charlie Norwood downtown VA medical center, each of which is staffed by a nephrology fellow and a nephrology faculty member, and providing nephrology consultative services to the respective institution.

In conjunction with the Nephrology attending, the fellows see all new consultations, coordinate all acute dialysis decisions, including the institution of CRRT. Fellows perform all renal biopsies when indicated.

Conferences

Nephrology fellows' conference (twice weekly). A venue for case presentations by fellows and the presentation of core didactics by fellows and faculty, with specific meetings dedicated to basic and clinical sciences in Nephrology

Renal pathology conference (monthly). A review of renal biopsies with pathology faculty and attended by all Nephrology faculty and fellows.

Nephrology fellows' Journal club (monthly). Fellows review and discuss articles with division faculty and fellows

Nephrology research conference (monthly). A meeting to review planned, ongoing and completed research projects and presented by fellows, faculty and outside speakers.

Lupus clinical conference (monthly). A multidisciplinary conference between nephrology, rheumatology and dermatology centered on case presentations and discussions relevant to SLE.

Departmental basic science conference (monthly). A department wide conference focusing on basic research activities and topics.

Departmental research conference (monthly). A departmental conference focusing on research presentations by members of the department.