



## **Palliative Care Nephrology Pathway** ***OHSU Nephrology Fellowship***

Our intensive pathways during fellowship training allow our fellows to gain more experience in areas of particular interest to them, such that they are more prepared to meet their individual career goals.

*Training which occurs as part of these pathways is in addition to the usual training within our fellowship.*

### **Clinical expectations for the fellow in the Palliative Care pathway:**

- Completing 1-2 one-month rotations with the palliative care service during their second year of fellowship, to provide broader exposure to palliative care overall. These rotations will include both inpatient and outpatient palliative care experience.
- Seeing patients in the VA palliative care multi-disciplinary clinics during their first year ambulatory rotations.

### **Scholarly and educational expectations for the fellow in the Palliative Care pathway:**

- Submitting an abstract in the spring of their first year of fellowship for the American Society of Nephrology meeting with a plan for poster presentation at that meeting in their second year.
- Completing a research or QI project that falls within the realm of nephrology-palliative care. The fellow is encouraged to identify a dual mentorship team including one general nephrologist and one palliative care provider.
- Using their Bennet Endowment Fund support to attend a palliative care specific conference, such as the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine annual meeting, during their second year.
- Participating in a Mastering Tough Conversations Course (VitalTalk, one half day of training) during the second year of fellowship to enhance communication skills around serious illness and shared decision making.
- Attending palliative care didactics, when not in conflict with general nephrology duties, to further expand their knowledge base in palliative care.