Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship at OHSU and VA Portland HCS
MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship Program
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About the Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

• The OHSU MS Center, in conjunction with the VA MS Center of Excellence, offers **fully funded** fellowship positions
  
  o Fellowships have guaranteed support, including fringe benefits and a competitive salary based on the next PGY level
  
  o 2-year clinical and research fellowship
  
  o 1-year clinical fellowship in **adult** or **pediatric** MS and Neuroimmunology
  
  o Optional 3rd year for research focused fellows

• Positions typically begin July of each year, but the start date is negotiable.

• The fellowship is NOT ACGME accredited
About the Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

- Training provided within public and private sector hospitals as well as inclusion in a national VA organization setting standards of excellence in VA MS care
  - Fellows have their own clinics, with staffing available at every clinic
- Fellows can customize their training to focus on their areas of interest and long-term career goals
- Inclusion in OHSU’s Human Investigations Program as well as opportunities to initiate or collaborate on projects carried out at OHSU and the VA
  - Fellows enhance their understanding of clinical and translational research and gain practical skills in conducting successful research studies
About the Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

• A weekly local MS team didactics series is provided as well as inclusion in a national bi-monthly educational series for fellows

• Opportunities to participate in educational programs
  o Presentations at national and regional CME seminars
  o Presentations at local and regional patient seminars
  o Authorship for national newsletters for Veterans with MS and VA health care professionals

• Most 2-year fellows graduate with co-authorship on 3+ manuscripts and 2+ lectures
About the OHSU Multiple Sclerosis Center

• Founded in 1983
• One of the top programs in the country for the care of MS and related disorders
• Over 1,500 people followed in clinics
• Affiliated with the VA Portland VA HCS which follows over 350 Veterans in MS clinics
• Member of the Consortium of MS Centers, Race to Erase MS Center Without Walls, a network of the nation’s top MS institutions, including Harvard, UC San Francisco, Yale, USC, UCLA and Johns Hopkins
About the VA MS Center of Excellence

• Established by the Veterans Health Administration in 2003
• There are two national MSCoE coordinating Centers within the VA, MSCoE East located in Baltimore, MD and MSCoE West jointly located in Seattle, WA and Portland, OR
• Improves the quality and consistency of health care services delivered to Veterans with MS across the country through a national network of MS providers within the VA
• Conducts clinical, epidemiologic, health services and basic science research relevant to the care of Veterans with MS
• Provides a national program of MS education for health care professionals, Veterans and caregivers
Multiple Sclerosis Center Faculty

Dennis Bourdette
MD, FAAN, FANA
Founder and Former Director,
OHSU MS Center

Vijayshree Yadav
MD, MCR, FANA, FAAN
Director, OHSU MS Center

Edward Kim
MD

Jacqueline Bernard
MD, FAAN

Lindsey Wooliscroft
MD

Elizabeth Silbermann
MD

Michael Lane
MD

Michelle Cameron
MD, PT, MCR

Rebecca Spain
MD, MSPH

Many of our MS Physicians graduated from the OHSU/VA fellowship!
Comprehensive Care for Patients

- Infusion therapies: IV steroids, Tysabri, others
- Rehabilitation: Physical, Occupational, Cognitive
- Neuro-ophthalmologists
- Urologists
- Neuropsychologists/Psychiatrists
- Sleep specialists
- Pain Clinic
- Neurosurgery
- Complementary Therapies: Naturopath, Acupuncture
- Access to OHSU’s exercise facility
Innovative Research from Clinicians

- Vijayshree Yadav, MD, MCR, FAAN: vascular disease and 7T MRI studies, diet, fatigue, anti-oxidants, such as lipoic acid and MitoQ
- Rebecca Spain, MD, MSPH: lipoic acid in SPMS, use of treatments by people with MS
- Lindsey Wooliscroft, MD: aerobic exercise, remyelination
- Elizabeth Silbermann, MD: novel ways of visual assessments in MS
- Michelle Cameron, MD, PT, MCR: fall prevention, assistive devices in MS
- Dennis Bourdette, MD, FAAN, FANA: lipoic acid, thyroid hormone and MS
Innovative Research From Basic Scientists

• Ben Emery, PhD: studying genes that control myelination
• Kelly Monk, PhD: researching genes that turn myelin formation on and off
• Arthur Vandenbark, PhD: RTL 1000
• William Rooney, PhD: advanced MRI and MS
• Fay Horak, PhD: gait and balance in MS
• Thomas Scanlan, PhD: thyroid hormone like drug to stimulate remyelination
• Scott Wong, PhD: studying virus that causes MS like disease
Interested in a Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology fellowship

- Send an e-mail expressing interest to Dr. Yadav at yadavv@ohsu.edu
- “Applications” are accepted - October to January during the PGY 3 year
  - Resume
  - Letter of interest
  - 3 recommendation letters
- Interviews are in the fall, 2 years before the fellowship start date
  - Interviews in 2022 are for the 2024 fellowship year
- There are typically 2-3 fellows offered a position each year
What to Expect Following the Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship Interview

• Employment decisions are made at the start of the year, in January or early February, following the interview season
  o If selected, and the position is accepted, a formal offer letter will be sent to the applicant

• At the start of the fellowship year, January or February, you will be contacted by OHSU and VA to begin the credentialing process
  o A timeline for this process will be provided
Fellowship Questions?

For questions regarding the fellowship, please contact one of the following:

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  Fellowship Director

- **Jaimie Henry** - [Jaimie.Henry@va.gov](mailto:Jaimie.Henry@va.gov)  
  Fellowship Coordinator
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