

GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Department of Medicine
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The training program in Digestive Diseases at the University of Mississippi is conducted at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC) and the immediately adjacent VA Hospital. The program is three years in length. Applicants selected have a one-year contract but are assured further appointment provided their progress is considered satisfactory. Prerequisite training includes successful completion of a three-year Internal Medicine residency in a U.S. program. Trainees in our institution are required to have a license to practice medicine in Mississippi. Three satisfactory letters of recommendation are required, including one from his/her Residency Program Director (or designee). It is UMC institutional policy that trainees must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card) or have a valid J-1 visa.

The fellowship program is directed by Shou J. Tang, MD, Professor of Medicine, who is also the Director of the Division of Digestive Diseases. He is assisted by John Sheehan, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Fellowship Program Director. There is abundant clinical experience available in both hospitals. The Division considers hepatology as a portion of general gastroenterology. Experience in all procedures common to gastroenterology is extensive. GI trainees are expected to assume responsibility for all consultations and referrals to the Division and to perform all indicated procedures under the supervision of the faculty. Residents in Internal Medicine rotate through the service as do interns and senior medical students. The GI fellows are considered part of the teaching faculty and share responsibility for resident and medical student teaching and supervision while on the service, conduction of subspecialty conferences, and participating as both audience and instructors in all educational and other activities of the Division.

The details of the program are described in the fellowship curriculum. Malpractice insurance for activities within the scope of the program is provided, but does not include coverage for any activities outside the institution. "Moonlighting" activities are allowed provided the requesting fellow's standing in the training program is more than satisfactory and is at the discretion of the program director. By University policy, no moving expenses can be provided. All applications must be received via the Electronic Residency Application System (ERAS) and the program does participate in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). Personal interviews of potential candidates are required and are by invitation only.

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