

Hematology/Oncology Consultation Service

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The hematology/oncology consultation service provides care to patients with a wide variety of diagnoses. As well as receiving consults for benign hematologic problems, the service also coordinates care for patients with hematologic malignancies or solid tumors who are admitted to other inpatient hospital services. Therefore, this service includes a broad spectrum of diseases and differential diagnoses that are seen in a tertiary referral center. Typically, fellows will rotate through the hem/onc consult service for three to four months of the three-year fellowship.

Inpatient Oncology Service

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The inpatient oncology service is a fast-paced clinical rotation that allows the fellow to experience a wide spectrum of diseases in various stages. During their time on the service, fellows will encounter patients that have newly diagnosed malignancies, patients that are currently undergoing treatment, as well as patients that are having complications or chronic issues related to their cancer or treatment. Fellows will be expected to familiarize themselves with the basic pathophysiology of each disease state. Fellows will also need to learn the staging for each disease sub-type and general aspects in treatment and monitoring of disease status. On average, fellows will rotate through the inpatient oncology service for four to five months during their three years in fellowship.

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Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center hematology and oncology consultation service provides fellows with the opportunity to work with a unique and interesting patient population. Commonly encountered malignancies include lung, head and neck, prostate and GI cancers. This affords fellows a high degree of autonomy with the supervision of UIC and Northwestern University faculty. Fellows also see consults with the hospice/palliative care service. Fellows will rotate through the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center consult rotation for about four to five months of their three-year fellowship and all first year fellows will have one continuity clinic with their own patient panel.

Hematology Pathology Rotation

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The hematology pathology rotation is a mandatory two-week rotation that gives first year fellows experience with reviewing peripheral blood smears and bone marrow

biopsies and aspirates as well as diagnosing various hematological disorders and diseases based on histologic data. Hematopathology provides diagnostic evaluation of blood, bone marrow, lymph nodes, spleen and hematolymphoid lesions. Fellows will learn competently review slides and make diagnoses based on morphologic appearance of cells. The hematopathology rotation consists of daily interaction with pathology residents, fellows, and attendings as well as attendance at daily heme-path sign-out meetings.