Overview

The UPenn Geriatric Interdisciplinary Fellowship (GIF) is a two-year program to prepare fellows for roles as clinical educators in academic medicine and dentistry.

Goals

The hallmark of our graduates will be mastery of skills for the development of culturally-sensitive clinicians and educators within and across their disciplines. Penn GIF graduates will be trained as leaders in interdisciplinary care and clinical education for team-based care. Finally, they will be prepared for administrative leadership in diverse geriatric care settings, and for collaboration in clinical research and the conduct of health professions education research.

Clinical Settings and Training

Discipline specific training prepares GIF fellows for board certification in their specific disciplines. Clinical sites incorporate a broad range of acute care, outpatient practices and clinics, nursing homes and community-based programs such as our PACE model program entitled LIFE (Living Independently for Elders).

Curriculum

The GIF fellows from geriatric medicine, geriatric psychiatry and oral medicine together experience a core, integrated curriculum which has six major themes:

- Cultural competence
- Interdisciplinary care
- Clinical and palliative care
- Education
- Research
- Administration

Monthly interdisciplinary rounds are team-oriented and monthly collaborator rounds explore the contributions of other interdisciplinary team professionals such as social workers and nurses.

Workshops in communication skills and education provide multiple opportunities for focused skill development.

Seminars in research and administration provide exposure to research in education and clinical settings and best practices in administration.
Applicants to the GIF should be committed to a career as a clinical educator.

GIF offers two fellowship positions each in Geriatric Medicine and Geriatric Psychiatry and one in Oral Medicine for the 2004-2006 period. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Physicians completing residency training in internal medicine or family medicine, please apply on line at: http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/gerimed.edu/fellowship.gif.html

Oral Medicine residents apply to: Dental Medicine, please contact Dr. Martin Greenbert, at the Department of Oral Medicine at 215-898-6627.

Physicians completing residency training in psychiatry, please contact Joel Streim, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, 3615 Chestnut Street, Room Philadelphia, PA 19104 jstreim@med.upenn.edu

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