Penn Dermatology Oncology Center (PennDOC) Clinical Research Fellowship

Location: Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine & Penn Medicine Bucks County
Research Directors: Joseph F. Sobanko, MD and Jeremy R. Etzkorn, MD, MS-Biostatistics
Affiliated Researchers: Christopher J. Miller, MD; Thuzar F. Shin, MD, PhD; Cerrene Giordano, MD; William Higgins, MD
Number of positions: 2-3
Start date: July 1, 2020
Duration: 12 months
Application Deadline: April 1, 2020 with early applications accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis
Interviews: February - April 2020
Decision about the position: early April 2020 at the latest

Eligibility Requirements: The Division of Dermatologic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania seeks two third or fourth-year medical students from accredited allopathic medical schools in the United States for 12 months beginning July 1, 2020. Applicants are expected to be highly-qualified students with a record of academic excellence. Proficiency in epidemiology or biostatistics is preferred but not required.

Fellowship Description:
- The research fellow will focus on clinical studies related to cutaneous oncology, reconstructive surgery, appearance-related science, and patient reported outcomes.
- It is expected that the fellow will initiate at least two prospective studies during her or his year and assist in grant preparation for future projects. A productive fellow will not only complete these studies but also author or co-author 5 or more scientific papers.
- A clinical studies division, research staff, and statistical support are available to assist the fellow in achieving these ambitious goals.
- Opportunities for educational advancement are also available through the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCEB).
- The individual will be funded based on their experience and education level. Travel stipends are available for national and international meetings where research is presented.
- Exposure to complex cutaneous oncology, reconstructive and aesthetic procedures, and participation in didactic conferences are additional unique benefits.
- Highly motivated individuals with strong organizational, writing, and clinical skills and a genuine interest in pursuing clinical research are encouraged to apply.

Direct mentorship is provided by Dr. Joseph Sobanko, Director of Dermatologic Surgery Education, who sits on the steering committee for IMPROVED (Measuring Priority Outcome Variables in Dermatologic Surgery), a COMET-registered consortium that is defining core outcome sets for facial appearance and post-cancer reconstruction and by Dr. Jeremy Etzkorn, associate editor for JAMA Dermatology, contributing editor of Cells in Surgery in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology, and co-editor in chief of the Procedural Dermatology section of StatPearls.com. Dr. Sobanko has published a textbook on surgical safety and has over 95 book chapters and PubMed articles that are published or in press. Dr. Etzkorn has received multiple grants, completed his Master's in biostatistics at Columbia University, and has authored over 70 book chapters and PubMed articles that are published or in press. Additional mentorship will be provided by other faculty in the Division. Penn Dermatologic Surgery manages more than 6000 skin cancers per year and houses a database with more than 10 years of prospectively collected data on tumors treated with Mohs surgery. The Division possesses 7 different laser systems and is a referral center for aging, scar, and photorejuvenation procedures. Myriad opportunities are available for the fellow to collaborate with other members in the Department of Dermatology and other Departments within the institution.

How to Apply: Applicants should e-mail a letter of interest to joseph.sobanko@pennmedicine.upenn.edu and Jeremy.etzkorn@pennmedicine.upenn.edu. The letter should be no more than 500 words and describes current

research interests, prior experience, and future career goals. Please include a curriculum vitae (including USMLE Step scores) and medical school transcript.