

## Colon and Rectal Fellowship – Department of Surgery

### Program Overview:

This one-year comprehensive clinical and research program is based primarily at Erlanger Health System – the 6<sup>th</sup> largest public health system in the U.S. The goal of this program is to teach competent general surgeons to become well versed in the diagnosis and management of diseases and disorders of the colon, rectum and anus. The program prepares the Fellow to apply for and successfully obtain certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery. The program is managed under the leadership of Daniel Stanley, MD, Colorectal Fellowship Program Director, and Richard Moore, MD, Associate Program Director. All rotations are performed at three hospitals: Erlanger Health System, Memorial Hospital, and Parkridge Health System. All of the hospitals are located within a three-mile radius near the heart of downtown Chattanooga.



The Colon and Rectal Fellow will obtain a well balanced experience with anorectal surgery, minimally invasive techniques, pelvic floor center, and surgical skills/simulation lab in a hybrid academic/private practice setting. Our Colon and Rectal program provides superb training with a broad range of clinical experience and abundant research opportunities under the direct supervision of a multidisciplinary colon and rectal faculty. Emphasis is placed upon the personal instruction of the Fellow in the outpatient office, affiliated with University Surgical Associates, the Southeast region's largest general surgery and general surgery subspecialty practice.

### Conferences:

There are didactic weekly/biweekly multidisciplinary tumor board conferences, weekly grand rounds, weekly/monthly colorectal conferences and journal club meetings. Weekly institutional basic science and morbidity and mortality correlation conferences also provide additional instruction. Attendance at departmental conferences is expected.

### Research:

Dedicated research year is not required. The Fellow is expected to be involved in a project that can be submitted for presentation to a regional or national meeting, with the overall goal of being accepted in a peer-reviewed publication. Internal funding is available for original research work.

### Requirements:

Applicants must have completed a 5 year Surgery Residency prior to entering the one-year fellowship. Applicants must have a current valid full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state, territory, or possession of the United States or by a Canadian province and applicants must continue to be licensed throughout the certification process to be eligible for certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

### Application Procedure:

Applications to the Fellowship go through the Electronic Residency Applications Services (ERAS). Deadline for receiving applications is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are conducted from September through mid October.

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