



University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Department of Neurology
Institute of Multiple Sclerosis Care and Research

Pittsburgh Institute for Multiple Sclerosis Care and Research and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) offer **clinical fellowship** opportunities in the field of multiple sclerosis.

Fellows rotate through the MS center at UPMC and join a multi-disciplinary team for one to two years and learn about the diagnosis and management of patients with MS and related disorders. Fellows are encouraged to participate in ongoing clinical research studies to enhance their experience in MS clinical care.

Our MS Center is a comprehensive care center for MS and is an active member of the Consortium of MS Centers. The center currently has two clinicians, three physician assistants and one physician-scientist with plan for faculty expansion, as well as a team of dedicated nursing staff, research nurses and assistants, a speech therapist, a physical therapist, and a psychiatrist. It houses an eight-chair infusion unit. Patients participate in a prospective natural history study that aims to bring precision medicine to MS, as well as other clinical trials.

We work with fellows to develop an individualized training program that includes supervised MS patient care, exposure to multidisciplinary care, coordination of complex patient management, didactic activities, and teaching and research opportunities. The fellows will complete supervised clinics with adult MS specialists. In addition, there will be opportunities to rotate with pediatric MS, neuro-urology, neuro-ophthalmology, and rehabilitation clinics and opportunities to interface with rheumatology, clinical neuroimmunology laboratory, and neuroradiology. Fellows will work with the nursing and infusion team on a regular basis and learn the management of a comprehensive MS clinic. Fellows are encouraged to participate in clinical research studies and extend the clinical fellowship to continue clinical research. Clinical courses through the University of Pittsburgh and its Clinical and Translation Science Institute pertaining to clinical research projects within the center are available as electives, including epidemiology, genetics, and biostatistics. Fellows are encouraged to submit abstracts to attend national meetings.

Fellowship Director / Co-Director: Rock Heyman, MD / Zongqi Xia, MD, PhD

Application Due Date: **Ongoing**

Fellowship Start Date: **July 1, 2018**

Please submit the following to <msfellowship@pitt.edu>:

1. Cover letter summarizing your academic interests and goals
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Three letters of recommendation from past or current academic or clinical mentors and / or supervisors (directly from the referees)