For more than 50 years, the Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC) Residency Program has trained the finest physicians. With maximum accreditation status from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, we offer 29 residency and fellowship training programs in 22 different specialties. Physicians at every medical center hold academic appointments at the leading medical schools in Southern California and train more than 300 residents and fellows each year.

Under the guidance of our Center for Medical Education, the Department of Dermatology at Los Angeles Medical Center offers a quality educational environment that includes supervised direct patient responsibility from a large, stable, and ethnically diverse population, and a didactic curriculum designed from the contemporary philosophy of our discipline.

The Program
Residency training in Dermatology at Kaiser Permanente Southern California provides experience in all aspects of Dermatology, including general, medical, inpatient, pediatric, dermatopathology, Mohs surgery, lasers, and phototherapy. Based mainly out of Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC), residents will be exposed to a wide breadth of pathology. In 2008, the LAMC dermatology department had seen 21,390 unique patients for 33,803 patient visits.
The residents will participate in the following specialty clinics that exist at Kaiser Permanente LAMC: regional-wide multidisciplinary vascular birthmark clinic; pediatric dermatology; laser for traumatic tattoo removal; pulsed dye laser; dermatopathology; and Mohs surgery. Research is an integral part of the program, and residents are required to publish at least one paper and present at least one project at a scientific meeting each year during their residency. Ongoing projects are discussed on a weekly basis, and guidance is provided by the faculty. If a resident presents a paper on the project at a national meeting, expenses are paid by the Medical Center.

**Curriculum**

The mission/goal of this program is to develop clinical, technical, professional attitudinal skills necessary to provide the best possible care for patients as specialists in Dermatology. Residents should exhibit professionalism and ethical behavior as well as a concerned, caring attitude for their patients in the management and diagnosis of diseases of hair, nails, and skin.

Principles of diagnosis and treatment are taught progressively throughout the 3 years of training. The program emphasizes clinical care in multiple practice settings to provide an in-depth understanding of all aspects of dermatologic conditions, including the development of pathological and surgical skills required for the practice of the specialty.

**Benefit and Salary Highlights**

Kaiser Permanente provides its residents and fellows with a compensation program that is highly competitive in today’s market. We approach salary and benefits as a total compensation package: wage programs, pay practices, paid time off, educational leave, and ancillary benefits such as child and elder care, are all part of a compensation structure that sustains a comfortable quality of life for our residents and fellows.

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