Neurology
Los Angeles Medical Center

The 465-bed Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC) serves as a referral center for more than 3 million Kaiser Permanente members throughout Southern California. It is a major tertiary care facility for services including major referral center for stroke, neuro-oncology, epilepsy surgery, deep brain stimulation, multiple sclerosis, sleep, headache, interventional neuroradiology, neurosurgery, cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery, hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, bone marrow transplantation, apheresis, oncology, radiation oncology, and specialized urologic surgery. The Medical Center also maintains an active teaching program in all major medical and surgical subspecialty services. LAMC is a busy teaching hospital. Students and residents from UCLA, USC, and other medical schools rotate through the Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and subspecialty services. Many members of our medical staff belong to the UCLA or USC teaching faculties.

Kaiser Permanente is among the nation’s largest and most highly regarded managed care organizations. As a member of our residency program, you will learn to practice cost-effective, yet caring medicine, an approach indispensable to providing quality health care in all future medical settings.

The Program
The Neurology service at LAMC offers a four-year residency training program with two residency positions from the PG-1
through the PG-4 year. The primary site of training is the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles, and several required rotations are performed at the UCLA Medical Center.

Under the auspices of twelve neurologists, the service is inpatient, consultative, and outpatient, with a broad selection of neurological cases. Residents have full responsibility for evaluation and management of all hospitalized neurological patients under the supervision of the attending staff.

Responsibility is progressive, with the senior or chief resident taking an active role in teaching junior residents, interns, and medical students.

The outpatient experience is emphasized during rotations in subspecialty clinics, which include training in sleep disorders, dementia, pediatric neurology, epilepsy, headache, neuromuscular disorders, neuro-genetic, and movement disorders. Each resident also attends a continuity clinic one half-day per week. The department has an active neurophysiology service, with electroencephalography, electromyography, evoked potential, and polysomnography facilities. Residents obtain in-depth experience in neuroradiology, including magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, conventional and magnetic resonance angiography, and myelography.

The Neurology Department is a tertiary referral site for pediatric neurology, movement disorders, neuro-oncology and epilepsy surgery, including EEG-telemetry monitoring. We work closely with the Neurosurgery Department, which includes tertiary programs in Pediatric Neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery, stereotactic radiosurgery, movement disorders surgery, and spinal surgery.

The PG-1 year consists of seven and one half months of Internal Medicine, one month of ambulatory care, one month of Pediatrics, one month Emergency Care and one month of Neurology.

The PG-2 year is spent primarily on the Neurology stroke and consultation service, where the junior resident evaluates and manages patients on the inpatient Neurology service and performs consultations for the Medical, Surgical, Pediatric, and Emergency Services. Two months of this year are spent in the outpatient department in subspecialty clinic rotations. The final PG-2 month is spent in Neuroradiology.

The PG-3 year consists of five months on the Neurology stroke and consultation service; the last two of these months are spent in a supervisory role as chief resident. Other rotations during this year include subspecialty clinic (two months), elective (three months), and Pediatric Neurology and Neurorehabilitation.

The PG-4 year includes rotations as chief resident (four months), electives (two months), subspecialty clinic (two months), Pediatric Neurology and Neuropathology (one month each, UCLA), and Electroencephalography, Electromyography, and Psychiatry (one month each).

Elective rotations may be taken at Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, UCLA, USC, or other approved institutions. Emphasis is placed on bedside teaching. An attending neurologist meets daily for case presentations with the residents. There is an active schedule of conferences, including adult and Pediatric Neurology, Neuroscience, departmental grand rounds, Neuropathology, Neuroradiology, and a monthly visiting speaker. Each resident is expected to complete a research project by the end of the residency.

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