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, and neurosurgery. The Medical Center also maintains an active teaching program in all major medical and surgical subspecialty services. LAMC is a busy teaching hospital. Students from USC and other Osteopathic schools rotate through the Neurology Department.

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The Program
The Neurology service at LAMC offers a four-year residency training program with two residency positions from the PG-1 through PG-4 year. The primary site of training is the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles.
The Neurology Department is a tertiary referral site for pediatric neurology, movement disorders, neuro-oncology, neuroimmunology, headache, neuromuscular, and epilepsy surgery. 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 department has an active neurophysiology service, with electroencephalography, electromyography, evoked potential, inpatient EEG-telemetry monitoring and polysomnography facilities. Residents obtain in depth experience in neuroradiology, including MRI, CT, conventional and magnetic resonance angiography.

Training occurs under the auspices of fifteen neurologists, with inpatient, consultative, and outpatient experience and a broad exposure to the range of neurological disorders. Residents have full responsibility for evaluation and management of 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 occurs during the subspecialty clinic ambulatory rotation, which includes training in dementia, epilepsy, headache, neuromuscular, neuro-genetic, and demyelinating disease, movement disorders, sleep and neuro-oncology. Each resident also has a longitudinal continuity clinic one half-day per week.

The PG-1 year consists of seven months of Internal Medicine, one month Emergency Care and four months of Neurology.

The PG-2 year is spent primarily on the stroke and hospital service, where the junior resident evaluates and manages patients on the inpatient Neurology service and performs consultations for the Medical, Surgical, Pediatric, and ED. Two four-week blocks of this year are spent in the outpatient subspecialty clinic rotation, and one block each of pediatric neurology and Neuroradiology.

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

The PG-4 year includes rotations as chief resident, electives, subspecialty clinic, Pediatric Neurology, and EEG/EMG, Psychiatry, and Neuro- rehabilitation and Palliative care (1/2 block each).

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, and departmental grand rounds, Neuropathology, Neuroradiology. Each resident is expected to complete a research project by the end of the residency.