



Neurology

Los Angeles Medical Center

The 560-bed Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC) serves as a referral center for more than 4.5 million Kaiser Permanente members throughout Southern California. We care for patients that are from as far north as Bakersfield and as far south as San Diego. It is our regions' major tertiary care facility for neurological services including complex stroke cases, neuro-oncology, interventional epilepsy treatments (surgery and neuromodulation), interventional movement disorder treatments (deep brain stimulation), multiple sclerosis and neuro immunology, sleep, complex headache patients, interventional neuroradiology, and neurosurgery.

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 excel in clinical practice and provide evidence based yet cost-effective care, an approach indispensable to providing quality health care in all future medical settings. The Medical Center is an active, busy teaching hospital, training residents and fellows in major medical and surgical subspecialty services. Medical students from USC, UCLA, and other programs rotate through many departments for their MS-3 and MS-4 clinical education, including through the Neurology Department.

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The Program

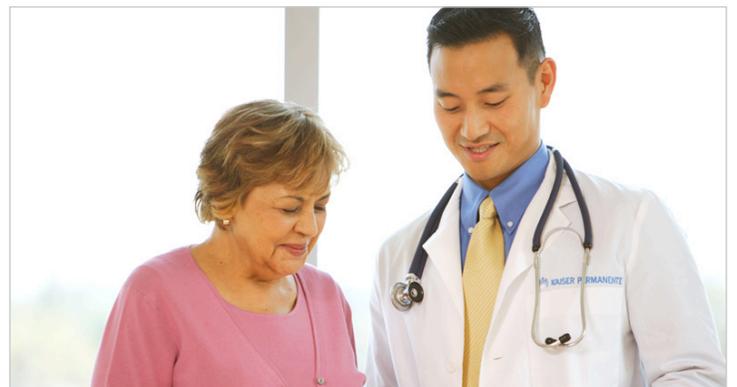
The Neurology Department at LAMC offers a four-year integrated residency training program with 3 positions from PGY-1 through PGY-4. Our programs' PGY-1 year is unique in that 4 months of time is dedicated to neurology training. The program was awarded a 10-year accreditation by the ACGME, which is the longest time it can bestow on a training program. It is our intent to train excellent clinical neurologists and to develop future leaders in neurology.

The primary site of training is the Kaiser Foundation Los Angeles Medical Center as above. Our outpatient service building is a mere 5-minute walk from our inpatient services at the medical center. We work closely in an interdisciplinary manner with a variety of departments, from Diagnostic Radiology where residents receive a multi-disciplinary month long course in neuroradiology at the end of their first year of neurology training (PGY-2) to Neurosurgery, where we co-manage patients that undergo pediatric neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery, stereotactic radiosurgery, movement disorder surgery, and spine surgery.

We have eighteen attending neurologists covering the full spectrum of neurological subspecialties. The learning environment combines inpatient, consultative, and outpatient care, with a broad selection of complex neurological cases and small group teaching. Residents obtain in-depth experience in neuroradiology, including MRI, CT, conventional and magnetic resonance angiography and neuro-sonography. The department has an active neurophysiology service, and resident get

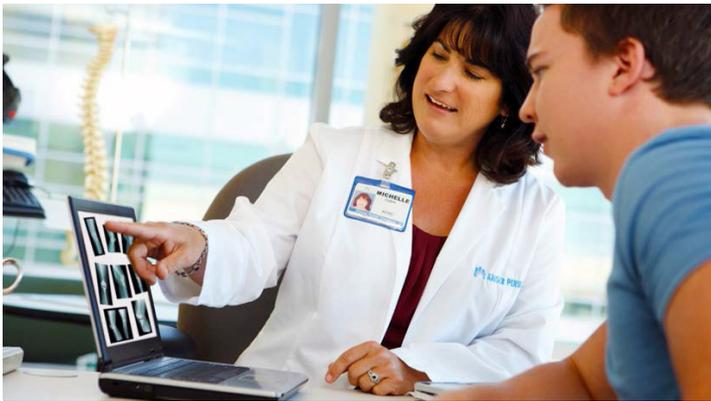
hands on experience with electroencephalography interpretation via our inpatient EEG-telemetry monitoring unit as well as experience with electromyography, nerve conduction studies, evoked potentials, and polysomnography.

Our program excels at training independent excellent clinical neurologists. For inpatient experiences, residents have full responsibility for the evaluation and management of all hospitalized neurological patients under the supervision of the attending staff. Responsibility is progressive, with senior residents having the autonomy to manage patient care while taking an active role in teaching junior residents, interns, and medical students. Our junior residents are also given responsibility from the very beginning of their first neurology year - for instance, they lead multi-disciplinary stroke rounds. Our small size affords residents to develop one on one relationships with our staff neurologists for mentorship, research, and career development. There is a strong emphasis on bedside teaching in a small group setting. An attending neurologist meets daily for case presentations and teaching rounds with residents for the general consult service, pediatrics service, and stroke inpatient service.



We have a variety of outpatient experiences, with residents training in the outpatient care of dementia, epilepsy, headache, neuromuscular, neuro-genetic, neuro immunology, movement, sleep and neuro-oncology patients. Our residents work one on one with our subspecialty faculty to get in depth teaching and mentorship in the assessment and management in each of the aforementioned sub-specialty populations. Each resident also has a longitudinal continuity clinic one half-day per week.

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The PGY-1 year consists of 8 4-week blocks of inpatient Internal Medicine, 1 block of Emergency Medicine at Cedars Sinai, and 4 blocks of Neurology, a unique experience for intern resident physicians in our integrated program. The PGY-2 year is spent primarily inpatient on the stroke and general neurology consult service. Residents evaluate and manage patients on the inpatient neurology service and perform consultations to evaluate neurological symptoms from almost every department in the hospital. PGY-2 residents also have 2 4-week blocks of outpatient subspecialty clinic rotations, and 1 block each of pediatric neurology and neuroradiology. The PGY-3 year consists of 5 4-week blocks on an inpatient day float service, stroke service, and adult general neurology consult service; the last 2 of these blocks are spent in a supervisory role as a chief resident. Other rotations during this year include psychiatry at UCLA, subspecialty clinic, a neurophysiology elective focused on EEG and EMG/NCS, and pediatric neurology (1 block). The PGY-4 year includes rotations as chief resident on the general neurology consult service, electives, subspecialty clinic, pediatric neurology, day float, neurorehabilitation, and palliative care (1/2 block each).

Outside of clinical work, there is an active schedule of educational noon time conferences, where teaching occurs in adult and pediatric neurology, basic neuroscience, neuropathology, and neuroradiology. We also have a number of resident driven educational experiences, including half year long series of neuroanatomy presentations and a volunteer Friday digital journal club. We also host departmental grand rounds, hosting prestigious neurology faculty from around the USA to teach

on a variety of topics in neurology. Each resident is additionally expected to complete a research project as well as engage in quality improvement work by the end of the residency program.

We also take pride in our prioritization of resident wellness. Neurology residents at KP LAMC have an excellent work-life balance and have time and opportunities to enjoy life in central Los Angeles. You may find them going out to eat as a team, hiking in the Griffith Observatory trail, attending Shakespeare-In-The-Park, and spending time with their family.

We hope you choose Kaiser LAMC, where you will receive excellent academic and clinical training in a small intimate setting with complex patients from throughout southern California.



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