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Physiatrist Dr. Christian Custodio instructing resident, Katherine Rief

The Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowship provides one year of advanced training in the diagnosis and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal impairments and disabilities related to cancer and its treatment. Through clinical experience and research, this training prepares fellows to care for the specialized functional needs of cancer patients and survivors.

Fellows learn the appropriate evaluation and management of rehabilitation issues in cancer patients and survivors, including complications related to surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and stem cell transplantation, as well as complications related to the cancer itself. Fellows will also learn to manage non-cancer-related neuromuscular and musculoskeletal issues, which may have an additional impact on a patient's quality of life and ability to tolerate subsequent cancer treatments. Upon completion of training, fellows will be poised to become leaders in the field of cancer rehabilitation.

The program begins in July. This fellowship is non-ACGME accredited.

Length of Program

One Year

Eligibility

Applicants should be completing or have completed training in an ACGME-accredited physical medicine and rehabilitation residency program. International medical graduates with equivalent qualifications and a valid ECFMG certificate are also eligible to apply.

Application Information

Our fellowship will be participating in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) match for the 2024-2025 match cycle. We will not be participating in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) this match cycle but hope to in the future. Applicants must also register on the [NRMP website](#) for match results.

Important Dates

MSK Application Period Opens: July 1 of the preceding academic year

MSK Application Deadline: September 15 of the preceding academic year

NRMP Match Registration Opens: September 20, 2023

Rank Order List Opens: October 25, 2023

Rank Order List Deadline: November 29, 2023

Match Day: December 13, 2023

How to Apply

Since Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowships are not participating in ERAS, all candidates must apply individually to each program.

Applicants to the MSK fellowship will need to submit:

Completed [Graduate Staff Application](#)

Curriculum Vitae

Include mm/yyyy for beginning and end of all training/educational activities from medical school-present

Gaps larger than 5 months will need an additional explanation

One page Personal Statement

3 Letters of Recommendation

One letter must be from the applicant's current residency program director or current employer

Letters must be addressed to Dr. Lisa Ruppert

We will only accept letters sent directly from the letter writer or program coordinator

Copy of Medical Diploma

Copy of Visa & ECFMG Certificate (*if applicable*)

Please send all MSK application documents directly to Alexis Schmidt.

Program Director

[Lisa Marie Ruppert, MD](#)

Assistant Director

[Christian M. Custodio, MD](#)

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GME Coordinator II

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