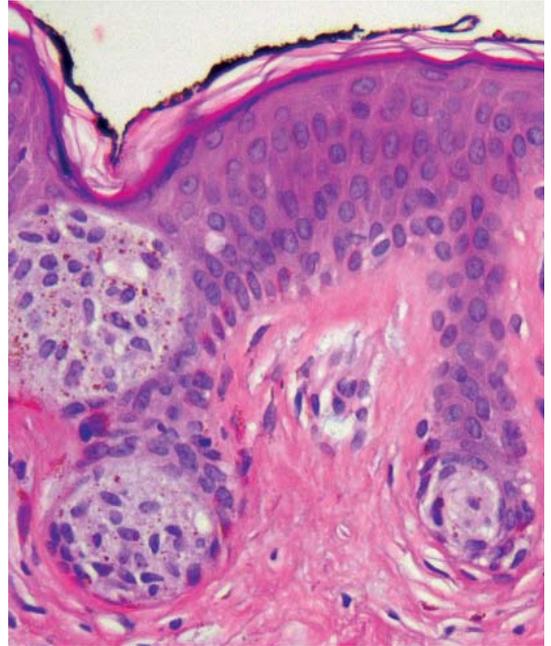The Department of Pathology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center offers a 1 year ACGME accredited Fellowship in Dermatopathology available annually. It is a joint program with the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell University. All fellows should have completed residency training in Anatomic Pathology or Dermatology and be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pathology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the American Board of Dermatology.

Fellows will benefit from a wealth of expertise in neoplastic skin diseases at MSKCC, with many problematic and complex cases and management discussions at tumor boards. The rotations at the New York Presbyterian Hospital offer exposure to a General Dermatology practice with added depth in areas of rheumatologic disorders (Hospital for Special Surgery) and inpatient Dermatology.

Pathology-trained fellows rotate in Clinics at MSKCC and The New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dermatology-trained fellows rotate through a number of subspecialty fields in Anatomic Pathology relevant to Dermatopathology: Bone & Soft Tissue, Head & Neck, Molecular Pathology and Cytogenetics. There is an opportunity for elective time for fellows to pursue research interests. The fellows are responsible for all submitted consultation cases and select in-house surgical material.

For more information visit:
https://www.mskcc.org/departments/pathology

Number of Positions
1 – 2 (accredited for 2)

Length of Program
One year (start date July 1st)

How to Apply
Online only (apply at least 22 months prior to planned start date)
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Goals and Objectives

- Gain experience in the diagnosis of neoplastic and non-neoplastic diseases in Dermatopathology
- Develop an understanding of ancillary methods for assessment of various diseases
- Develop an understanding of the clinical features and outcomes of various pathologic diseases, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment algorithms, tumor staging parameters and prognostic indices
- Participate in and appreciate the multidisciplinary team approach for the treatment of cancer patients or patients with complex non-neoplastic clinical problems
- Develop and enhance communications skills with clinicians and ancillary medical staff in the care of patients
- Become proficient at handling high volume, complex, common, rare and challenging cases
- Develop knowledge and skills for independent sign out

Responsibilities

The Dermatopathology fellows will review slides and prepare reports for all submitted consultation cases and select in-house material with increasing autonomy as the fellowship progresses. They will order ancillary tests and review results. Responsibilities also include supervision of pathologist assistants, rotating visitors, and participation in intradepartmental teaching conferences and journal club presentations. The fellows will actively participate in teaching Dermatology residents in Dermatopathology. The fellows will attend daily consensus conferences in Dermatopathology, but can also attend conferences in other subspecialty areas, such as Soft Tissue or Molecular Pathology. They will review archival pathology cases for both research and clinical purposes. Participation in research is encouraged with the goal of at least an abstract presentation and ideally also a manuscript submission to peer-reviewed scientific journals.

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