

LSU Eye Center Corneal Fellowship Program

Demographics

The clinical cornea fellowship is a one-year program for ophthalmologists whose ACGME accredited parent program is the LSU/Ochsner Ophthalmology Residency Program at the LSUHSC Department of Ophthalmology.

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History

How long program existed and the number of individuals who have completed the program since inception:

The LSU Department of Ophthalmology Corneal Fellowship Program, in its current format, began on January 1, 1978, when Dr. Herbert E. Kaufman moved to New Orleans to become the first Director of the newly organized LSU Eye Center. The LSU program has graduated 86 clinical fellows and there are currently two fellows in the program.

Exact duration of the training program:

The duration of the program is initially one year. If interested, however, fellows can apply for an additional year of training to focus more fully on their research interests with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Prerequisites and other selection criteria:

Fellows are selected through the SF Match program based on experience, interests, and personal interview.

Goals and Objectives: define educational purpose of training and intended goals:

- To improve the diagnostic skill, decision making process and surgical acumen of participants in the areas of cornea and refractive surgery.
- To influence candidates to consider a career in academic/institution medicine.

Program Certifications or recognitions that the program holds:

None

Resources

Teaching Staff list staff and supervisory responsibilities:

Fellows work under the supervision of Dr, Kaufman. He directs the Fellows' clinical and surgical duties. They introduce the trainees to all aspects of the anterior segment of the eye, helping to develop their skills in examination, diagnosis, treatment, and surgical procedures.

Facilities:

Fellows rotate through the LSU Eye Center, Charity Hospital and University Hospital.

The LSU Eye Center is a modern and spacious facility in which an active full-time faculty and staff are devoted to clinical care and to basic and clinical research in the management and treatment of ophthalmic disease. The MCLNO sites are public hospitals and serve a large number of patients with interesting and unusual diseases. Fellows participate in the decision-making process and surgery at the facility with a staff member.

Basic Curriculum

Clinical and Research components

Fellows train in both medical and surgical aspects of corneal disease and refractive surgery. Fellows also involve themselves in many of the research projects conducted by our clinical and laboratory science faculty. This allows fellows to further enhance their knowledge of eye diseases and of newly developed clinical and surgical treatments.

Participant's supervisory and pt care responsibilities

The fellows will be responsible for the examination and treatment of all cornea patients at the LSU Eye Center under the supervision of one of the staff members. Fellows supervise residents in clinic and surgery at our associated hospitals.

Procedural requirements

Fellows work closely with the ophthalmology residents and medical students rotating through our department. Fellows are responsible for case presentations at monthly conferences, and participation in didactic lectures and Grand Rounds with the residents.

Didactic components

Fellows are asked to provide interesting cases for discussion at teaching conferences and to give Basic Science lectures and journal club conference.

Evaluation

Describe formal evaluation process used to assess the educational performance of the participants

Every six months, each fellow is evaluated on medical and surgical skills using anonymous evaluations by attending physicians, clinic staff, and other fellows with whom the fellow works.

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