

Neurology

- Goal:** To provide the opportunity for the fellow to learn how to diagnose and manage neurological conditions prevalent in older adults.
- Location:** The AM Neurology clinics are at the VA Pittsburgh Medical Center (University Drive).
The PM Neurology clinics are at Aiken Medical Building (Shadyside)
- Preceptors:** Monday AM: Movement Disorders and Dementia:
Edward Burton, MD, David Hinkle MD PhD,
Eric Ogren MD, Wes Farris MD
- Tuesday AM: Headache:
Miguel Estevez MD, Kathy Gardner MD,
Eric Ogren MD
- Wednesday AM: Seizures and Stroke:
Anne Van Cott MD, Sasa Zivkovic MD,
Tudor Jovin MD, Steven Graham MD PhD
- Monday and Friday PM: Neurology consults (inpatient and outpatient)
Neil Busis, MD
- Experience:** The fellow will work with the faculty and staff of the Department of Neurology in an outpatient clinic setting. VA clinics take place every morning except Thursday. Each clinic focuses on a specific disorder. In addition, Dr. Graham will deliver one stroke professor's rounds and Dr. Farris will deliver one Alzheimer's disease professor's rounds. Fellows will also participate in the neurology resident didactic teaching that occurs 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Thursdays.
- The fellow will also see inpatients consults and outpatients at UPMC Shadyside with Dr. Neil Busis.

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. To understand the neurological approach to cognitive and neurologic assessment
2. To learn about the diagnosis and management of neurologic disorders

Patient Care (Clinical skills)

3. To perform a competent neurological examination in the older adult
4. To utilize results of neurodiagnostic studies, including imaging and electrophysiology, in diagnosis and patient care

Patient Care (Patient management skills)

5. To appropriately prescribe medications for neurological disorders and recognize their possible adverse effects

Practice-based Learning

6. To become competent in locating lesions in the brain, spinal cord and/or peripheral nervous system from the neurological findings

Communication and Interpersonal Skills

7. To learn to counsel patients with neurological disorders about disease management and prognosis

System-based Practice

8. To make appropriate referrals for rehabilitative, or other, therapy in older adults with neurological disorders

Evaluations: Direct observation and feedback by faculty
Competency-based faculty evaluation form at end of rotation

Recommended reading:

Martin A. Samuels and Steven Feske, editors. Office Practice of Neurology. Churchill Livingstone, Inc.

Raymond D. Adams and Maurice Victor. Principles of Neurology. McGraw Hill, Inc.

Note: These texts and others are available in the Neurology Clinics area at the VA Pittsburgh Medical Center

Preceptor

Fellow

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