

Pan-American Endocrine Surgery Observership

We propose an Endocrine Surgery Observership program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in Birmingham, Alabama. We are pleased to invite a Latin American surgeon to join us for an engaging experience in our Endocrine Surgery service for 2-4 weeks.

Objective:

The primary goal of this Observership is to facilitate knowledge exchange and foster collaboration in the field of Endocrine Surgery. By allowing a Latin American surgeon to observe in our clinics and operating room, we aim to promote professional growth and cross-cultural learning.

Program Details:

The candidate will fund their travel and room and boarding

1. Observership Duration: 2-4 weeks
2. Activities:
 - a. Clinical Observation: The observer will have the opportunity to shadow our Endocrine Surgeons, gaining insight into patients' evaluation, including extensive exposure to pre and postoperative management of endocrine diseases. Ultrasonography experience is significant in this setting.
 - b. Intraoperative Observation: The observer will be exposed to a variety of Endocrine surgical procedures, including thyroidectomies, parathyroidectomies, and adrenalectomies, in our state-of-the-art operating rooms with exposure to the use of intraoperative PTH as a true point of care adjunct, ultrasonography, gamma probe parathyroid identification, probe-based parathyroid autofluorescence, intraoperative nerve monitoring, and robot-assisted transabdominal and robot-assisted retroperitoneoscopic adrenalectomy
 - c. Mentorship: The observer will be paired with one of our four Endocrine Surgeons (Dr. Herbert Chen, Sophie Dream, Andrea Gillis, and Brenessa Lindeman), guiding and facilitating discussions throughout the Observership.
3. Networking: The observer will have the chance to interact with our multidisciplinary team, including surgeons, endocrinologists, and radiologists, fostering connections, sharing experiences, and participating in our Tumor boards. Observer will also meet with UAB faculty and trainees outside the clinical setting.
4. Interdisciplinary activities: the observer will have the opportunity to attend Department of Surgery Grand rounds and mortality and morbidity conferences, as well as any other educational activities in the Department.

Support:

UAB will offer the following support to the observer:

- Access to hospital facilities and resources
- Assistance with the clearance process for shadowing through our Department of Surgery Human resources office.

Application Process:

Interested Latin American surgeons are invited to submit their applications per AAES guidelines, including a CV and a brief statement of interest. The AAES DEI committee, vice president, counselors, and past president Solorzano (if available) will review the applications and select the most suitable candidate for this Observership. We believe that this Observership program will enrich the knowledge and skills of the participating surgeon and strengthen international collaboration in the field of Endocrine Surgery. We look forward to welcoming a Latin American surgeon to Birmingham, AL and UAB to share our commitment to excellence in patient care and surgical education.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or further information.