

MyMichigan Health Surgical Oncology & Endocrine Surgery Observership

We propose an Endocrine Surgery Observership with emphasis on our Surgical Oncology program at MyMichigan Health in Midland, MI. We are pleased to invite a Latin American surgeon to join us for an engaging experience in our Surgical Oncology service for 2 weeks.

Objective:

The goal of this observership is to provide an immersive educational experience that fosters international collaboration in the field of Endocrine Surgery and Surgical Oncology. Through observation in the outpatient clinic, operating room, and multidisciplinary care settings, visiting surgeons will gain exposure to contemporary surgical practices and patient-centered management. The program is designed to encourage professional growth, the sharing of best practices, and the development of cross-cultural learning.

Program Details:

1. Observership Duration: 80 hours

2. Activities:

a. **Outpatient Clinic Observation:**

The observer will have the opportunity to shadow Dr. Melwyn Sequeira in the Endocrine Surgery Clinic, gaining exposure to the evaluation and surgical management of a broad spectrum of endocrine diseases, including thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal, pancreatic, and gastrointestinal endocrine tumors, as well as thyroid cancer and complex endocrine oncology cases. Observers will participate in discussions on preoperative evaluation, surgical decision-making, patient-centered care, and postoperative management, with opportunities to observe multidisciplinary collaboration involving endocrinologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, and other specialists. The observer may also have the opportunity to shadow colorectal, hepatobiliary, and thoracic surgeons to gain broader exposure to multidisciplinary surgical oncology care.

b. **Operating Room and Procedural Observation:**

The observer will be exposed to a wide variety of endocrine surgical procedures, including thyroidectomy, minimally invasive and standard parathyroidectomy, thyroid cancer surgery with neck dissections, open and robotic assisted adrenalectomy, and operations for endocrine tumors of the pancreas and gastrointestinal tract. Depending on operative scheduling, observers may also gain exposure to advanced minimally invasive and robotic surgical techniques utilized within the Surgical Oncology department.

c. **Mentorship:**

The observer will be paired with Dr. Melwyn Sequeira, surgical oncologist and endocrine surgeon who will provide individualized mentorship, facilitate case discussions, and offer insight into the clinical decision-making and multidisciplinary management of endocrine surgical diseases throughout the observership. The goal of the program would be tailored to provide the selected candidate with maximum exposure to Surgical Oncology and Endocrine Surgery by working with a team of surgeons including Dr. Mohamed Elgamal

(Hepatobiliary and Endocrine), Dr. Galen Ohnmacht (Thoracic) and other Colorectal Surgeons that are part of the Surgical Oncology program at MyMichigan Health.

3. Networking:

The observer will have the opportunity to interact with members of the multidisciplinary Endocrine and Oncology teams, including Thoracic and Hepatobiliary surgeons, endocrinologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, advanced practice providers, and nursing staff. Participation in multidisciplinary tumor board discussions and other collaborative educational activities may be available based on scheduling.

4. Interdisciplinary Activities:

The observer will have the opportunity to attend rounding, multidisciplinary tumor boards, and other educational conferences offered through MyMichigan Health during their observership.

Note: The candidate will be responsible for funding their own air travel, ground transportation, lodging, meals and onboarding via ACEMAPP.

Support:

MyMichigan will offer the following support to the observer:

- a. Access to hospital facilities and necessary resources
- b. Assistance with the clearance process for shadowing through our Surgical Services office
- c. A certificate of completion

Application Process:

Interested Latin American surgeons are invited to submit their applications per AAES guidelines, including a CV and a brief statement of interest. A selection committee per AAES rules in consultation with MyMichigan Health 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 MyMichigan Health 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.

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