

How To Apply

Our program is approved by the ACGME for three residents per year. We are a categorical program and applicants match with us starting at the PGY-1 level. We participate in the AUA Office of Education Matching Program. **Our AUA Residency Matching Identification Number is: 00923319.** We select our applicants from the ERAS program. To register please visit the AUA website at www.auanet.org - select "Students & Residents" and ERAS at www.aamc.org/eras - select "Residency Applicants". We encourage applicants to register early with both ERAS and the AUA Urology Matching Program. Upon matching with our program, the PGY 1 resident must then register with the NRMP program to match for their preliminary general surgery year.

In 2001, we were approved by the RRC to initiate a 1+4 program format. The preliminary year in general surgery will be completed at the University of Kansas Medical Center (two positions) or at our affiliate program Truman Medical Center/St. Luke's Hospital (one position). The current starting salary is \$39,380/year and the State of Kansas has usually increased the residents' salary yearly. I anticipate that this will continue. Salary is also increased with each advancing year of training. We have a very active 26-bed service at the University and a 30-bed service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. We offer rotations through several private hospitals in the Kansas City area - our affiliated hospitals include Centerpoint Medical Center, St. Luke's East Hospital, St. Mary's of Blue Springs, St. Joseph Medical Center, and Research Medical Center - where the residents actively participate in the care and surgery of private urology patients. We also have a rotation through Children's Mercy Hospital to increase resident exposure to pediatric urology under the supervision of Drs. Murphy, Gatti, and DeMarco. At the Kansas University Hospital, the service is primarily patients referred for tertiary care that includes very complex surgical problems and high risk patients.

Our clinical facility contains operating room suites with state-of-the-art endoscopic and laparoscopic equipment, a new multi-channeled urodynamic suite equipped with fluoroscopy for evaluation of patients with voiding dysfunction, as well as the Dornier Lithotripter which is available for patients with urinary calculi. We also have added the newest state-of-the-art DaVinci® robotic surgical system to assist us in our minimally invasive, precise nerve-sparing prostatectomies.

We intend to train outstanding clinical and academic urologists. Many of our graduates have gone on to complete fellowships at a variety of prestigious institutions. In the last few years, fellowships at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the University of Virginia Medical Center, and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center at Los Angeles were obtained. All of our residents are expected to complete a research project for presentation at a regional or national meeting and subsequent publication. With our current 1+4 program format, during your PGY-2 rotation while at the KUMC, research studies are assigned and half of your time will be spent devoted to research projects. Research facilities are available for clinical or basic research.

While funds for research are available through the Medical Center, the Department of Urology also has its own source of funding. We have a full-time coordinator of our serum and tissue repository and a clinical research assistant who is in charge of all of our clinical research programs.

We make tentative commitments to the students entering their first year of general surgery. Entrance into our Urology Residency Training Program (at the PGY-2 level), therefore, is dependent upon the applicant satisfactorily completing one year of postgraduate training in general surgery. Usually an applicant, given this tentative commitment, will enter into our program, unless there are circumstances that make the applicant unsatisfactory for the field of urology or surgery. We, therefore, have a parallel, five-year program, but advancement

to each subsequent level of responsibility is dependent upon the satisfactory completion of each year of training. Twice a year the faculty will formally review each resident and the resident is informed of strengths and weaknesses. The residents submit evaluations of our program, the external programs, as well as the faculty yearly.

We have two applicant interview days each year. Normally this has been the last Saturday in October and the second Saturday in November. Applicants interviewing with us should plan to be here around 7:45 am and should be free to leave around 1:00 pm. A continental breakfast and lunch is provided. Applicants have the opportunity to interview with most (if not all) of our faculty members. You will also have the opportunity to visit with our residents from all PGY years. A tour of our facilities is also conducted. You should allow 30-45 minutes to travel to the MCI (Kansas City) airport. **For further information regarding our program, please contact Cathy Hightower, Urology Residency Coordinator, University of Kansas Medical Center, 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66160-7390. Telephone: (913) 588-7571. Fax: (913) 588-0603. E-mail: chightower@kumc.edu.** You may also visit our website at: www.urologyatkumc.com.

Applicants should communicate directly with the AUA Office of Education to obtain your matching number and information concerning our match. **Inquiries should be sent to the following address: AUA Residency Matching Program, AUA Office of Education, 1000 Corporate Blvd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Telephone: (866) 746-4282 x3913.**