Podiatric Residency & Clerkship Programs

Podiatry Residency Program Information

Podiatry Residency Program Details
☐ PMSR w/RRA 3-year program
☐ Fully approved by the Council for Podiatric Medical Education
☐ 3 first year positions open each year
☐ Stipend: PG1, PG2 and PG3
☐ Annual and sick leave provided
☐ Health, life, disability, vision and dental insurance available
☐ On campus housing available
☐ Surgical case participation in all training years
☐ Meets training requirements for Board Qualification/Certification examinations in foot surgery by the ABFAS; reconstructive rearfoot/ankle surgery by the ABFAS; and podiatric medicine and orthopedics by the ABPM.

General Information
☐ Website: http://www.northport.va.gov/services/podiatry.asp
☐ Full scope of surgical cases - forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, forefoot & rearfoot reconstruction, Charcot reconstruction, foot & ankle trauma, limb salvage and arthroscopy.
☐ Full scope of clinical cases – diabetic foot care, wound care, biomechanics and orthopedics, clinic nail procedures, injection therapy.
☐ Ability to follow surgical patients pre-operatively and post operatively
☐ Wound Care center experiences
☐ Hospital rotation sites include the Northport VA, LIJ Southside Hospital, North Shore Surgery Center and the New York College of Podiatric Medicine.
☐ Teaching experience – Help to train students in the clinic and present at grand rounds and M&M while on multiple hospital services.
☐ Well-rounded general medical education with rotations in: internal medicine, infectious diseases, anesthesia, pathology, microbiology, physical medicine & rehabilitation, neurology, rheumatology, behavioral science, radiology, orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery and plastic surgery.

Podiatry Residency Program Rotations
- Infectious Disease
- Internal Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pathology/Microbiology
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Neurology
- Rheumatology
- Behavioral Science
- Radiology
- Orthopedics
- General Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Podiatric Medicine
- Podiatry Surgery
- Syosset Hospital Surgery Rotation
- Southside Hospital Surgery Rotation
- New York College of Podiatric Medicine - Pediatrics Rotation
Podiatry Clerkship Program Information

The Northport VA Medical Center offers a month long Clerkship Program in podiatric medicine & surgery. Podiatry students work closely with our resident and attending staff in every aspect of patient care. Experiences during the clerkship include podiatry clinic, podiatry surgery, podiatry inpatient rounds, podiatry inpatient consults, podiatry board review lecture and journal club. Located at the midpoint of the North Shore of Long Island, Northport is located half way between the bustling streets of Manhattan and the beauty and tranquility of Long Island wine country. The VA podiatry clinic is well constructed for excellent patient care. Each room includes a computer with electronic medical records, digital x-rays and internet access. PRESENT courseware and board review courses are available in the library. The VA Hospital Campus includes multiple buildings over a widespread area. On campus facilities include an acute hospital building with multiple inpatient medical, surgical and psychiatric wards, a library, multiple long term care facilities and a 9-hole golf course. On campus housing is available to students.

Podiatric Clerkship Program Description
This is a 1 month hospital based clerkship program. Externs work closely with the podiatry resident & attending staff while treating inpatients & outpatients. Externship training includes:
- Podiatry Clinic
- Inpatient Rounds
- Inpatient Consults
- Biomechanics Clinic
- Wound Care Rounds
- Podiatry Surgery
- Journal Club and Various Lecture Series

Duration of Rotation: 1 month
Months that the program is available: Year Round
Students Accepted: 3rd and 4th year students from all schools
Housing:
- Students are eligible to live in on campus housing while rotating at the VA
- Key Deposit: fully refunded upon checkout
- Housing Fee: $0
- Having a car would be beneficial for weekend trips

Where to meet on Day 1 of your clerkship: Podiatry clinic 1-D at 7:25 am.
Where to park while you are here: After the guard post, you can park in either the first lot on the right - or - turn left at the stop sign and park anywhere there. Please DO NOT park in the lot in front of the main hospital. This parking is reserved for patients.
Frequently Asked Questions for Podiatry Residency and Clerkship Programs

Q: Is the residency program fully approved by the Council for Podiatric Medical Education?
A: Yes. The PMSR w/ RRA program gained council approval beginning on July 1, 2014.

Q: Is participating in the clerkship program essential to attaining the residency program?
A: No. The clerkship program is an educational training experience aimed at enhancing clinic training of students in their third and fourth years of podiatry school. However, the clerkship experience also gives the resident & attending staff the opportunity to get to know who you are as a person as well as assess your ability to be a team player and your knowledge of podiatric medicine and surgery in a variety of situations. If you do not have time to do a clerkship, visiting the program on a Tuesday and/or a Wednesday would be beneficial as well.

Q: Can the clerkship hurt my chances of attaining one of the open residency positions?
A: Yes and no. If you demonstrate problems with attitude, teamwork, attendance, punctuality, preparedness, it will not help your chances. Conversely, if you perform well, it will increase your chances of being selected.

Q: Do I have to interview for the residency if I have completed the clerkship?
A: Yes. If you wish to be a candidate for a residency position, you will need to participate in the interviews held at the CRIP. This will provide you the opportunity to show continued growth as a student and share experiences that have you had between your time as a clerk and the interview. This will also give you the opportunity to summarize your reasons and desires for wanting to participate in this program at the resident level.

Q: Can I interview at the hospital?
A: Residents can interview at the hospital after the CRIP Match.

Q: Does the residency program select students only from certain schools?
A: No. Applications from all podiatry schools are considered equally. We give no preference to any particular school(s).

Q: Is there a website with more information about the residency?
A: Yes. It is http://www.va.gov/northport/services/podiatry.asp

Q: Do you accept 3rd year students as externs?
A: Yes. We gladly accept both 3rd and 4th year students to participate in the clerkship program.

Q: Are presentations required for your externs?
A: Yes. At the end of the month externship, you will be required to present a 20 minute long presentation on the topic of your choice (after it has been approved).

Q: What is the application process to be an extern?
A: The application process for the extern is to contact us at either one of the following e-mail addresses: VHANOPPODIATRYCLERKSHIP@VA.GOV

Q: Does the scope of practice in New York limit the experiences of the residents in regards to rearfoot, reconstruction and ankle training?
A: No. Our residents work with diverse attendings to obtain experiences in this area, including orthopedic surgeons.

Q: This is a VA based program, will I get to see any women or children?  
A: YES! There are many female veterans today, so we treat them at the VA. We rotate through NYCPM to work with the pediatric attendings. In addition, we rotate through other hospitals and surgery centers where woman and children are treated.

Email us with your questions or comments: Margaret.Collins5@va.gov