

Adult Cardiac Anesthesia Fellowship

Duration: 1 year

Number of positions: 2

Fellowship supervisor: Dr. Vynka Lash

Name of Hospitals involved: Royal Victoria Hospital, MUHC; Jewish General Hospital

Type of Fellowship: This is a clinical fellowship. There is opportunity to become involved with research and it is highly encouraged.

Mission statement: To provide clinical training towards comprehensive academic knowledge in the field of adult cardiac anesthesia and Transesophageal Echocardiography and clinical proficiency in providing the highest standard of anesthetic care for adult cardiac patients.

This is a twelve-month clinical cardiac anesthesia fellowship with time equally divided between two hospital sites, the Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital and the McGill University Health Centre (Royal Victoria Hospital site).

Approximately 1400 cases are performed annually between the two hospitals. This allows the fellow to have exposure to a wide variety of cases including CABG (both with and without CPB), single or multiple valve replacement or repair, and combined coronary and valve procedures. As well, ascending aortic and aortic arch surgery with deep hypothermic arrest, cardiac transplantation, and placement of ventricular assist devices round out the fellow's experience. The fellow will also be exposed to highly specialized procedures including endovascular thoracic aortic repair, percutaneous closure of congenital cardiac defects.

The fellow will have sufficient opportunity to acquire the specialized knowledge and technical skills in order to function as an independent consultant cardiac anesthesiologist at the completion of the fellowship.

Transesophageal echocardiography plays a prominent role in cardiac anesthesia and during the fellowship the trainee will have sufficient opportunity to acquire the technical skill necessary to perform diagnostic examinations as well as develop expertise using TEE as a monitoring tool. Teaching is under the direction of TEE board-certified cardiac anesthesiologists and trainees are expected to become TEE board-certified on completion of their training.

The primary responsibility of the fellow is to provide expert cardiac anesthetic care to patients presenting for cardiac surgery. The level of responsibility is graded with increasing autonomy as the trainee progresses. The trainee is always paired with a staff cardiac anesthesiologist.

There is opportunity to become involved with research and it is highly encouraged. Both hospitals are training locations for residents in anesthesia. There is also the opportunity to become involved in the teaching of anesthesia residents.

TRANSESOPHAGEAL ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

The cardiac fellow is expected to perform a complete echocardiographic evaluation and report for each patient. During the training period, the cardiac fellow is expected to complete the required number of echocardiographic cases to achieve an advanced level of training in perioperative TEE as defined in the Canadian Guidelines for training in perioperative TEE. It is expected that the trainee will achieve board certification in transesophageal echocardiography by the end of the training period.

DETAILS OF CLINICAL DUTIES

1. Four days per week are clinical days spent in the operating room providing cardiac anesthesia under the supervision of a staff anesthetist.
2. One day per week is a non-clinical day devoted to academic pursuits, research and/or teaching.
3. The fellow will be expected to present at Anesthesia Grand Rounds at each site.
4. The fellow will be expected to contribute to TEE Rounds.
5. The fellow is expected to attend teaching rounds during the academic year (September through June).
6. On-call duty is specific to cardiac cases. Call is taken from home.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Montreal is located in Quebec, Canada. It is a bilingual (English and French) city with a multicultural population of over 2 million. There are many affordable safe areas in which to live close to both hospitals. The salary is \$60,000.00 Canadian funds. The annual vacation is 4 weeks.

The fellow is entitled to one week of conference leave.

Applications must be received by the April 1st of the year preceding the fellowship year. For further information and details please contact

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