

Sept. 13, 2008

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

LOCATION: Jewish General Hospital and Montreal General Hospital

TYPE OF FELLOWSHIP: Glaucoma

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

One Glaucoma fellow is requested for the Dept. of Ophthalmology, McGill University. The fellowship will be of one year duration and the fellow will spend approximately 50% of his training and time at the Jewish General Hospital and the remainder at the Montreal General Hospital. Both hospitals have a strong tradition and background in the diagnosis and management (medical, laser and surgical) of the Glaucomas. Each institution has a state of the art infrastructure (lasers, imaging, perimetry) and sees a high volume of Glaucoma patients. Our Glaucoma group has and continues to be active in research activity and during the past two decades, approximately one peer reviewed article has been published annually by staff members of our Glaucoma Unit. The mission for our Glaucoma Fellowship Program is to train individuals through a high level of patient exposure to become experienced in diagnosing and treating the spectrum of the adult Glaucomas. The treatment component will medical, laser and surgical treatments. This will be accompanied by encouraging critical thinking skills with our patient exposure as well as participating in a research project. Our fellows will also participate in our resident clinics and their interaction with our residents at these and other times will enhance teaching to our residents.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Dr. Oscar Kasner, Director of Glaucoma Service and Associate Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology, McGill University

NAMES OF THE TEACHING FACULTY: The teaching faculty is composed of Drs. Oscar Kasner, MD, Nabil Saheb, MD, Shawn Cohen, MD, and Marc Mydlarski, MD, PhD. They will all be involved in training the Glaucoma Fellow in the management of the Glaucomas. They all have busy clinical practices and with the exception of Dr. Saheb

also have surgical practices which will expose the fellow to the diverse medical and surgical management challenges of a Glaucoma Subspecialist. The faculty also have diverse research interests ranging from clinical research to the participation in pharmaceutical studies and to basic science research and the Fellow will be exposed to this aspect of each of our Faculty. Our major strengths includes the participation of several Glaucoma Specialists in the Fellowship Program as this provides the Fellow with the opportunity to be exposed to the diverse manner and thought processes which exist to treat the Glaucomas, our high patient volume, our research interests and our collective strength and commitment to teaching.

ACADEMIC FACILITIES:

The Glaucoma Fellow's clinical and academic pursuits will be located within the Departments of Ophthalmology at the Jewish General Hospital and the Montreal General Hospital. These facilities are state of the art with respect to testing (visual fields and imaging) and treating (lasers and surgery) our patients. The Fellow will have access to our departmental and hospital libraries and computers which include appropriate software capabilities for clinical and academic endeavors.

FELLOW DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND CURRICULUM:

The Glaucoma Fellow's responsibilities will include call duty covering patients who have recently been operated and other glaucoma emergencies from the Glaucoma Service at the hospital where he is on rotation. At this time, the Glaucoma Fellow is not the senior supervisor of residents. The Glaucoma Fellow will rotate to the Montreal General Hospital and the Jewish General Hospital for rotations which we are aiming to be fixed at approximately three month intervals. The Glaucoma Fellow will participate in Glaucoma outpatient clinics (private clinics and public resident clinics) at the hospital where he is rotating and he will work up, treat and follow up patients under the supervision of the staff doctor of the clinic. He will, after completing his fellowship have experience in assessing and treating the entire spectrum of the adult glaucomas. He will also participate in laser treatment as well as the surgical management of glaucoma

patients. The fellow will participate in informal teaching in resident clinics and more formal (our early A.M. teaching sessions) teaching with our residents and he will prepare and present some resident teaching sessions. The fellow will also present at McGill Ophthalmology Grand Rounds at least one time during his year of fellowship. The fellow will be expected to read materials concerning Glaucoma and specific reading may be suggested by his supervisor. The Glaucoma Fellow will be encouraged to attend CME events pertaining to Glaucoma as well as attending conferences related to Glaucoma. The fellow will also be expected to participate in at least one research project with one of the Glaucoma Faculty which will be presented at our Ophthalmology Department's Annual Research Day, McGill Day. We will also aim to have this research project published in a peer reviewed journal.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Kasner, MD FRCSC