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## Mission

The mission of our PA fellowship is to provide a comprehensive learning experience for certified PAs that covers the entire breadth and depth of clinical & academic urology. PA fellows work alongside the nation's top urologists as well as senior PAs who are highly-accomplished, seasoned clinicians with extensive clinical experience. PA fellows will receive their training at the renowned Keck Hospital of USC, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, USC/Verdugo Hills Hospital and our multiple satellite locations throughout the Greater Los Angeles area (Beverly Hills, etc).

PA fellows are an integral part of our clinical team focusing on world-class patient care, cutting-edge, tertiary and quaternary level cases. They will have an opportunity to hone their surgical skills (open and robotic/laparoscopic 1<sup>st</sup>-assist) as well as various office procedures. Each PA fellow will be given clear objectives and faculty/staff support to help achieve these goals until each fellow is competent and fully comfortable with their new acquired skills.

The primary goal of our PA fellowship program is to graduate PAs to meet our nation's ever-growing strong demand for excellent urologic care in a standardized and comprehensive manner. PA fellows will be in strong demand and highly-recruited nationwide, thereby positioning them strongly for competitive salaries. Job placement opportunities would also be available for each graduate.



## Program Description

PA fellows rotate through all 3 clinical settings: inpatient, outpatient and in the operating room. The operating room experience will include inpatient and outpatient surgeries. PA fellows will also be working alongside PA students from the renowned, top-ranked Keck School of Medicine Primary Care PA Program as well as the dedicated clinical urology team.

Our program is a full-time fellowship that is completed in 12-months. Upon successful completion each PA fellow receives a fellowship certificate signed by the department's chairman and corresponding faculty members. Two fellows are accepted into our program each calendar year and will work closely together. Opportunities

abound for our PA fellows, from research/publication possibilities to an elective 3-month training program towards the conclusion of their training. Each fellow receives a competitive stipend including a package for vacation/personal time/sick leave. Additional benefits include professional membership fee coverage, liability insurance, USC's generous 403b contribution plan, medical/dental coverage and a CME stipend.

## Curriculum

Curriculum will be based upon adult general urology, urologic oncology, robotic and laparoscopic surgery, female pelvic health, prosthetics/reconstruction, men's health/ED, endourology and stone disease. Duties include comprehensive and focused urologic H&Ps, consultations, rounds, inpatient/outpatient care, and OR 1<sup>st</sup>-assisting (open and robotic/lap). Didactic training also encompasses literature reviews, participation in at least one journal abstract, weekly grand rounds, M&M rounds, tumor boards, journal club, and annual AUA national/regional conferences. PA fellows also work closely with other disciplines in the continuum of care for complex urologic patients. This includes close collaboration with medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, etc.





**CLINICAL SKILLS OBJECTIVES WOULD INCLUDE AND NOT BE LIMITED TO:**

- Surgical 1st-assist (open, robotic, laparoscopic)
- Office-based cystoscopy for stent removals and difficult catheterizations
- Transrectal ultrasound, biopsies, MRI+Ultrasound image-fusion techniques
- Penile injection therapy
- InterStim
- Bladder Botox injection, Bladder instillation treatments
- Comprehensive urodynamics
- Bladder scan
- Testopel insertions
- Urethral dilation
- Vasectomy/Infertility management
- Ostomy/stoma care

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Fully completed application form
- Graduate of an accredited PA program
- Official transcripts
- Eligible to sit for or have passed PA National Certifying/Recertifying Examination (PANCE, PANRE)
- California state PA licensure
- DEA licensure
- Two professional letters of recommendation

**PROGRAM START DATE**      **SEPTEMBER 1** (Rolling start dates may apply)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**      **AUGUST 10**

**INTERVIEWS**      **MAY-AUGUST**

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