Craniomaxillofacial Fellowship Program

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UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION:
This fellowship is offered through the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology, State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

LICENSING REQUIREMENT:
Unrestricted New York State License, DEA, and ACLS and PALS training are required.

APPOINTMENT LEVEL:
The fellow will receive an academic appointment at the Instructor level.

OPERATING PRIVILEGES:
The fellow will have privileges to operate independently and under faculty supervision at University Hospital and the Syracuse Veterans Administration Hospital as well as other community facilities.

OPERATIVE EXPERIENCE:
The craniomaxillofacial surgery experience is extensive including congenital craniofacial and cleft lip and palate surgery, orthognathic surgery, facial trauma, skull base surgery, and post-ablative reconstructive surgery including free flaps. A microsurgical laboratory is also available. Exposure to ocularplastic surgery, reconstruction of Moh’s defects and cosmetic surgery is included.

RESEARCH:
Extensive laboratory facilities are available. A basic science or clinical project leading to a manuscript suitable for publication is a requirement for finishing the fellowship. Limited funding is available.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:
The fellow will supervise residents in cases of an appropriate level, staff facial plastic and reconstructive surgery clinics at University Hospital and the Syracuse Veterans Administration Hospital and participate actively in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery conferences. There is also participation in Grand Rounds and medical student teaching.
CASE LOAD:
Typically, the fellow will participate in 400-500 cases a year. The level of participation will depend on the complexity of the case and the fellow’s abilities. A natural progression from observation and assisting to primary surgery is anticipated. Ambulatory patients are seen in various clinics averaging 2 half days per week. Participation in cleft clinic three times per month working closely with speech pathology and dental services.

CALL RESPONSIBILITIES:
The fellow will be placed in the rotating home call schedule primarily for trauma and inpatients such as microsurgical cases. The fellow also covers in house call during the annual residents’ in-service exam.

BENEFITS:
*Health: Provided for fellow, affordable family coverage is available. Dental is provided for fellow; affordable family coverage is available.
*Stipend: $18,000 is provided with the possibility of enhancement from on-call and Veterans Administration Hospital activities throughout the year.
Recent fellows have earned approximately $30,000.
*Malpractice: Provided.
*Tail Coverage: Provided.
*Other: Office, computer, lab coats, library, videotapes support staff, pager, and funding for approved meetings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
This fellowship is based in a busy University Hospital Otolaryngology Department. In addition to the directors’ cases, the fellow has the option of participating in any cases cared for by other departmental members. Community affiliates are available to the fellow, which include a facial plastic surgeon, several plastic surgeons, and an oculoplastic surgeon. The Central New York Center for Cleft and Craniofacial Disorders headed by Dr. Tatum and the Center for VCFS is contained within the Department of Otolaryngology. The Department of Otolaryngology performs the vast majority of plastic and reconstructive surgery of the face, head and neck performed at this medical center. This fellowship is intended to prepare individuals for a career in academic facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Information can also be obtained from the University’s website: www.upstate.edu.

THIS PROGRAM DOES ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES FOR TRAINING if they can qualify for an unrestricted medical license in the State of New York, speak English well, and meet requirements to participate in the fellowship match.