Fellowship Faculty

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Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, application*, CV, personal statement, USMLE scores, passport size photo, three letters of recommendation, and ECFMG certificate (if applicable) to:

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*Application and pertinent information can be found under Graduate Medical Education at:
https://www.vumc.org/gme/13198
This is an exciting and innovative program that incorporates a required 24 week core component on the transfusion service and an 8 week core rotations on the coagulation and hemostasis service. This will be followed by 4 week rotations on the apheresis service, the hematology/ oncology service and the American Red Cross Donor Collection Center. A 4 week elective period may be done either at Vanderbilt University, or as an away-rotation at another institution, including the possibility of a global health rotation in transfusion medicine in another country through the recently formed Vanderbilt Pathology Program in Global Health (VPPIGH).

A major strength of this Fellowship compared with other TM fellowship programs in the US, is the foundation it will provide in delivering service through Diagnostic Management Teams (DMT) - an innovative health delivery modality pioneered in our department at VUMC, now being adopted at numerous other US medical institutions. The program also includes daily Morning Rounds with the attending physician and residents, as well as daily supervision of the Stem Cell Collection and Photopheresis Unit.

The fellowship includes a strong didactic component with regular lecturers, seminars, journal clubs, case conferences. The fellow will be required to present regularly at these meetings and will also regularly attend and participate in various QA/QC meetings including the Hospital Transfusion Committee. In addition, the fellow will regularly participate with the faculty in seminar meetings in hematology/oncology and in pediatrics/ neonatology in order to give the fellow broad exposure to all fields of transfusion medicine. The fellowship also includes a 26-lecture series on "Fundamentals of Laboratory, Business and Human Resource Management" offered by faculty from the Owen Graduate School of Management and the Department of PMI that is attended by all residents and fellows in the department and encompasses topics in health policy; laboratory analytics, business management; as well as topics human resource management, negotiation and conflict management. Through the Vanderbilt Pathology Education Research Group (VPERG) that Dr. Eichbaum directs, fellows also have the opportunity to pursue research in pathology education.

The fellow will also complete a small research project under faculty supervision. Funds will be provided to attend at least one conference during the year, and a $600 stipend will be provided for books and supplies. Publication of research, review and/or commentary papers will be strongly encouraged.

Located in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, Vanderbilt University is one of the nation’s leading research and teaching institutions with undergraduate medical programs contiguous on the same campus. Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is a growing cosmopolitan area with a population exceeding 1.9 million, diverse entertainment, excellent schools and ready access to outdoor activities.