

Internal Medicine Residency Program

Leadership & Staff – Internal Medicine Residency

Mark Pasanen, MD, FACP – Program Director

Dr. Pasanen graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine Residency, including a chief residency, at the University of Washington in Seattle. He also completed a Faculty Development Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina. He is the immediate past Governor for the Vermont Chapter of the American College of Physicians. He practices both inpatient and outpatient General Internal Medicine, supervises residents in both settings and directs the Internal Medicine Hospitalist group. With a passion for resident teaching, after over ten years as an Associate Program Director, he became Residency Program Director in 2014.

Mary Ramundo, MD – Associate Program Director

Dr. Mary Ramundo graduated from UMDNJ – Rutgers Medical School, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and her fellowship in Infectious Diseases at North Shore University Hospital/ Cornell University Medical Center. She is an attending physician in Infectious Disease and she has been an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine residency training program since 2001. She is the chair of the Clinical Competency Committee for the Internal Medicine Residency program and she is dedicated to ensuring that residents receive meaningful feedback and continuous evaluation to support their professional growth.

Shaden Eldakar-Hein, MS MD– Associate Program Director

Dr. Eldakar graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine Residency, including a chief residency at Temple University. She also completed a Masters of Science in Bioethics at the Bioethics institute at Albany Medical College. In addition to resident education and hospital medicine, she has a special interest in ethics training, reflections in medicine and resident wellness. Dr Eldakar is a hospitalist attending, hospital ethicist and has been Associate Program Director since 2014.

Dorothy Shelc – Program Administrator (Contact)

Dottie has been the Program Administrator since 1993. In addition to making the program run smoothly she helps to assure that accreditation rules and guidelines are met. She provides great support to the residents and helps them navigate through residency.

Dermatology Residency Program

Joseph Pierson, MD – Program Director

The greatest strength of our dermatology residency program is a broad and deep exposure to clinical dermatology. Academic conferences are held weekly, including a resident basic science conference, dermatology grand rounds, dermatopathology rounds, and journal club.

Attendance at local meetings and departmental CME courses is encouraged. Residents who have had abstracts accepted at national meetings may attend the meeting at departmental expense. In part because the dermatology residency program is small, resident exposure to all aspects of dermatology is particularly broad. Our goal is to prepare individuals both for clinical academic careers and for general dermatology practice.

At present, we accept two residents per year

Specific rotations for up to one month at a time are provided each year in dermatologic surgery, dermatopathology, and general dermatology. Shorter rotations both on and off site are available to learn specialized procedures in and related to dermatology and dermatologic surgery.

The surgical curriculum is weighted heavily toward cutaneous oncology. However, the resident will also become proficient and will have hands on experience in the utilization of botulinum toxin, Restylane, pulsed dye laser, Alexandrite laser, Long pulse Alexandrite hair removal laser, and sclerotherapy.

Inpatient consultations are all seen by our residents as primary evaluation. On average there is one inpatient consultation per day.

Residents are encouraged to develop their responsibilities as teachers and are responsible for teaching junior residents and medical students. Residents are expected to present at local and national meetings and are expected to publish during their residency tenure.

The faculty is comprised of eight full-time dermatology faculty and two full-time dermatopathologists. We are allied with multiple faculty in other division who provide instruction in other areas such as sentinel lymph node biopsy.

Applications are accepted only through ERAS, the Electronic Residency Application Service. **The deadline for completed applications is November 1.**

Those selected to interview are notified in November. At interview, candidates will meet with each faculty member and our residents.

Our dermatology residency program and student coordinator is Margo Mertz. Any questions may be directed to her.