

CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

HAND & RECONSTRUCTIVE MICROSURGERY FELLOWSHIP ATTACHMENT



About Department of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery

Our hand & reconstructive microsurgeons provide comprehensive clinical services for all trauma and diseases affecting the hand, wrist and upper limb as well as round-the-clock microvascular service for upper limb and lower limb trauma.

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About Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery Fellowship

Key objectives:

1. To gain clinical experience/ management in Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery (HRM) including
 - a. Attainment of fundamental clinical skills and knowledge in HRM.
 - b. Increased exposure to and proficiency in the skill and art of microvascular surgery.
 - c. Participation in research in the field of HRM.

Duration:

- 12 months (1 year)

Number of Trainees:

- 2 clinical fellows per year

Programme Director:

- Adjunct Assistant Professor Lim Jin Xi

Eligibility Criteria

- Postgraduate qualification in Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, Orthopaedic Surgery or Plastic Surgery.
- 5 years of clinical experience in Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, Orthopaedic Surgery or Plastic Surgery.

Course/Training Syllabus

Components of Clinical Training Programme

Methods of training include participation in:

1. Outpatient clinics.
2. Ward rounds.
3. Operating Theatre.
4. On call duties (supervised by a Consultant)
The clinical fellow is expected to do night duties/ calls based on their qualifications and ability, and they will be supervised by a Consultant. This can be any time of the day or night including weekends and public holidays.
5. Department meetings.
6. Teaching sessions, including case discussions and presentations
7. Local courses, where possible. These include microsurgery, fracture fixation and arthroscopy courses.

Training Method

Rotation(s) to other institution(s)/departments:

Our clinical fellow will train mainly in the Division of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital (NTFGH) for 9 months out of 12-month fellowship. For the remaining 3 months, they will be rotated to the Department of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, National University Hospital (NUH). In essence, they will only be trained within the NUHS cluster while closely supervised by SMC - approved supervisors in Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery employed either by NTFGH or NUHS.

Supervision method:

Each clinical fellow will have an assigned primary supervisor for the entire period of the fellowship, who will be at least Consultant grade employed either by NTFGH or NUHS. The Programme Director/ Head of Division will be responsible for their training, supervision and welfare during the programme.

Assessment and Evaluation

The appointed primary supervisor for the clinical fellow in Division of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, NTFGH will remain as the primary supervisor for the entire period of the fellowship. When the clinical fellow is rotated to Department of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, National University Hospital (NUH), the primary supervisor will solicit feedback from the secondary/ on-site supervisor to complete a joint assessment report at SMC's stipulated intervals.

The clinical fellow will be assessed by the supervisor, based on the following:

1. Case discussions.
2. Operative skills assessment.
3. Procedural logbook.
4. Outpatient clinic and Inpatient ward performance.

Scheduled reviews with Programme Director and supervisor at 3rd, 6th, 9th month of fellowship.
Ad-hoc meetings with supervisor as and when the need arises.

Criteria for Early Termination

1. Medical negligence or unsatisfactory performance, as determined by the Programme Director/ Head of Division and/or Primary Supervisor.
2. Gross misconduct, as defined by institution policy.

Contact Information

Interested fellows can send your enquiries or application to JHCampus_HRM-Fellowship@nuhs.edu.sg.