



Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

**University of Pittsburgh Department
of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
with UPMC Rehabilitation Institute.**

Overview

Our fellowship program is centered at UPMC Mercy, a level 1 trauma center and home to the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute. Fellows also rotate at UPMC Presbyterian, also a level 1 trauma center.

The fellow will gain Brain Injury Medicine (BIM) patient management experience in both the acute phase at UPMC Presbyterian and the rehab phase at our 18-bed, locked brain injury unit at the Rehab Institute.

The program also includes participation in acute care consultations and service on inpatient rehab teams.

Special learning opportunities are available in:

- Assistive technology
- Neuropharmacology
- Neuroradiology
- Evaluation/management of concussion patients
- Management of persons with disorders of consciousness
- Procedures for spasticity and headache management

Participation in the sports concussion program at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine provides exposure to patients of all athletic levels and ages. This is one of the leading sports concussion programs in the country and draws professional athletes to the facility and the expert physicians there.

Other features include:

- Excellent research prospects and support staff
- Concussion clinics with athletes



UPMC Presbyterian



UPMC Mercy

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Applicant Information

Interested physicians who have satisfactorily completed the appropriate residency program can download the application from the Fellowships page on our website: rehabmedicine.pitt.edu.

The following must be submitted with the application:

- Updated CV
- Copies of all score sheets from USMLE, COMLEX, and/or other examinations
- ECFMG Certificate (if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current program director.

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Educational and Research Opportunities

Fellows will participate in a wide variety of educational opportunities such as:

- Inpatient staffing conferences
- Journal clubs
- Departmental research meetings
- Panther Rehab Rounds lecture series
- Resident Didactics and Journal Club
- CME programs

Fellows are allotted a half day per week protected time to pursue their research interests. By the end of the training, the fellow is encouraged to submit at least 1 abstract to a national meeting and participate in the writing of a manuscript for a peer-reviewed publication. Fellows in the BIM program are encouraged to attend national and international conferences of professional associations including the National Neurotrauma Society and Society for Neuroscience. Fellows will receive conference attendance funding for AAPMR and AAP meetings.

Amy Wagner, MD

Professor
Director, BIM Fellowship



Dr. Wagner is a brain injury medicine physiatrist consultant during acute hospitalization at UPMC and treats patients with neurological conditions and injuries during inpatient rehab at the UPMC Rehab Institute. She is a leading investigator in the use of biomarkers to develop prognostic models and clinical decision algorithms as well as optimizing individualized treatment outcomes after brain injury.

Kevin Franzese, DO

Assistant Professor
Assistant Director, BIM Fellowship



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