

Viral Hepatitis Concentration, Clinical Scholars Track UCLA Multi-Campus Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program

Introduction: The viral hepatitis concentration is designed for fellows who desire a career with particular expertise in the treatment of viral hepatitis, specifically hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections. Upon entry into the program, individuals with a viral hepatitis concentration will be assigned a mentor from within the Division of Infectious Diseases for career advising and will work with this individual to design one or more longitudinal clinical and scholarly activities in viral hepatitis.

Faculty Director (s): Dr. Debika Bhattacharya and Dr. Kara Chew

Objectives: This concentration aims to promote excellence in the following areas:

- 1) Clinical management of hepatitis B
- 2) Clinical management of hepatitis C
- 3) Scholarship in viral hepatitis with completion and presentation/publication of a quality improvement or research project

Trainees will have opportunities to participate in outpatient clinics focused on the treatment of viral hepatitis. They will also be supported to develop a scholarly project in consultation with the concentration directors/mentors.

Fellows electing this concentration are also strongly encouraged to pursue opportunities to teach on the topic of viral hepatitis within the School of Medicine and/or Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Skills obtained through this concentration will include:

- Competency in the evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic hepatitis B, including in HIV-coinfected patients
- Competency in the evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic hepatitis C, including in HIV-coinfected patients
- Competency in the assessment and management of chronic liver disease in viral hepatitis
- Lecturing and preparing effective presentations on viral hepatitis and/or liver disease
- Developing and leading “tele-clinics” with primary care practitioners interested in viral hepatitis management
- Critical appraisal of the medical literature on viral hepatitis epidemiology, treatment, and outcomes
- Understanding of systems-based issues in viral hepatitis management

Clinical Sites:

VA Greater Los Angeles (GLA) GI/ID Viral Hepatitis Clinic (HIV/HCV, HIV/HBV, HBV and HCV mono-infection)

CARE Clinic (HIV/HCV, HIV/HBV and HCV mono-infection, HCV clinical trials)

T.H.E. Clinic (HIV/HCV, HIV/HBV)

Project Examples:

- Undertake a quality improvement project related to the delivery of hepatitis C care within one system or comparing different health systems (UCLA, VA, community)
- Secondary data analysis of hepatitis C treatment outcomes
- Survey of primary care provider attitudes towards primary care management of hepatitis C

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