



Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Ophthalmology



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Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship

The Department of Ophthalmology at Nationwide Children's offers a one-year fellowship program beginning each year in July. The primary goal of the fellowship is to provide supervised clinical training in examination, diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment of ocular and visual system disorders in infants and children. Patient activity is all under the supervision of multiple staff personnel and the strengths of the clinical fellowship program.

The Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship receives accreditation from the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology Fellowship Compliance Committee (AUPO FCC) and is approved by the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS). We are a certified Level 1 Trauma Center. Our program serves as the major pediatric referral center for central Ohio and also serves West Virginia and Kentucky. Our department provides treatment for amblyopia, chalazion, color blindness, congenital cataract, glaucoma, strabismus, uveitis, eye pain, farsightedness, nearsightedness and eye emergencies. The department also offers advanced electrophysiology testing.



Curriculum

- Participation in outpatient clinic for evaluation of new patients and follow-ups
- Patient consultations in our Level 1 Trauma Center
- Scrub into operative cases treating conditions such as strabismus, tear duct obstruction, chalazion, eyelid lacerations and other ocular surgeries, including but not limited to cataract, glaucoma and plastic procedures.

Academic and Didactic Experience:

- Protected research time with the opportunity to lead and assist in publications
- Currently participating in research trials for ROP, amblyopia, myopia and glaucoma
- Difficult Case Conference, Grand Rounds, Morbidity and Mortality
- Fellow Clinic
- Participate and serve in a supervisory role to ophthalmology residents in clinic
- Assume a supervisory role in coverage of hospital and emergency room consults
- Assist and assume supervisory role with surgery and perform outpatient clinical care
- Journal Club organization
- Participate in a clinical or science-based research project during fellowship with the intent of finishing the project within the fellowship period
- Opportunity to attend expenses-paid national meetings during the fellowship period for the presentation of a paper that emanates from our department

Fellows

The Department of Ophthalmology has trained specialized, proficient pediatric ophthalmologists for many years, all of whom have transitioned to academic and private pediatric ophthalmological positions at various institutions across the United States.

Salary and Benefits

Our fellows are hospital employees, and as such, they are eligible for the same benefits other full-time staff receive, except for paid time off, based on AUPO requirements.

Application and Interview Process

How many fellows do you take per year?

Two positions open every academic year.

What criteria must you meet to apply?

Prospective applicants should have completed an ophthalmology residency at an accredited program. Application through SF Match and an interview with our department are required.

What is the application process?

Applications will be accepted through the San Francisco Matching Program ([SFMatch.org](https://www.sfm.org)) beginning in July. After review, if your application meets our selection criteria, you will receive an email inviting you to contact us to schedule your interview. Interviews will occur in October, with the match completed in December.

Meet Our Chief



David Rogers, MD, is an Ohio native who earned his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University. He completed medical school at Wright State University. His ophthalmology residency training was at Indiana University School of Medicine, and fellowship training in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus was completed at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Rogers is a busy clinician with 15 years of experience in pediatric ophthalmic surgery. He is also a committed researcher and serves in several administrative roles. He has served as the chief of the Department of Pediatric Ophthalmology at Nationwide Children's since January 2019.

He is active on multiple committees at Nationwide Children's outside of the Department of Ophthalmology. Dr. Rogers is actively engaged with the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, serving in numerous leadership roles and on various committees. Dr. Rogers is committed to education. He has served as the Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship Director since 2015. He is constantly refining the program to provide the best educational experience for the fellows. The program recruits and trains excellent pediatric ophthalmologists under his leadership. Dr. Rogers is also heavily involved in training the residents of The Ohio State University Department of Ophthalmology. He actively publishes research and has presented all over the world. Dr. Rogers also serves as a journal reviewer for multiple major journals. In 2010, he co-founded the Pediatric Intracranial Hypertension Clinic at Nationwide Children's. This clinic has grown exponentially since its inception and is an excellent resource for specialized care of patients with intracranial hypertension. This clinic receives referrals from all over the world.

Dr. Rogers is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and is board-certified and recertified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Rogers resides in Powell, Ohio, where he enjoys life with his wife and three children.

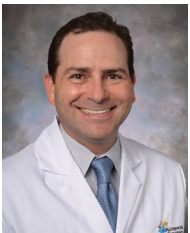




Meet Our Team



Cybil Cassady, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and chair of the fellowship selection committee. She has been with Nationwide Children's since 2004. She is an assistant professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University and a member of AAO and AAPOS. Her clinical interests include strabismus, amblyopia, pediatric glaucoma and cataracts.



Richard Golden, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since completing his fellowship here in 2005. He is an assistant professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University and a member of AAO and AAPOS. He has received several awards over his career for teaching and is committed to the research and education of future physicians.



Hilliary Inger, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since completing her fellowship here in 2019. She is a member of AAO, AAPOS and Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG). Dr. Inger is also the co-director of research for the Department of Ophthalmology.



Catherine Olson Jordan, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since completing her fellowship here in 2012. She is a member of AAO, AAPOS and a site PI for Pediatric Eye Investigator Group (PEDIG). She is also a reviewer and on the editorial board for several academic journals.



Julie Lange, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since 2009. She is a member of AAO and AAPOS. She is an assistant professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University and a member of the clinical competency committee, which evaluates residents for promotion each year.



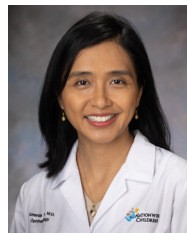
Mary Lou McGregor, MD, is the director of Ophthalmology at Nationwide Children's. She is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since 1992. Dr. McGregor is a professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University and a member of AAO and AAPOS. She completed her fellowship at Nationwide Children's and continues to mentor the next generation of ophthalmologists.



Dave Rogers, MD, is a professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University, director of the Pediatric Ophthalmology fellowship program and chief of Ophthalmology at Nationwide Children's. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since 2007. He is a co-founder of the Pediatric Intracranial Hypertension Clinic at Nationwide Children's, and a member of AAO and AAPOS. He has been awarded the Makley-Battles Resident Teaching Award for excellence in medical education in ophthalmology. His passion for educating is shared equally with his passion for research, in which he actively participates.



Hersh Varma, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's since 2021. He completed his fellowship in neuro-ophthalmology and is a member of AAO and AAPOS. He has received several honors for his work in leadership and humanism in medicine.



Amanda Way, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and has been with Nationwide Children's Hospital since completing her fellowship here in 2016. She is a member of AAO and AAPOS. She is a clinical assistant professor at The Ohio State University and a member of the fellowship evaluation committee.

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