

Dear Prospective Applicant;

Welcome to the UAB Neurology Residency Program! It's nice to have you in Birmingham. Thank you for looking at UAB Neurology Residency for your postgraduate training. We know that interview season is an exciting but busy time, and we appreciate your taking the time to visit the UAB Neurology residency website. We believe that UAB is a wonderful place to train, and we hope that you will agree if you choose to visit us.

We know that residency interview season is like no other for physicians deciding on the next steps in their educational journey. Over time a lot has changed in neurology and how we train the next generation of neurologists; certainly, how we interview for residency training has changed. However, what has not changed is UAB Neurology program's mission to train the next generation of academic and clinical neurologists. We aim to:

- train residents to become clinically adept neurologists
- instill habits of professionalism and lifelong learning
- prepare residents for clinical or academic careers per their own preferences
- develop a pipeline of neurologists for UAB, the State of Alabama, the US and the world
- maintain a healthy and diverse intellectual culture

UAB Hospital is a state-of-the art facility with over 1157 patient care beds. It is the third largest public hospital in the U.S. UAB Hospital has been ranked among the Best Hospitals for Neurology and Neurosurgery by U.S. News and World report. Our world-class clinical programs include a JACHO certified Comprehensive Stroke Center, Level IV Epilepsy Center and a Comprehensive MS Center of Excellence. We have specialists in every subspecialty of neurology providing outstanding clinical care, conducting innovative research and training the next generation of neurologists and neuroscientists.

In my opinion, the greatest strength of our program is the residents and fellows who have chosen to train here. Our residents are excited about learning neurology and are enthusiastic about the program. Our department places great importance on clinical training as well as didactic lectures. Teaching is not only a vocation but also a passion for us. Our training program offers a good balance between clinical duties, time for study, and research activities. The clinical services are busy and offer trainees exposure to a wide variety of neurologic diseases ranging from bread-and-butter neurology to "zebras". Residents also have the opportunities for active engagement in research activities with a majority of the residents presenting their research findings at national meetings and in peer-reviewed journals. Our residents participate in a variety of teaching endeavors working with pre-clinical medical students, neurology clerkship students and students in healthcare related fields.

The UAB Department of Neurology believes that the neurology residency education must occur in the context of a clinical learning environment that promotes joy of curiosity, problem-solving,

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intellectual rigor, and discovery among physicians. This clinical learning and working environment should emphasize excellence in patient care and professionalism.

We, at UAB, know that Birmingham is a wonderful place to live and work. Birmingham is unique in that it has a “small town feel” with big city amenities. Birmingham is home to a newly built Protective stadium for our Blazers football team, Regions Field stadium for the Birmingham Barons, the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, multiple microbreweries, as well as numerous food festivals, music festivals, and marathons throughout the year. Our city’s restaurant scene is nationally known (Zagat previously named Birmingham as America’s No. 1 Next Hot Food City), and we are home to multiple James Beard nominated chefs and restaurants as well as world-famous barbeque. If you prefer outdoor activities, we have multiple state parks and nature parks within close driving distance that are well suited for hikes and outdoor walks, two lakes within an hour drive of the city, and Alabama’s largest botanical gardens right inside the city. Many of us came to Birmingham to train at UAB or to “just start our careers” with plans to move somewhere “better”. Most of us are still here after many years because we fell in love with the city and UAB.

In the end, I believe that while there are many reasons for you to want to pursue residency training at UAB - faculty who are passionate about teaching, breadth of common and uncommon neurological problems, outstanding didactic curriculum, opportunities for clinical and fundamental research, number of subspecialty fellowships offered and state of the art facilities in a vibrant and friendly city - the best reason is being part of the most AWESOME team of residents anywhere.

So, check us out. We think you will agree that this is a great place to live and learn Neurology.

Sincerely,



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