

Goals and objectives

Both the clinical and research tracks in the Nephrology fellowship encompass a 2 year, ACGME-accredited program leading to ABIM board eligibility in Nephrology.

The fellowship clinical educational program is structured around goals and objectives derived from three major sources: 1) the ACGME core competencies; 2) the ACGME subspecialty requirements for Nephrology training programs; and 3) input from the GHSU Nephrology faculty. These components are combined to achieve an integrated set of goals and objectives that cover all aspects of the training program.

The specific objectives of the program are tightly integrated with the six key ACGME educational competencies and include:

an emphasis on **patient care** through the provision of detailed and contemporary training experiences in clinical nephrology and procedures appropriate to both the in-patient and out-patient setting

the development of **medical knowledge** in nephrology by integrating clinical concepts and practical training with the clinical and basic sciences through regular didactic sessions

the facilitation of **practice-based learning and improvement** through a program of organized performance improvement activities and a training environment emphasizing life-long learning

promotion of **interpersonal and communication skills** and **professionalism** of the highest order through a training curriculum emphasizing the highest quality of patient care that is tightly integrated with training of medical students and residents, and functions through daily interactions with all members of the health care team

teaching and utilization of a **systems-based practice** approach to health care by developing an awareness and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care team

The members of the Nephrology faculty are dedicated to providing the Nephrology trainee with a broad base of clinical and research skills leading to board certification in Nephrology and a productive career as a clinical or research Nephrologist.