

**University of Maryland School of Medicine and Mercy Medical Center**  
**3-year Gastroenterology Fellowship - Clinician Scholar Track**  
**Baltimore, MD**

**Scope of the GI Fellowship:** This program is initiated by the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Mercy Medical Center. The goal is to train Gastroenterology Fellows who want to excel as clinician scholars, and will be designated as *UM/MMC Clinician Scholar GI Fellowship*.

**Institutions Involved with the Fellowship:** University of Maryland School of Medicine is a tertiary care academic institution, and Mercy Medical Center is a community teaching hospital affiliated to University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The University of Maryland Medical Center has a long-running, well-established and nationally-recognized Gastroenterology/Hepatology Fellowship Training Program, currently with 15 ACGME-certified training slots.

The Institute of Digestive Health and Liver Diseases (IDHLD) at the Mercy Medical Center provides tertiary care to Mid-Atlantic region liver diseases, therapeutic endoscopy and inflammatory bowel diseases. The IDHLD has many nationally and internationally recognized clinicians and researchers with many years of academic experience of training gifted GI fellows. Mercy Medical Center also has a long-established tradition of co-training residents in conjunction with University of Maryland Medical Center.

**Program Directors:**

University of Maryland School of Medicine: Mark Flasar, M.D., MS

Mercy Medical Center: Paul J. Thuluvath, M.D., FAASLD, AGF, FRCP

**Duration of Fellowship & Rotation:** Each year, one fellow will be selected through National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) Medical Subspecialties ‘Match’ into a new training pathway within the long-established ACGME-certified University of Maryland Gastroenterology/Hepatology Fellowship Training Program, called *UM/MMC Clinician Scholar GI Fellowship*. The selection of candidates will be done by the fellowship committee that includes UM and MMC physicians. The first year of the fellowship training will be at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the next 2-years (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year) of the fellowship training will be at Mercy Medical Center as shown below. For this program, only those who are interested in a clinical track (clinician scholar or clinician researcher) will be selected. In the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year, fellows will be provided general GI training as per the ACGME guidelines. In accordance with the current UMDGI fellowship program, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year fellows will have an option to concentrate their training to focus on hepatology, IBD or therapeutic endoscopy.

- 1<sup>st</sup> year: General GI/Liver training at the University of Maryland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year: General GI/Liver training at the Mercy Medical Center
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year: Option of general GI/Liver training or specialized training in hepatology, IBD or therapeutic endoscopy

The selection will be done through the national matching except in 2015 where a fellow (if a suitable candidate is identified) may be selected outside the match (the 2015 Match finalized in 12/2014). From 2016 onward, the selection will be through national matching for the designated *UM/MMC Clinician Scholar GI Fellowship*.

**Training Curriculum:** The curriculum will be developed as per the guidelines of ACGME under the leadership of program directors of both institutions. At Mercy Medical Center, a 3-member committee that includes Drs. Paul J. Thuluvath, Sanjay Jagannath and Sergey Kantsevov will supervise the training program. Other physician gastroenterologist members of the IDHLD including Drs. Mary Harris, Matilda Hagan, Hwan Yoo and Patrick Hyatt will be closely involved with the GI Fellow training. The training program will be regularly assessed by the Fellowship committees of UM and MMC.

Fellows will be encouraged to do clinical research and scholarly activity per ACGME guidelines, and adequate time and supervision will be provided for this aspect of their training.

**Financial Support:** Fellowship will be funded by Mercy Medical Center including all 3 years of training. If a fellow decides to pursue a 4<sup>th</sup> year of advanced training, it should be funded through external sources, and it will be the responsibility of the training physician to get the external funding.

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For questions about the Clinician Scholar GI Fellowship, potential candidates should contact Dr. Paul J. Thuluvath at 410-332-9356.