



Allegheny Health Network

# Nephrology Fellowship Program



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# Integrated Health Care

- **8** hospitals with **2,224+** beds
- **6** surgery centers
- **4** Health + Wellness Pavilions
- **2,800** employed/aligned physicians, residents, and fellows
- **18,000** employees
- **253** locations for care
- **11** residency programs
- **17** fellowship programs

# Current Annual Highlights

- **87,208** inpatient visits
- **1.31** million outpatient visits
- **294,590** emergency visits
- **7,356** births
- **\$2.86** billion in revenue



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Welcome, and thank you for taking the next step to learn more about the Nephrology Fellowship Program at Allegheny Health Network (AHN). Established in 1991, our two-year, ACGME-accredited nephrology program provides exceptional educational opportunities, a broad and diverse clinical experience, and an excellent support structure and resources. The environment cultivated by our program encourages growth and prepares our fellows for careers in both clinical and academic nephrology. We're confident that, once you familiarize yourself with some of the outstanding features of our program, you will select our program as your first choice for training in nephrology.

**100%**  
board pass rate  
over the last  
four years



## Why choose AHN for your nephrology fellowship?

**Our program doesn't simply prepare fellows for a successful career in nephrology, it exceeds standard program qualifications, so we can equip our fellows to stand out among the competition. Our program offers:**

- The rare opportunity for dual training in Nephrology and Critical Care Medicine
- Exceptional post-training job replacement
- Side-by-side training with faculty that emphasizes balanced service and education
- Access to university resources in a thriving community-based hospital
- Supportive clinical staff and a friendly environment
- Excellent work/life balance

**Throughout the course of training, our fellows will:**

- Learn a variety of precise procedural skills
- Master the interpretation of advanced diagnostic studies
- Gain hands-on exposure to interventional nephrology
- Have the opportunity to contribute first-hand in the daily care of kidney and kidney-pancreas transplant patients

## Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Experience at AHN

At the AHN Transplant Institute, we are deeply committed to finding donor organs for our patients on the transplant list. Established in 1987, the Institute has grown steadily to perform over 100 transplants a year and boasts some of the best matching outcomes in Pennsylvania.

- We are a member of the National Kidney Registry (NKR)
- We are approved by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)
- We were part of the longest chain of kidney transplants ever constructed. Organized by the NKR and the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE), 34 kidneys were donated and 34 were transplanted.

**Our Transplant Institute provides our fellows with the opportunity to:**

- Provide personalized, compassionate care as part of a multidisciplinary team of experts
- Experience advanced training in antirejection medications
- Participate in the latest medical innovations and clinical trials

## Nephrology/Critical Care Medicine Combined Track

AHN's Nephrology Fellowship Program is one of few programs in the country to offer a three-year Combined Nephrology-Critical Care Medicine (NCCM) track. This state-of-the-art program was launched in July 2016 in collaboration with Pulmonary-Critical Care Medicine at AGH.

In addition to their nephrology training, NCCM fellows will spend a total of 12-months in the medical, surgical, neurology, and trauma intensive care units. During their training, these fellows will participate in research projects, combined conferences, quality improvement measures, and many other scholarly activities.

Upon completion of the three-year track, fellows will be eligible for dual board certification in both nephrology and critical care medicine, doubling the potential career opportunities of a single-track fellow.

### Curriculum

The three-year combined track provides extensive training in clinical nephrology and critical care medicine to prepare our trainees for board certification in both nephrology and critical care medicine.

A significant portion of our fellows' schedules include lectures, conferences, teaching rounds, research, and review of literature. This curriculum strikes a balance for our fellows, allowing them to participate in these opportunities while also having ample time to keep current on advances and trends within their field of study.

Fellows of the combined program will participate in 12, month-long rotations, with at least two months of critical care in the first two years. Each fellow will have the opportunity to attend and present at combined conferences exploring cases in nephrology and critical care medicine. The third year of the fellowship will provide 2 months of nephrology training and 10 months of critical care.

## Exciting Research Opportunities

We provide our fellows with various hands-on, innovative research opportunities. Our fellows have unlimited access to statistical support and are involved in all aspects of research, from initiation of protocol submissions to writing abstracts and posters for national meetings and manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals.

The AHN Nephrology Fellowship Program introduces first- and second-year nephrology fellows to all aspects of research. To acquire skills for lifelong learning, our fellows examine the many facets of research, such as study design, statistics, interpretation of research studies, and critical review of the literature. Additionally, they develop the skills and knowledge essential to conduct precise, ethical clinical research and receive travel funding and time away from their clinical duties to present scholarly research at local, regional, and national meetings, prestigious conferences, and competitions. The program is proud to have a high acceptance rate for abstract submissions to national conferences.



## Our Faculty

Khaled Nashar, MD, FASN, FNKF, is director of the Nephrology Fellowship Program. Dr. Nashar is a member of the Allegheny Health Network Medical Education Consortium (AGH) Program, and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine.

Our program faculty is dedicated to providing a comprehensive educational environment that promotes professional development. The teaching faculty is comprised of 10 members with diverse backgrounds, interests, and skillsets. Members are dedicated, board-certified physicians with strong interests in teaching and clinical research. Each physician is also a member of the clinical faculty of Temple University School of Medicine.



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