



Welcome to the Residency Training Program in Neurology at the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. Here you will encounter a quality educational environment that includes direct patient responsibility and a large and varied patient base. You will also benefit from the supervision of our board-certified physician faculty.

The 420-bed Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (LAMC) serves as a referral center for more than 3 million Kaiser Permanente members throughout Southern California. It is a major tertiary care facility for services including cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery, hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, bone marrow transplantation, apheresis, oncology, radiation oncology, neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery, deep brain stimulation, neuro-oncology and specialized urologic surgery. The Medical Center also maintains an active teaching program in all major medical and surgical subspecialty services.

LAMC is a busy teaching hospital. Students and residents from UCLA, USC, and other medical schools rotate through the Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and subspecialty services. Many members of our medical staff belong to the UCLA or USC teaching faculties.

Kaiser Permanente is among the nation's largest and most highly regarded managed care organizations. One out of four insured Californians is a Kaiser Permanente Health Plan member. As a member of our residency program, you will learn to practice cost-effective, yet caring medicine, an approach indispensable to providing quality health care in all future medical settings.

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Program Director



## The Program

The Neurology service at LAMC offers a four-year residency training program with two residency positions from the PG-1 through the PG-4 year. The primary site of training is the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles, and several required rotations are performed at the UCLA Medical Center.

Under the auspices of eleven full-time neurologists, the service is inpatient, consultative, and outpatient, with a broad selection of neurological cases. Residents have full responsibility for evaluation and management of all hospitalized neurological patients under the supervision of the attending staff. Responsibility is progressive, with the senior or chief resident taking an active role in teaching junior residents, interns, and medical students.

The outpatient experience is emphasized during rotations in subspecialty clinics, which include training in sleep disorders, dementia, pediatric neurology, epilepsy, headache, neuromuscular disorders, neuro-genetic, and movement disorders. Each resident also attends a continuity clinic one half-day per week.

The department has an active neurophysiology service, with electroencephalography, electromyography, evoked potential, and polysomnography facilities. Residents obtain in-depth experience in neuroradiology, including magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, conventional and magnetic resonance angiography, and myelography.

The Neurology Department is a tertiary referral site for pediatric neurology, movement disorders, neuro-oncology and epilepsy surgery, including EEG-telemetry monitoring. We work closely with the Neurosurgery Department, which includes tertiary programs in Pediatric Neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery, stereotactic radiosurgery, movement disorders surgery, and spinal surgery.

The PG-1 year consists of seven and one half months of Internal Medicine, one month of ambulatory care, one month of Pediatrics, one month Emergency Care and one month of Neurology.

The PG-2 year is spent primarily on the Neurology stroke and consultation service, where the junior resident evaluates and manages patients on the inpatient Neurology service and performs consultations for the Medical, Surgical, Pediatric, and Emergency Services. Two months of this year are spent in the outpatient department in subspecialty clinic rotations. The final PG-2 month is spent in Neuroradiology.

The PG-3 year consists of five months on the Neurology stroke and consultation service; the last two of these months are spent in a supervisory role as chief resident. Other rotations during this year include subspecialty clinic (two months), elective (three months), and Pediatric Neurology and Neurorehabilitation.



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The PG-4 year includes rotations as chief resident (four months), electives (two months), subspecialty clinic (two months), Pediatric Neurology and Neuropathology (one month each, UCLA), and Electroencephalography, Electromyography, and Psychiatry (one month each).

Elective rotations may be taken at Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, UCLA, USC, or other approved institutions. Emphasis is placed on bedside teaching. An attending neurologist meets daily for case presentations with the residents. There is an active schedule of conferences, including adult and Pediatric Neurology, Neuroscience, departmental grand rounds, Neuropathology, Neuroradiology, and a monthly visiting speaker. Each resident is expected to complete a research project by the end of the residency.

### **Location and Lifestyle**

LAMC is nestled at the foot of the Hollywood Hills within a mile of Griffith Park, close to the Los Angeles Zoo, Griffith Park Observatory, and the Greek Theatre. Centrally located, LAMC is near several major freeways, allowing for convenient access.

We believe that you deserve free time to spend with your loved ones, and in Los Angeles, recreational opportunities abound. Head north on the 101 Freeway, swing through Malibu Canyon, and you will find yourself at Southern California's renowned beaches; from there, Santa Barbara is a one-hour drive up the Pacific Coast Highway. The many local mountains and desert resorts, such as Lake Arrowhead and Palm Springs, are also easily accessible.

Los Angeles has many of the recreational and cultural activities of any large metropolitan city. UCLA and Westwood Village are nearby. Major theaters can be found in downtown Los Angeles, Century City, and Hollywood. The West Hollywood arts community and the fabulous shopping and dining of Beverly Hills are only 20 minutes away by car. Due west are Santa Monica and Venice, offering the recreation and relaxed lifestyle of beachside communities.

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