

The University of Oklahoma offers a continuum of education in pain medicine according to the requirements set forth by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA). The Pain Medicine Fellowship program was approved by the ACGME in 1995. One candidate is matched each year to fill the fellowship position. The candidate must be a graduate of an ABMS approved residency.



The goal of training is to prepare the trainee to be a consultant in pain medicine. The pain medicine fellow will interact with several other medical disciplines also concerned with acute and chronic pain medicine in all age groups. Comprehensive histories and examinations are emphasized and further diagnostic treatments will contain elements of multiple disciplines. The pain fellow will spend sufficient time with other specialties to become familiar with areas relevant to pain medicine. For example, he or she will spend some time in neuroradiology for interpretation of x-ray, C.T. scan and MRI exam, or with a psychiatrist to understand psychological factors that affect pain perception. Other areas will include physiatry, neurology, anesthesiology (for non-anesthesia residents), and palliative care.

The fellowship allows the fellow to serve 12 months between our facilities at **Oklahoma Children's Hospital, University of Oklahoma Medical Center** , and Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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