

## Meeting Attendance and Support

- Travel expenses are covered for all fellows who have abstracts accepted at American Society for Microbiology - MICROBE or ID Week (Infectious Diseases Society of America, HIV Medical Association, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases joint meeting).
- Three additional expenses-paid meetings occur each year. As a rule, a different second year fellow will be chosen to attend each conference based on merit and interest of the fellow:
- Remington Winter ID meeting. An excellent one-week clinical review course conducted by giants in the field. Skiing optional but strongly encouraged!
- IDSA-NIH national research meeting. Learn how to be successful in research from established researchers. Network with other fellows with similar academic goals.
- IDSA national clinical meeting. Learn the ins and outs of establishing and running a successful clinical practice.
- We also support the Texas ID Society meeting. Fellows submit abstracts of clinical cases or projects, and the ID faculty choose the best abstract. The chosen fellow attends and presents at a pleasant meeting at a Texas resort (take the family!). This is a great opportunity to network with ID physicians in private practice in Texas.

## Resources and Additional Benefits

- Free access to UpToDate (which includes some of our faculty members as authors)
- Free subscription to online Mandell's Textbook, Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases (which also includes some of our faculty as authors).
- Free membership to Houston Infectious Diseases Society (prizes for fellows with best abstracts)
- Close ties with the School of Public Health and their resources.
- \$500/ year stipend to be spent on University-approved expenses (e.g., books, supplies, defraying costs of meetings, etc.).
- Subject to funding, lunch is provided during many medical school conferences (core curriculum, clinical case conference and journal club)
- 15 working days of paid vacation each year (up to 21 calendar days if weekends are included).
- Highly competitive salaries and benefits:  
<https://med.uth.edu/oep/gme/faq-benefits/>

*To learn more about our mission and world class faculty, including two past presidents of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, a past president of the International Society of Travel Medicine, and our productive research enterprises, please visit the following URLs, but please note these sites are currently being updated. This brochure represents the most up-to-date information on our fellowship.*

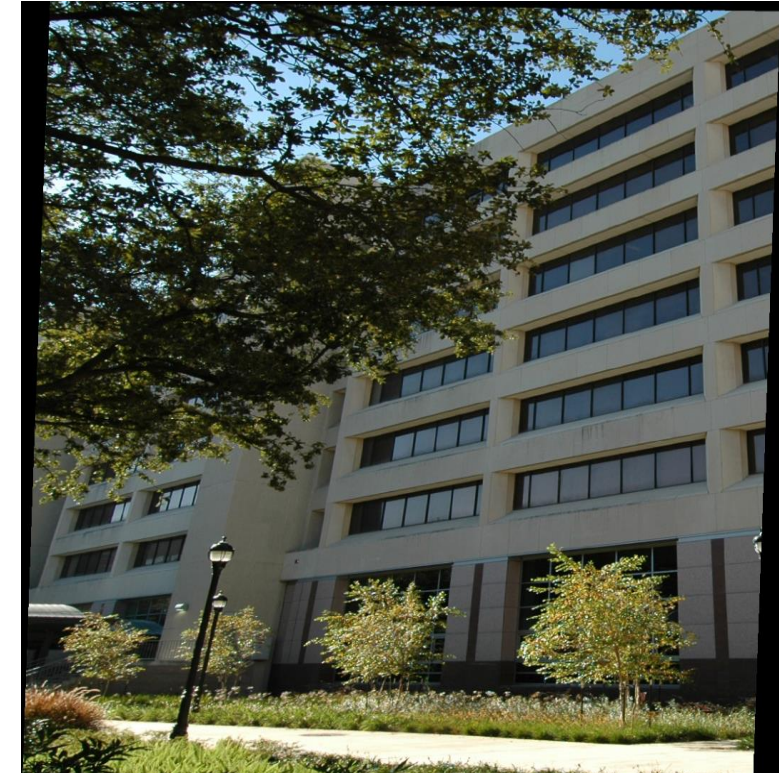
McGovern Medical School:

<https://med.uth.edu/internalmedicine/infectious-diseases/>

MDACC: <http://www.mdanderson.org/education-and-research/departments-programs-and-labs/departments-and-divisions/infectious-diseases-infection-control-and-employee-health/index.html>

MDACC ID Combined Fellowship Programs:

<https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-research-training/graduate-medical-education/rotations-to-md-anderson/infectious-diseases-combined-fellowship-programs.html>



**YOUR ID FELLOWSHIP AT**

**The Joint Program of the  
University of Texas  
MD Anderson Cancer Center  
and  
McGovern Medical School at The  
University of Texas Health Science  
Center at Houston**

## About Us

Based in the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world, we are pleased to welcome you to the McGovern Medical School (previously known as the University of Texas Medical School at Houston) and MD Anderson Cancer Center Combined Infectious Diseases Training Program.

Our program is led by world renowned infectious diseases experts and offers unprecedented exposure to an incredible diversity of patients including the highly complex population at Memorial Hermann Hospital (the nation's busiest trauma hospital and the flagship, tertiary referral hospital for the Memorial Hermann Hospital System, the largest private hospital network in Texas); the large cancer and highly immunocompromised population at MD Anderson Cancer Center (the #1 ranked oncology hospital in the US); and the highly educational indigent/immigrant populations at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital (a large county hospital), and at the Thomas Street Health Center (the first freestanding facility dedicated to outpatient HIV/AIDS care in the nation and one of the largest public HIV clinics in the USA), staffed by ID experts who specialize in HIV care and clinical research.

## Education: Clinical Training and Research

While ours is a single educational program, two tracks are available and should both be ranked separately. The "traditional" track offers fellows time in both highly specialized and general settings and with cancer and immunocompromised hosts. The Immunocompromised track enables fellows to focus their education more heavily on cancer and immunocompromised hosts. Some fellows pursue an additional third year training in HIV or in Transplant ID in Graduate Medical Education/ECFMG approved programs.

For their clinical rotations, all fellows spend one month in clinical microbiology during their first year and one month in transplant infectious diseases during their second year.

The rest of the clinical time is divided as follows according to the two tracks: In the traditional track, fellows see approximately 70% of their ID consults on general ID services at Memorial Hermann (MHH) and Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) hospitals, and 30% at MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC). In the immunocompromised track, fellows see a little over 50% of their ID consults at MDACC, and the remainder on general ID services at MHH and LBJ. All fellows are guaranteed a minimum of a month of exposure to each of the four major MDACC services (solid tumors, leukemia, and stem cell transplant, Intensive Care).

We guarantee at least 6 months of research for all fellows. Fellows with a proven research trajectory or wishing to develop more bench-related or clinical research skills can be accommodated for additional research time. This conversation is usually carried out during the career counseling session we hold with each fellow in the spring of their first year. The fellowship aims to be as flexible as reasonably possible to foster each fellow's career goals and interests. Regardless of which clinical educational track a fellow is on, one's research mentor can be from either institution, although the expectation is that a fellow would generally pick a mentor based on the educational track with which they matched. For fellows wishing additional research training, the program offers an ACGME/ECFMG compliant year of "Advanced ID Research", subject to available funding.

For ACGME-mandated continuity clinic and HIV experiences, all fellows rotate 12 months through Thomas Street Health Center (a dedicated public HIV treatment clinic) staffed by HIV experts; this clinic is also one of the National Institutes of Health's AIDS Clinical Trials Group (NIH ACTG) sites for clinical research on HIV and the principal investigator is one of our ID faculty members. All fellows have at least one month of training in outpatient HCV management. During the second year, 6-month blocks of continuity clinic are assigned, when possible, according to the fellow's preference (more HIV, more HCV, general ID, cancer ID, transplant ID).

## Additional Educational Offerings

- All fellows have travel medicine exposure (4 half-days during one research month; more experience is available upon request).
- The Online SHEA course in Infection Prevention is paid for by the division (taken during the one-month Microbiology rotation).
- All fellows are actively involved with quality improvement, antibiotic stewardship, and infection control programs. Additional experience in antimicrobial stewardship and infection control are available as electives during the research months. Fellows interested in a clinical academic career in these areas, as well as healthcare quality, are encouraged to choose one of our multiple mentors in one of these areas.
- A 2-year repeating core curriculum is taught weekly by experts in their fields from UT Health's McGovern Medical School, UT-MDACC, and Baylor College of Medicine.
- The Citywide Clinical Conference is a unique educational experience. Once per week, faculty, fellows and private practitioners from all of the Texas Medical Center facilities present their toughest and strangest cases on a rotational basis. The format is an enjoyable "Stump the grey hairs in the first row".
- The weekly academic conference includes not only an ACGME-required once-monthly critique of recent literature, but also discussions among fellows and faculty about current guidelines, and excellent discussions concerning management of cases with challenging antibiotic resistance.
- The weekly case conference (presented by IM residents on the team and discussed by fellows and faculty) is a joint adult and pediatric ID activity where instructional and difficult cases are presented. During our weekly clinical case conference, a photo quiz is circulated. At the end of the fellowship, the graduating fellow with the most correct answers gets a prize!
- We also have an additional weekly clinical case conference that alternates between HIV and Transplant ID.
- Optional courses in Tropical Medicine and Biostatistics are available as is the opportunity to earn a Master's in Clinical Research or a certificate in healthcare management. Some fellows have also gone on to pursue an MPH in our School of Public Health, which is one of the top 10 public health schools in the US.

We offer a unique exposure to pediatric cases in our weekly clinical conference, and the Citywide conference features both adult and pediatric cases. An elective on the pediatric ID service is available during the second year.

