

University of Maryland: Breast Imaging Fellowship

Facilities:

The Breast Center is located on the first floor of the Main Hospital of University of Maryland Medical Center on South Greene Street. Our center provides comprehensive services including screening, diagnostic work up, breast ultrasound, breast MRI, and image guided interventional procedures. Our breast imagers are subspecialized consulting physicians for the Breast Cancer Center and the Breast Evaluation Program. Our center has state of the art technology with all digital breast tomosynthesis, contrast enhanced spectral mammography, MRI and tomosynthesis guided breast biopsy.

Work Schedule:

The work day in Breast Imaging varies depending on the weekday schedule. If needle localization procedures are scheduled, the work day may begin as early as 7:30 am, although routinely the day begins at 8:00 and ends at 5pm or later to ensure completion of work and to cover add on cases/emergencies. The fellows are assigned to cover screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, breast ultrasound, breast MRI, imaging guided procedures, outside film consultations, and interdisciplinary breast conference preparation/presentation. The breast imaging schedule is posted monthly. There are affiliated community hospitals for which all fellows are responsible to cover and to share general radiology calls (please refer to Community Schedule and Policy.)

Systems training:

Systems training will occur with a member of the IT/RIS and PACS teams.

Introduction to staff:

The Breast Imaging section consists of Dr. Nikki Tirada and Dr. Gauri Khorjekar.

Introduction to the technologists will occur during the first two weeks of the fellowship.

Department Conferences:

Fellows are invited to attend Journal Club, Quality Academy, Grand Round, Morbidity and Mortality, Economics Academy, and Resident lectures/case conferences (please refer to Department Schedule.)

Breast Imaging Conferences/Educational responsibilities:

Fellows are expected to teach the residents and medical students daily at the work station and to contribute to the section didactic and scholarly activities. Fellows prepare and present at resident didactic lectures and case based conferences. In addition, fellows are expected to contribute in the periodic section academic conferences scheduled every Monday afternoon (4-5 pm): such as Rad/Path Conference, Interesting Cases Conference, Journal Club, Research Conference, and our Multi-Disciplinary Breast Conference scheduled on Tuesday 8-9am.

QI activity:

The fellow is expected to initiate or participate in the section's Quality Improvement projects.

Academic time:

Fellows spending 12 months in Breast Imaging are offered academic time for educational and research purposes. Academic time is dependent on the fellow's clinical performance, on his/her clinical duties, and on the needs of the Breast Imaging and Community Section needs. Academic time should be spent at the medical center.

Clinical imperatives:

As the Department of Radiology strives to provide timely and accurate service to our clinical colleagues, all reports must be proofread for accuracy and submitted to the attending in a timely fashion so the reports can be signed by the attending as soon as possible or by the end of the day.

Evaluation:

The faculty evaluates the fellow based on her/his clinical, academic and teaching performance.

The clinical evaluation is based on medical knowledge, clinical skills, and professionalism. The academic evaluation is based on the fellow's portfolio that includes documentation of the activities performed during academic time (ex. SAM, web lecture, etc) and is submitted monthly to the Fellowship Director. The teaching evaluation is based on residents daily teaching at the workstation, lectures and case based conference. The Fellowship Director reviews the evaluation with the fellow three times a year, or more often as needed.

Vacation and meeting:

Breast fellow receives 22 days of vacation leave and up to 5 days of meeting allowance. Request for time away for vacation and meeting needs to be submitted at least 8 weeks in advance and pre-approved by both the Breast Imaging Section Chief and the Community Section Chief and formally documented on the section calendar.

Expense reimbursement:

An academic fund of \$1500 is provided for fellows.

Faculty:

Nikki Tirada, MD
Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Interim Breast Imaging Section Chief, Breast Imaging Fellowship
Director

Gauri Khorjekar, MD
Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine