

Society for Pediatric Pathology
Fellowship Committee

SPP Fellowship Survey
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Responses: 20/24. 19 surveys returned; 1 program on hiatus (Emory)

No response: SUNY Brooklyn, Washington University, Johns Hopkins, Detroit

Specific Question responses:

Years of training: 12 programs: 1 year
 7 programs: 2 years

Potential of 26 total trainees per year

Preferred years of training: 8/12 1-year programs preferred to have 2 years
4 1-year and 7 2-year programs satisfied with # of years of program

Total trainees: 1999: 22
 2000: 20
 2001: 17
 2002: 18

Programs offering various rotations:

AP	19
Forensic	15
Cytopathology	15
FNA	8
Neuropathology	17
Electron microscopy	16
Hematopathology	16
Perinatal	19
Research	17
CP	18
Chemistry	7
Hematology	7
Blood bank	8
Microbiology	11
Virology	4
Coagulation	3
Urinalysis	2
Cytogenetics	6
Molecular diagnosis	16
Biochemical genetics	4
Immunopathology	10

Note: Many programs did not specify CP rotations offered

Teaching		
Residents	18	
Medical Students	15	
Other fellow activities:	Flow cytometry, conferences, medical-legal issues, medical literature review, research design, medical economics	
Professional meeting attendance:		
Encouraged:	18	
Funding:		
Department	14	
University	3	
Self	1	
Written Goals & Objectives:		
Program	19	
Rotation	18	
Written duty hour policy	18	
Call frequency:		
1/3 – ¼ week or mo	11	
½ week	2	
Little or no call	3	
No answer	3	
Weekly hours worked	48 hr (mean, 18 programs)	
Written criteria:		
Promotion to 2 nd year	3/7	
Program completion	7	
Number of faculty members:	10.7; range 2 – 20	
Total current trainees	16	(61.5 % of possible)
Graduates 2001	16	(61.5 %)
Graduates 2002	13	(50.0 %)
Graduates 2003	17	(65.4%)
Graduates taking PP boards, by year finished		
2000	12	
2001	10	
2002	12	
Types of practice of graduates (year of graduation not specified)		

Academic, full-time	28
Academic, part-time	4
Private practice	10
Not practicing PP	9

Evaluations:

Faculty by fellows	18
Program by fellows	19
Fellows by faculty	19
Summary of fellows	18
Exit evaluation	17
Competence	13

Method:

Exam	3
Interview	4
Observation	5
Other	5

Adequacy of faculty supervision: 9 replied “yes”

Evaluation frequency (some programs evaluate at more than one interval):

Per month	2
Per 3 or 4 months	3
Per 6 months	7
Per year	1
Per rotation	5

Outcomes:

Graduate satisfaction	14 reported satisfaction of graduates with program
Program promoted to residents	8
Graduates passing boards	15/15 stated all graduates who took boards passed

Manuscripts (programs reporting, not number of manuscripts):

Fellow as first/principal	15
Fellow as coauthor	14

Are you filling your positions? 12/19 replied “yes”