

# Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowship Program

## Overview

The Spinal Cord Injury Medicine (SCIM) Fellowship is an ACGME accredited 1 year clinical program, with both inpatient (4 months, 2 consultative, 2 direct care) and outpatient (4 months) experiences. The remaining 4 months consist of a combination of rotations through selected experiences in orthopedic surgery, neurology, neuro ICU, emergency medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation and research (other rotations are available according to interest).

The curriculum is designed to train physicians in the acute and chronic medical and rehabilitative care of individuals with paralysis related to traumatic and non-traumatic spinal cord dysfunction. Following are the goals and objectives for the fellowship:

**Goals:** To ensure superior training so that graduating physicians are able to address the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of SCD in both acute and chronic lifelong phases.

**Objectives:** To provide the fellow opportunities to develop a unique set of attitudes, knowledge and psychomotor skills that would allow for effective, up to date, compassionate treatment of SCD.

We are affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins Hospital via our parent program, the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department at Johns Hopkins. For the past nineteen years, Johns Hopkins Hospital has been ranked number one-the leader of all American medical centers.

## About Kennedy Krieger Institute

Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized institution located in Baltimore, Maryland dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with pediatric developmental disabilities through patient care, special education, research, and professional training. In addition, Kennedy Krieger is home to the world's first program dedicated to spinal cord injuries in children\*.

Faculty at Kennedy Krieger are among some of the world's leading experts in their fields. These faculty have made crucial medical discoveries leading to innovative treatments and have improved the lives of countless individuals. In addition to providing evaluation, rehabilitation, educational services and cutting edge research for their patients, Kennedy Krieger also provides professional training by renowned experts dedicated to increasing the number of qualified specialists in the United States and abroad.

*\*The International Center for Spinal Cord Injury (ICSCI) provides care for both children and adults.*

## About Baltimore

Baltimore Maryland is a culturally diverse, vibrant city located in the beautiful Chesapeake Bay watershed. It's world-renowned Inner Harbor is surrounded by historic neighborhoods where you can enjoy community festivals, unique shops, fine dining and a vibrant arts scene. Baltimore offers many things to do and see: the Baltimore Museum of Art, Major League Baseball at Camden Yards, The Walters Art Museum and the National Aquarium to name a few. Baltimore is close to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia with New York City only a short day trip away! "Charm City" has it all!



Baltimore's Inner Harbor.



## To Apply:

Interested candidates must submit a letter outlining their personal goals and objectives and how they would pertain to this program along with a current CV and 3 letters of recommendation to:

**The International Center for Spinal Cord Injury**  
Attention: Amy Fawley, SCIM Fellowship Coordinator  
707 North Broadway, Suite 518  
Baltimore, MD 21205

*Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Kennedy Krieger Institute offer a comprehensive benefits package.*

*Kennedy Krieger Institute provides care in accordance with all constitutional rights and without discrimination as to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical or mental disability, veteran status or sources of payment for care. Additional safeguards include the preservation of personal dignity as well cultural, psychosocial, spiritual, and personal values, beliefs, and preferences.*

Dear Colleague:

The Spinal Cord Injury Medicine (SCIM) Fellowship at Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI) and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) was established in July 2007 under the auspices of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department and is an ACGME accredited program.

It has been created to offer training in both adult and pediatric acute and chronic, traumatic and non-traumatic conditions affecting the spinal cord. There is a special emphasis on medical and rehabilitative interventions used to optimize and enhance neural restoration throughout a patient's lifetime.

The program is a natural extension of the KKI and JHU mission to provide advanced training to physicians who provide care to individuals with disabilities.

The program offers training in areas of focus including inpatient and outpatient pediatric SCI rehabilitation and care, inpatient and outpatient adult SCI rehabilitation and care, neurology, spine neurosurgery, spine or specialized (tendon, nerve transfer) orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery and offers electives in emergency medicine, neuro-intensive care, neuro-radiology, pain management and research.

I believe that you will find this program to be exciting, fulfilling and career-enhancing.

Sincerely,

Cristina Sadowsky

Director, SCIM Fellowship Program  
Director, Paralysis Restoration Clinic



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Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins  
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Research. Restoration. Recovery.

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