Montefiore Medical Center is the University Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. It consists of three campuses, located approximately less than 4 miles apart, with over 1400 inpatient beds. The Moses Division and North Division are located in the West Bronx, and the Weiler Division is located in the East Bronx, adjacent to the College of Medicine. There are hospice beds, and an inpatient palliative care suite at the Moses Division. Residents and medical students rotate through the program throughout the year, and are an integral part of the team.

LIVING IN THE BRONX AND WESTCHESTER

The College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center are in the Bronx, one of the five boroughs of New York City. The Bronx is just south of the villages of Westchester Country. It also spans from Riverdale overlooking the Hudson River to the fishing community of City Island. The Bronx is home to Yankee Stadium, the Bronx Zoo, The New York Botanical Garden, Wave Hill, and Van Cortlandt Park. The cultural opportunities of Manhattan and the recreational areas of Long Island are easily accessible from the medical center. There is ample housing in the residential areas that surround the medical center.

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THE PROGRAM

The hospice and palliative medicine fellowship is a 1-year ACGME accredited joint training program with Montefiore Medical Center and Visiting Nurse Services Hospice, providing fellows with a comprehensive experience in clinical practice. The program has adopted the standards of the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the ACGME. After completing the fellowship, the trainee will possess the skills necessary to become board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The trainee will be ready for both clinical and academic careers in hospice and palliative medicine. The program includes rotations through the inpatient consultation service, palliative care unit, HIV medicine, substance abuse services, pediatrics, hospice, and bioethics.

THE SERVICE

The palliative care fellowship provides its trainees with expertise in palliative medicine in one of the largest teaching hospitals in the country. The diverse cultural and ethnic background of the patients and families served enriches the clinical experience. Our mission is to provide comprehensive care, research, and education across the continuum of care. The consultation service, the 15-bed in-patient unit, and VNS NY hospice home care are an integral part of our program. We are a service without walls. We provide care emergency departments, critical care units, medical floors, and palliative oncologic pain clinics. We recently introduced a volunteer doula program as well as complementary and alternative medicine services. Our interdisciplinary clinical team includes physicians, nurse practitioners, and social workers and spiritual services. The inpatient team consults on an average of 150 patients per month.

FACULTY

Twelve-core faculty have extensive professional background experience including Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Bioethics, and Social Work. A number of the faculty are nationally recognized experts in their fields. They are active in clinical, teaching, and research arenas.

PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT

This is a 15-bed inpatient palliative care unit, located at the Moses Division. We offer a multi-disciplinary team approach to patient care. The trainees will rotate through the unit and learn inpatient palliative medicine.

PALLIATIVE ONCOLOGIC AND INTERVENTIONAL PAIN CLINICS

We run a variety of palliative oncology clinics and liaison with physical medicine and rehab medicine interventional pain specialist. A multidisciplinary approach to pain management is used in these clinics. The fellows will participate in these weekly clinics; learning outpatient pain management.

BIOETHICS

Bioethics is a service that is now integrated within our service. The interaction of the palliative care team with this department is extensive, allowing the trainee to learn communication and problem resolution skills. The trainees will spend one half day per week participating in a certificate course in bioethics.

HIV MEDICINE

The chairman of the Department of Family and Social Medicine, Dr. Selwyn, is a world-renowned expert in HIV palliative care. He has authored numerous articles and books on the subject. He is the grant developer for the largest government funded program in HIV palliative care, and he provides a longitudinal experience of 10 consult based sessions yearly with patients affected by HIV/AIDS.

CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

We average about 40-50 consults per month in the intensive care units at Montefiore. The trainee will learn triaging skills necessary for assessing and maximizing the care that is provided for patients with life threatening disease. Our fellows acquire skills in communicating bad news, advanced care planning, and symptom and disease management in critically ill patients.

PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Fellows rotate with at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) with Dr. Karen Moody, our Pediatric Palliative Specialist.