

# Fellowship Sites *In Advanced Spinal Cord Injury Medicine*

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### **Administrative Hub Site**

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# Fellowship Program In Advanced Spinal Cord Injury Medicine



# VA Special Fellowship Program

## Advanced SCI Medicine

This two-year fellowship offers physicians the opportunity to prepare themselves to lead the field of Spinal Cord Injury Medicine (SCIM) in the areas of research, education, medical administration, and clinical care. Fellows will spend approximately 75 percent of their time in research and up to 25 percent in advanced clinical care. They will have opportunities to develop and conduct their own research projects and work on research in progress under the guidance of skilled mentors. Fellows will also have the opportunity to develop skills in team management, education, and administrative leadership through didactic and experiential learning. Time spent in advanced clinical care will allow fellows to hone their skills in the management of complex clinical problems, as well as apply cutting edge technology to treatment and therapy plans.

Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Special Fellows will collaborate with their mentors to develop individualized learning plans to guide their fellowship experiences and aid them in meeting career goals. They will be able to utilize the unique opportunities for research, education, and clinical care available at their individual training sites. As part of this fellowship, they will meet regularly with mentors, who will serve as role models, assess progress and provide constructive feedback and assistance.

**Positions:** *Eight positions are available annually at eight competitively selected VA sites.*

**Stipend:** *Based on number of years of ACGME-accredited residency training and on index rates approved by the affiliated institution.*

*Additional support for the educational activities of Advanced SCIM Fellows has been made available through contributions from the United Spinal Association.*

**Fellowship Length:** 2 Years

## Requirements

**Training:** Qualified candidates will have completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved subspecialty training in SCIM. Candidates who have completed ACGME accredited residency training in another relevant core specialty (*e.g., anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family practice, general surgery, internal medicine, neurological surgery, neurology, orthopedic surgery, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, plastic surgery, or urology*) may also be considered if they demonstrate special interest in SCIM.

**SCIM Experience and Interest:** Candidates must demonstrate interest and/or have post-residency experience in SCIM.

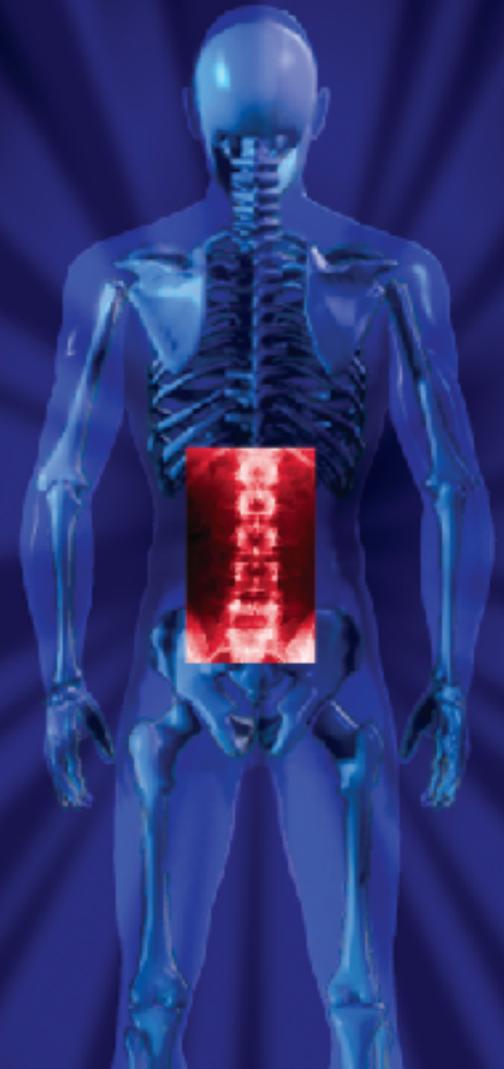
**Licensure:** Candidates must have an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States.

**Visa:** Non-US citizens must have a current, unexpired visa.

## Curriculum

- *Research methodology*
- *Statistics*
- *Epidemiology*
- *Database use and information management*
- *Quality improvement methods and practice*
- *Orientation to VA Health Care System*
- *Developing, financing and leading SCIM Health Care Systems*
- *Legal and ethical issues*
- *Advanced clinical training in SCIM*
- *Use of technologically advanced therapies and treatments*

**Some sites offer opportunities for Graduate level studies during the fellowship.**



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