Residents Electives Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) offers four- to eight-week clinical elective rotations in a multitude of medical disciplines. Qualified individuals are residents and fellows currently enrolled in ACGME-accredited training programs throughout the United States. Rotations are conducted at the NIH Clinical Center, the world’s largest hospital devoted to human subjects research, and each provides the opportunity for physicians-in-training to have experience in the care of patients enrolled in investigational protocols under the mentorship of world renowned clinician-scientists. Participants also learn about the design and conduct of clinical trials and fundamental principles of translational medicine while seeing patients in clinics or on the wards.

Clinical Research Training at the National Institutes of Health
Training the Next Generation of Clinician-Scientists

The NIH Clinical Center is located on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Its mission is to translate scientific observations and laboratory discoveries into new approaches for diagnosing, treating, and preventing disease. Principal investigators enroll patients in over 1,400 research protocols annually. This state-of-the-art hospital has 234 inpatient beds and multiple ambulatory clinics accommodating approximately 6,000 admissions and over 90,000 outpatient visits each year.

For additional information, including eligibility criteria, please visit our website at http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/