

Welcome to the UMKC Neurology Residency Program

Your residency choice is pivotal to your future career as a neurologist, and we appreciate your interest and the opportunity to introduce you to our program.

At UMKC, our mission is to develop outstanding well-rounded neurologists who exemplify clinical expertise with intellectual curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Residency should prepare physicians not only to become excellent clinicians, but also future educators, researchers, leaders, and advocates for their patients.

Our categorical residency provides broad clinical experience across diverse practice settings through our training at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, University Health, and Children's Mercy Hospital. Residents care for patients with the full spectrum of neurologic disease while learning from faculty with expertise across every major subspecialty. This diversity of training prepares our graduates to confidently pursue careers in academic neurology, community practice, fellowship training, or any path they choose.

Education is at the heart of our program. We emphasize bedside teaching, evidence-based medicine, and a robust didactic curriculum that encourages critical thinking and clinical reasoning. We continue to expand the infrastructure within our residency, creating new opportunities for residents to participate in clinical research, quality improvement, medical education, and presentations at regional and national conferences.

Equally important to education is the culture of our residency. We strive to foster an environment that is collaborative, supportive, and invested in each resident's success. Our residents and faculty enjoy strong camaraderie, so you feel both challenged and valued.

Kansas City is an outstanding place to live and train, offering the advantages of a major metropolitan area with several vibrant neighborhoods, excellent restaurants, affordable cost of living, professional sports, arts, and abundant outdoor activities.

We invite you to explore our website to learn more about the many opportunities available within our program. We also encourage you to connect with us on Instagram

[@umkcneurology](#) to get a glimpse of resident life and our community.

We greatly look forward to meeting you,

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