



Chief, Division of Gastroenterology

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Medicine seeks applicants for the position of Division Chief of Gastroenterology on the main campus of the Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

The UT Gastroenterology Division is composed of 14 faculty. Five faculty are primarily based at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and the others work at the Methodist University and the Regional Medical Center. Two faculty devote much of their efforts to Hepatology and the "top 10" Liver Transplant Center at the Methodist University Hospital. Three faculty are engaged in NIH-funded research in the areas of lipid absorption and lipid metabolism, and Hepatitis C therapy and ethnicity. Other faculty are engaged in complex consultative and procedural gastroenterology. The GI fellowship program accepts 3-4 fellows per year with a total of 9 currently in training.

UTHSC continues to develop its Clinical and Translational Science Institute. The UT CTSI provides an infrastructure for linking basic, clinical and translational scientists together in a common and highly productive enterprise that aims to improve the prevention and treatment of disease. In addition to the Gastroenterology Division, the Department of Medicine has several senior, NIH funded investigators in the areas of Diabetes, Hepatology, Cardiovascular Disease, Infection and Inflammation. The Department of Medicine is the 2nd ranked department on campus in NIH funding and seeks to become the leading department within a couple of years. The department plans to expand its faculty by 30% within the next 2-3 years, and it has already added 10 faculty this year. Within the next five years the Department of Medicine seeks to become a top quartile department in terms of research funding and productivity, as well as in recognition for outstanding clinical programs and training.

Clinical Requirements

- Serve as Leader/Supervisor of UT Memphis Division of Gastroenterology
- Serve as the primary recruiter of faculty for the UT Memphis Division of Gastroenterology
- Maintain active clinical practice sufficient to maintain credentials and hospital privileges at UT affiliate teaching hospitals
- Develop enhanced clinical practice for the Division of Gastroenterology and expanded market share for physicians in the Division of Gastroenterology as part of a strategic plan
- Develop clinical practice, research, and education metrics and expectations for full-time and part-time faculty members of the division

Education

- Serve as Director/Supervisor for all post graduate medical education activities in the division
- Ensure that the division meets all UTHSC policies and guidelines for financial management and graduate and postgraduate education including support for fellow positions
- Maintain and enhance Graduate Medical Education training programs in the division and develop metrics for performance of programs and program directors

Research

- Provide guidance and oversight of research activities in the division
- Undertake a systematic review of the research enterprise of the division and develop a plan to enhance and expand research operations at the UT Memphis campus
- Enhance the research portfolio and total research funding of the division by creating new programs in clinical and translational science that build on existing strengths

Financial

- Assume responsibility for the finances allocated to the division

Required Qualifications

- MD degree or equivalent
- Board-certification in Gastroenterology specialty and eligibility for licensure in Tennessee upon appointment
- Demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of equal employment and affirmative action

Preferred Qualifications

- Demonstrated ethical behavior, professionalism, interpersonal skills, leadership, and management abilities
- Intimate knowledge of current professional trends in Gastroenterology and current trends in the professional and business practices of the health care system

The Gastroenterology Division needs a leader who can mentor the academic career development of its faculty. The leader will need to define a research direction and plan for the division to achieve national distinction. In addition, the Chief will need to work collaboratively with the faculty to execute a plan of clinical development for the division that will build clinical excellence, as well as to be fiscally sound and aligned with the Department and UTMG. In their own right, the Chief of the Division should be an innovative and nationally recognized clinician-educator or an investigator with a distinguished track record of extramural funding in clinical, basic science, or translational research.

Applications

Applications should be accompanied by a letter of interest and curriculum vitae. Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, and review of applications will begin immediately. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit materials by August 7, 2009 to the search firm assisting UTHSC at the following address: (electronic submissions preferred)

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