

MGH Stroke Service Observership Application Form

Full Name: _____

Tel (area code first): _____

E-mail address: _____

City and Country of residence: _____

Current position (check one):

Resident or Trainee

Research Fellow

Academic Staff Physician

Private Practitioner

Nurse

Industry

Administration

Other: _____

Current hospital affiliation (if applicable): _____

Proposed dates of rotation: Start date: _____ End date: _____

MGH Stroke Service activities that you wish to observe (check all that apply):

Stroke inpatient consultation rounds [daily]

Stroke rehabilitation rounds [Monday afternoon & Thursday morning]

Inpatient neurology ward rounds [daily]

Acute stroke thrombolysis / telemedicine consultations [ad-hoc]

Neurological intensive care unit rounds [daily]

Vascular lab (transcranial Doppler and carotid duplex) [daily]

Stroke outpatient clinic [Monday morning & Friday afternoon]

No specific preference [interested in all stroke service activities]

Observership Fees: observers are required to pay an administrative fees (\$500) and additional observership fees that will vary depending on the duration of the visit and the stroke service activities that the applicant is interested in observing. The administrative fees must be submitted upon acceptance to the program. The observership fees must be submitted at least 1 week before the start of the rotation.

Required Documents:

1. Updated curriculum vitae
2. Statement of interest, specifying the objectives of the visit, fluency in English, and confirming that applicant will have sufficient funds to cover personal and professional needs during the visit.
3. Letter from the chair of your Neurology Department (if applicable) verifying that your visit to the MGH Stroke Service has been approved, that you are fluent in English, and that you are a competent neurologist or trainee in good standing in the department.

Please fax, e-mail, or mail the above form and required documents to:

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General Comments:

1. 'Observers' include physicians, trainees, medical students, nurses, industry staff, medical representatives, and other visitors who are NOT affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital, Partners Healthcare, or Harvard Medical School.
2. While we will try our best to accommodate your requested dates and activities of interest, this may not always be possible due to the high demand for stroke service observerships.
3. Observers are welcome to attend our educational activities. These include the weekly stroke/ICU conferences on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Neurology Department Grand Rounds in the historic Ether Dome on Thursday mornings, Neuropathology conferences on Friday mornings, Neuroradiology rounds on Thursday afternoons, Neurovascular conferences on Friday mornings, and monthly Vascular Center rounds.
4. Observers are NOT permitted to participate in direct patient care and are required to adhere to the Hospital's policy on patient privacy and confidentiality.
5. Observers will maintain a log of all stroke service activities attended. At the end of the rotation, we will provide a letter acknowledging the duration of the visit and the clinical activities observed.
6. Appropriate U.S. entry visa is mandatory. If accepted for the observership, we will provide the necessary documents to support your visa application.
7. Housing: Short-term rentals are often difficult to find and can be expensive. Charles River Park, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, and certain areas of Cambridge are within walking distance or accessible by subway. The following websites may be useful:
<http://www.charlesriverparkapt.com/>
<http://www.bostonapartments.com/furnish.htm>
<http://boston.craigslist.org/>
http://www.bostonhotelservice.com/massachusetts_hospital/
8. Medical students who wish to arrange rotating internships or clinical clerkships at MGH should contact the Registrar's Office at Harvard Medical School:
<http://www.hms.harvard.edu/registrar/fServices/cdexc.html>
9. Depending on the duration of their visit, Observers may be required to undergo an occupational health check-up and a security check prior to the start of the visit.