



OBESITY MEDICINE AND NUTRITION FELLOWSHIP

**Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Fellowships Beginning in 2010 and 2011

The MGH Weight Center invites applications for our comprehensive Clinical and Research Fellowship in Obesity Medicine and Nutrition. This **two-year fellowship** – the first of its kind – is designed for current residents or recent graduates of internal medicine, pediatrics or surgical residency training programs who wish to obtain rigorous, comprehensive subspecialty training in the area of Obesity Medicine. We are currently recruiting fellows seeking to begin the fellowship program in either July 2010 or July 2011.

This fellowship has been designed to provide trainees with expertise and clinical experience in both nutrition and the emerging field of Obesity Medicine, with a primary focus on the evaluation and management of patients with obesity. Fellows will learn how to treat obesity by nutritional, behavioral, pharmacological and surgical means, as well as how to address the comorbidities of this disorder most effectively. We anticipate that trainees who complete this fellowship program will be prepared to pursue clinical and academic careers focused in obesity medicine and to become leaders in this emerging discipline.

Fellowship training in Obesity Medicine and Nutrition will occur over two years with an opportunity to extend the fellowship research activities further. During the first year, trainees will spend the majority of time in the clinical environment learning about obesity and its comorbidities and clinical nutrition. By the end of the first year, fellows will have a good understanding of the physiology of body weight regulation and the research being conducted to advance knowledge in this field. They will be able to assess a patient with obesity or other nutritional disorders and to determine an appropriate treatment plan. Trainees will understand and utilize standard and innovative approaches to the treatment of obesity, including novel combination therapies, and they will participate in clinical trials of new and emerging therapies. They will be able to complete a full pre-operative evaluation for patients with indications for weight loss surgery and provide comprehensive post-operative medical and nutritional care for these patients. Fellows will also develop the skills to be a competent teacher of Obesity Medicine and Nutrition to medical students and residents in internal medicine, pediatrics and surgery. Beginning in the second fellowship year, trainees will pursue an intensive program of clinical or basic science research that will be completed under the guidance of a member of the Program faculty.

This fellowship is available to physicians who will have completed an accredited residency program in internal medicine, pediatrics, or surgery. To apply to the Obesity Medicine and Nutrition fellowship, please forward a cover letter and curriculum vitae to:

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