The Paediatric Urology Fellowship at St. Hedwig's Children’s Hospital in Regensburg consists of two years of clinical paediatric urology and includes research training experience. Each fellow will be encouraged to develop her/his own field of interest. The applicant is expected to publish original papers in the area of paediatric urology and will get enough opportunities and funding for visits to national and international meetings and courses.

The Department of Paediatric Urology is part of the faculty of Urology at the University of Regensburg, but is embedded in „St. Hedwig’s Children’s Hospital“, a private confessional hospital, which caters especially for children and pregnant women comprising the University Departments of Paediatrics and Obstetrics and a Department of Paediatric Surgery. Up to now it is the one and only independent Department of Paediatric Urology in cooperation with an University in Germany.

St. Hedwig’s serves a diverse patient population not only from Bavaria but also from throughout Germany and receives a wide range of paediatric urology cases. The entire university faculty is involved in training the paediatric urology fellow. The clinical rotation involves all aspects of paediatric urology including outpatient clinic, complex and ambulatory surgery, urodynamics, spina bifida and neurogenic bladder-ambulatory, fetal diagnostics and treatment and paediatric oncology.

Other than the programme director (Dr. W.H. Rösch, FEAPU) the paediatric urology team has two consultants (PD Dr. A.K. Ebert, FEAPU and Dr. C. Neissner, FEAPU), two fellows and two residents. The department has an own ward and the responsibility for all in- and outpatient children lies in the hands of the paediatric urologists. In addition to the entire routine pre- and postoperative diagnostics and care (incl. sonographic, uro-radiographic, but also antibiotic-therapy-regime, fluid-intake- and pain-management etc.) the fellow is able to gain experience in surgical aspects in a variety of paediatric cases and a wide variety of operative techniques. The department has a 24-hour operating theatre which runs regularly 5 days a week. Our total caseload in 2011 comprised 791 inpatient and 3699 outpatient cases.

A rotation of two to four weeks with the Paediatric Urology Division, Dept. of Urology General Teaching Hospital and 1st Medical School in Prague (Prof. Dr. R. Kocvara, FEAPU) and/or the Department of Paediatric Urology in Linz (PD Dr. M. Riccabona, FEAPU) is also offered and recommended during the fellowship.

The close co-operation with all paediatric sub-specialties located within St Hedwig’s and also with the specialists from the university campus for genetics, paediatric orthopaedics and neurosurgery offers wide educational possibilities. Furthermore there are ideal conditions for clinical and basic research. Last but not least our small but highly specialised department always offers lively discussion and personal relations.

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