

# SICKKIDS HOSPITAL

## Urology Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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**Does the center have an EBPU certified training program:** No

**Is the center a referral center for a disorder/operation:** Yes. We serve over 8 million+ population in Ontario and draw specialty patients from across Canada, the USA, and overseas. We engage in the full depth of paediatric urology care including complex hypospadias, reconstruction, endourology, laparascopy, oncology, management of differences in sexual development, congenital anomalies, upper and lower urinary tract conditions, prenatal urology assessments, and pediatric renal transplantation.

We also perform basic, clinical, and translational research. We engage in robust Telehealth services (Canada is the third largest geographic nation on earth) and have strong ties with the adult Urology programs as part of the University of Toronto Urology Residency Training Programme. Sickkids trains 4-5 fellows per year at any time. We are the only programme outside the USA accredited to qualify U.S. trainees to write the Certificate of Added Qualification examination in Pediatric Urology. We were also recently accredited for a new Area of Focused Competency Certificate in Pediatric Urology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Sickkids is exploring full accreditation status with the EBPU.

**Number of full time staff members in Ped. Urol.:** 5

**Number of Ped. Urol. operations/week:** 25

**Number of part time staff members in Ped. Urol.:** 2

**Number of Ped. Urol. outpatient admissions/week:** 150

**Number of Ped. Urol. Fellows:** 5

**Number of urodynamic studies/week:** 4

**At what time of year and how long a fellow shall visit the center:** Best is in the Fall, Winter, or Spring months (Sept/Oct to April/May) . New North American trainees all begin in the summer months (July/August).

A visit for 2 weeks minimum will provide a good integrated exposure to all of the operating and ambulatory activities, including teaching conferences. (International licensing and credentialing requirements in Ontario make short-term attending on patients challenging).

**How active can the visiting fellow be** (either due to legislations or institutional circumstances): Only Observer

**Scheduled educative activities visiting fellow can attend:** Weekly pediatric urology teaching conferences (Fridays), and monthly journal clubs, University and Hospital Surgical and Urological Grand rounds, morbidity & mortality rounds. A vast array of hospital and university conferences are also available to attend. All activities are conducted in English.

**Is there a possibility some of these activities can be done in English:** Yes

**Cost of living in Euros for a month** (including accommodation and transport considering a moderate lifestyle): 2600

**Is there any facility for easy/cheap accommodation:** Yes. There is a residence building next to hospital (advance application required; apartments competitive) with bachelor apartments at 1000 Euros per month. another useful resource is here: <https://studentfamilyhousing.utoronto.ca/> - University of Toronto Student Family Housing.

**Is there a former visitor of your center willing to be contacted:** Yes. Fardod O'Kelly - [FOKELLY@rcsi.ie](mailto:FOKELLY@rcsi.ie)

(More contacts to follow)

**Why the fellows shall choose this center to visit:** Sickkids Paediatric Urology offers an unparalleled range of clinical and operative exposure. With an international reputation for training graduates from all over the world including Canada, USA, Britain, Europe, Middle East, South Asia and Australia, we bring a wide and varied point of view and approach to all aspects of the specialty. We would welcome young urologists interested in the field to gain exposure and discuss opportunities. Accreditation by the EBPU would make Sickkids the only programme in the world accredited to train candidates for Canada, the USA, and Europe.