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Dear Applicant:

We appreciate your interest in the residency training at Wayne State University Neurological Surgery Department, one of the premier training programs in the country! We have an outstanding group of residents in our program, and we are looking for the brightest and most talented applicant to fill our one position. We have approximately 100 applicants every year from which we choose 30 to interview. From these interviews, we generally rank our top 10 choices for the match, from which we take one resident. There is a one-year integrated program of fundamental skills (PGY-1) prior to beginning the neurosurgery training program.

Through our association with Wayne State University, the Neurological Surgery Department directs the graduate neurosurgical residency program. The neurosurgery residency is a seven-year program involving rotations at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper Hospital and Children's Hospital. This educational program incorporates 12 months for research, allowing each resident time to pursue individual research interests for clinical or basic science studies. There is an optional 24 months research track to obtain the PhD degree. The department also supports numerous teaching conferences, visiting professorships, basic science lecture series, journal club and the Gurdjian-Thomas Visiting Professor lecture series.

Neurosurgery residents at Wayne State University are exposed to a truly remarkable variety of clinical experiences through our neurosurgical clinics, operating suites and trauma services. Wayne State University neurosurgeons perform more than 3,000 procedures each year. The residency program offers all rotations required by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, with further specialized rotations. Currently, the faculty in our department includes 9 neurosurgery clinical faculty and 5 Ph.D. faculty members. Our residents become respected neurosurgeons prepared for any eventuality, honored to have completed their residency at Wayne State University.

We are looking for an applicant who is intelligent and personable, and has an unwavering quest for excellence. Humanistic qualities are not overlooked. The applicant should be inherently compassionate, congenial, pleasant and be a team player. We look at the applicant's college and medical school GPA, honors, research, publications, especially in referred journals, presentations, AOA status, Dean's letter, and references. The personal interview is very important in assessing all components important to a good "fit" for both the applicant and the program.



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Our 2008 interview dates are Tuesday, October 21 and Thursday, November 6. Once you are notified of your acceptance for an interview, you may choose either date to interview, but please reserve your space early, as your preferred date may not be available if you wait to schedule your interview.

We hope this will answer your general questions about our training program. If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Vicki Diaz, Associate Program Director vdiaz@med.wayne.edu or Mrs. Nancy Triggs, Medical Education Coordinator (313) 745-4523 ntriggs@med.wayne.edu.

We look forward to meeting you in Detroit.