

# AURORA HEALTH CARE UNDERSEA & HYPERBARIC MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP



## Overview

Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center is an internationally recognized 900 bed facility in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and home to one of the busiest hyperbaric medicine programs in the nation.

Our medical center has a longstanding tradition of Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine dating back to the 1960's when Dr. Eric Kindwall popularized the clinical application of hyperbaric oxygen therapy using the original "Bonnie and Clyde" chambers, and where he later wrote his globally recognized and often cited textbook, "Hyperbaric Medicine Practice".

Building on Dr. Kindwall's accomplishments, our program, led by Dr. Laurie Gesell, has evolved into a premier hyperbaric medicine and wound care department that is fully accredited and integrated across one of the largest health care systems in America. At the heart of this infrastructure is the multiplace hyperbaric chamber at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center which can treat up to 25 patients in a single session. The critical care capacity and capabilities are unsurpassed, making the program a national leader in both patient volume and treatment acuity.

Our system department is further complimented by 9 monoplace hyperbaric medicine facilities and 13 additional hospital based wound care centers located in the Milwaukee metropolitan region and beyond. Collectively, they house 18 monoplace chambers and account for over 33,600 patient visits per year. Further contributing to our mission and serving the needs of our highest risk patients is the Aurora Limb Preservation Program. This clinic provides comprehensive and timely limb salvage strategies through close collaboration between our physicians and subspecialty providers.

## Curriculum

The fellow can expect to see clinical cases involving the full spectrum of undersea and hyperbaric medicine indications, including emergent critical care cases. All fellows will help lead our overnight on-call emergent team. In addition, our fellows will also gain experience in wound care and can expect to be a part of our multidisciplinary limb salvage teams. We have multiple board-certified fellowship trained attendings on our core faculty, who have created a comprehensive curriculum and didactic series for the training year. Our fellows will also attend out of state CME training courses as part of their fellowship experience.



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## Program Highlights

- High volume Limb Salvage experience
- Core multiplace and monoplace hyperbaric medicine training experience
- Multidisciplinary collaboration with direct training and integrated lectures throughout fellowship
- US Navy Dive recognition Lake Michigan



## Fellow Experiences

- Focused Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Course
- Physicians Diving Medicine Course
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Annual Scientific Meeting
- Hands-on Multiplace and Monoplace Hyperbaric Medicine Training
- Allotted time for research

## Fellowship Stats

- Fellowship Length: 1 year
- Number of Positions: 2
- Salary/Benefits: PGY5 Salary, Full Benefits package and Malpractice Insurance
- Home Call: 10-14 per month
- Board eligibility in Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine upon successful program completion

## How to apply

Applications will be accepted starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Interviews will be scheduled between September-November. Please submit the following via email to our coordinator be considered:

- Current CV
- Three letters of recommendation (including residency PD)
- Personal Statement

## Questions

Please direct any questions or inquiries to Serena Messer, UHM Program Coordinator  
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