

Addiction Medicine Fellowship

Original ACGME accreditation date: 07/01/2018



Program Director Name (Year appointed)

Anita D. Karnik, MD (2017)

ACGME Current Approved Complement

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Accreditation Status

Continued Accreditation

Length of Training

1 year

Accomplishments

- ▶ **Telehealth expansion**—With the changes of telehealth rules, we have increased the ability to provide life-saving medicine (buprenorphine/naloxone) to many patients who would have had difficulty engaging with the clinic. This led to a reduction in the time that it took for a clinician to have contact with a patient, reduced no shows and increased patient engagement with the clinician and clinic — even when the patient was not ready for change.
- ▶ **Increase in rural care**—With the expansion of telehealth, fellows have the opportunity to care for a rural veteran population that may not have had any access to specialty substance use treatment.
- ▶ **Quality improvement**—We have increased fellow engagement with literature and landmark articles through our VA addiction psychiatry journal club. This has been a measurable improvement for increasing residents', fellows' and faculty's education for standards of care and provides a venue for discussion.

Strengths

1. Our Addiction Medicine Fellowship excels in promoting the concept of change agent and teaches fellows how they can impact a system.
2. We have faculty members with distinct qualifications in pain and addiction, expertise in the care of pregnant women with substance use disorder and toxicology service.
3. The Addiction Medicine Fellowship teaches concepts of team: how to build a team, how to support a team and how to develop interdisciplinary care. Fellows work with many established teams.
4. We have recruited a past graduate who will continue to teach as a faculty member.
5. Addiction Medicine rotations provide a wide variety of experiences and patient care populations. We feel the rotation experience provides education that aligns with the addiction medicine milestones.