

TORONTO CONGENITAL CARDIAC CENTRE FOR ADULTS

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Year Established	The first ACHD clinic at the Toronto General Hospital opened in 1959. The Fellowship Program was established in 1993
Formal or informal program?	Formal
Participating in match?	No
Source of funding	Internal
Prerequisites	Completed training in adult and/or pediatric cardiology
Program length (years)	2
Incoming fellows/year	3-4
Current fellows	7
Fellows graduated	56
Half-day clinics per month	32
Clinic patients per month	300
Website	http://www.cachnet.org http://www.uhn.on.ca http://www.achd-online.com http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV1zTEzGIRA (Golden Heart Affairs 50 th Anniversary Toronto ACHD Program)
Program description	Applicants to Fellowship training are required to submit proof of advanced specialist certification if selected. Training as a clinical fellow is not accredited and cannot be used as residency training toward certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or American Board Certification. Full two-year ACHD Fellowships are usually offered and the training program can be customized to meet

the individual career goals. The Fellows will work with a highly experienced and knowledgeable clinical and research faculty with expertise in epidemiology, heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, electrophysiology, interventional cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, high risk pregnancy, psychology, diagnostic imaging, etc. The close, integrated collaboration with the pediatric cardiologists at the SickKids, Toronto has been a long tradition. A combined ACHD / Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic was introduced in 2011. There is the option of a Joint Fellowship program between our centre and the Mayo Clinic (Program Director: Carole Warnes, MD) or the Royal Brompton Hospital (Program Director: Michael Gatzoulis, MD). The fellow spends one year at each site. Both institutions have a long-standing tradition of practicing congenital heart disease.

There are 4 positions as clinical/research fellows and one position as an interventional fellow available per year.

Education Activities:

Congenital Case Presentations: on Mondays

Academic Rounds: on Wednesday

Inpatient Review Rounds: on Fridays

Special Pregnancy Program

Under the leadership of the Candice Silversides, Head of Obstetric Medicine and Research Director of the Toronto Congenital Cardiac Centre for Adults, the fellows receive a certificate in Heart Disease and Pregnancy after successful completion of the curriculum tailored to this subspecialty.

Research

Clinical outcome, interventional techniques, pulmonary arterial hypertension, high risk pregnancy, clinical psychology, long-term outcome, arrhythmias, cyanotic congenital heart disease and diagnostic imaging/new diagnostic modalities in congenital heart disease.

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