Geisinger Accelerated Internal Medicine–Nephrology Track (GAIN)

Now Offered at Geisinger – One of Four National Pilot Sites

Program Overview

- **Duration:** 4 years (vs. traditional 5-year IM + Nephrology training)
- **Board Eligibility:** Internal Medicine (after Year 3), Nephrology (after Year 4)
- **Start Date:** July 2025
- **Application Path:** Via NRMP or internal selection during PGY-1

Why Choose the GAIN Track at Geisinger?

- **Innovative Curriculum with Early Subspecialty Exposure:**
  - Begin nephrology training in Year 1 with half day outpatient clinics and inpatient nephrology experiences
  - In year 3, benefit from dual-counted rotations—carefully designed experiences that fulfill both internal medicine and nephrology requirements, allowing for seamless integration and efficient progression
- **Mentorship & Oversight:**
  - A Joint IM–Nephrology Oversight Committee ensures program quality and strategic alignment
  - Receive dedicated mentorship focused on personal growth, career development, and overall satisfaction
- **Career Acceleration:** Enter the workforce one year earlier with full board eligibility and distinguished training that gives you a clear competitive edge
- **National Leadership:** Join Geisinger in shaping nephrology education alongside three other leading institutions through innovation and collaboration

Curriculum Highlights

Years 1–2: Internal Medicine Foundation

- Core IM rotations with nephrology exposure
- Half day nephrology clinics during ambulatory block
- Inpatient nephrology experience and consults

Year 3: Hybrid IM–Nephrology Training

- Dual-counted rotations in nephrology wards, ICU, transplant, and dialysis
- Continued continuity clinic in both specialties
- Transition to nephrology-focused training mid-year

Year 4: Dedicated Nephrology Fellowship

- Advanced nephrology rotations including transplant and home dialysis
- Completion of second-year nephrology competencies
- Preparation for ABIM Nephrology board certification

Assessment & Support

- Biannual Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) reviews
- Individualized feedback from program directors

- Contingency plans for transition to traditional pathways
- Faculty development to support robust evaluation

Eligibility & Application

Who Should Apply?

- Medical Students applying to Internal Medicine Residency who want to pursue Nephrology as a career
- First year Internal Medicine residents who want to pursue Nephrology as a career

How to Apply

- Apply via NRMP (GAIN track) or internal selection during PGY-1
- Submit a personal statement outlining interest in nephrology
- Participate in interviews with Internal Medicine and Nephrology faculty

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