

## **Quality and Patient Safety Anesthesiology Fellowship**

The Quality and Patient Safety (QPS) anesthesiology fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is a non-accredited, post-US residency position funded through a national VA program. The primary goal of the training is to advance knowledge, skills, and experiences in quality and patient safety using evidence based medicine, large databases, and innovation to advance patient safety in the patient care environment. The QPS fellowship is designed to give trainees a strong foundation to pursue academic careers with a focus on quality and patient safety. This area of intense focus opens the door for both research and teaching that leads to academic advancement in a clinician educator track in most, if not all, academic institutions. These goals align closely with federal government initiatives to link payment for medical services to quality of care.

Through the course of the year, QPS fellows are expected to demonstrate innovative approaches in educating physicians in the area of quality and patient safety. To aid in this pursuit, fellows will have a structured curriculum with three local courses and one national workshop. First, fellows will learn the core tenets through the Patient Safety and Quality course offered each September at MCW. This course incorporates the Institute for Healthcare Improvement open school curriculum. Fellows will use the foundational knowledge to help guide them in completing quality and safety project(s) during the remainder of the year. In addition to this one-month course, fellows will participate in MCW's Clinical Research and Methodology course. This is geared towards learning how to compose a clinical research proposal that requires IRB approval, and learning relevant statistical techniques. Lastly, the QPS fellow will participate in the Faculty Scholars Program in Quality and Patient Safety over the course of nine months (Sept-May). This course focuses on gaining additional knowledge and skills in quality and patient safety, and learning basic educational tenets for dissemination of that knowledge to medical students and residents. As part of the focus to educate others, the QPS fellow will attend the Society for Education in Anesthesia's annual teaching workshop. While the majority of the fellowship training will be focused on academic pursuits in quality and patient safety, the QPS fellow will also have clinical duties providing anesthesia in the operating room and/or performing pre-operative evaluations in the pre-op clinic 1-2 days/week. These duties will be provided via a joint appointment at the instructor level with the Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Anesthesiology.

Currently, there are ten VA medical centers across the country sponsoring positions. Next year, this will expand to up to 20 sites. With the expansion comes a plan to standardize part of the curriculum. This will likely include a week of "boot camp" where fellows attend a national conference to learn basic quality and patient safety concepts. Locally, The Medical College of Wisconsin and Milwaukee VA Medical Center are fostering an interdisciplinary

approach to quality and patient safety by supporting an anesthesiology fellow, an internal medicine chief resident, a pharmacy resident, and a nurse position.

Interested applicants must have completed an anesthesiology residency in an ACGME accredited program and must be US citizens.

Interested applicants should apply to:

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Please include your CV, letter of intent, letter of support from PD, and at least 3 references.