

## **HIV Track**

### **Leadership:**

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### **Program description:**

The Section of Infectious Diseases and International Health at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is home to the only Ryan White-funded HIV comprehensive care program in New Hampshire.. The HOPE (HIV Care, Opportunity, Prevention and Education) program cares for around 900 individuals living with HIV across the region, with multiple clinic sites in southern and central NH. The program is comprised of highly experienced and caring faculty physicians, nurses, medical assistants, community health workers, psychologists and administrative staff and connects with regional resources to provide wraparound care, including AIDS service organizations. All fellows in IDIH at DHMC will have a dedicated HIV clinic at one of our outreach sites. This track is intended for fellows with a particular interest in HIV, who desire to develop clinical expertise as well as experiences and mentorship in leading institutional, systems, regional and community efforts around HIV.

### **Goals and objectives:**

1. To gain in-depth understanding of current HIV clinical management in order to develop expertise
2. To be an active supervised participant in education and outreach work related to HIV
3. To conduct a meaningful quality improvement, education or research project that will have an impact on HIV care

### **Core Requirements to Earn Track Certificate:**

- Self-directed Curricular activities:
  - National HIV Curriculum
  - National HIV PreP Curriculum
  - National Sexually Transmitted Infections Curriculum
- Practice activities:
  - Additional HIV clinic during elective time; details to be individualized to the fellow
  - Monthly HIV Team Meeting (1.5 hours/month)
  - HOPE Program Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee (1.5 hours quarterly, with some outside work)
  - NEAETC AIDS Seminars (1 hour/month)
- Scholarly activities:
  - QI or research project focused in HIV

### **Supplemental Recommended Experiences (when available and able to):**

- IAS-USA CME courses
- Attend Ryan White Clinical Conference and/or CROI
- NEAETC outreach education and practice transformation activities

- ECHO education teaching and facilitation
- Statewide HIV Advisory Boards
- Teaching about HIV for students/residents

### **MPH and QI Education Options**

- Fellows have the opportunity to pursue a funded Masters in Public Health (MPH) and board-certification in Preventive Medicine through the Leadership and Preventive Medicine Residency (LPMR). This program requires fellows to train at DHMC for 3 years (instead of 2). LPMR runs concurrently with ID fellowship during the second and third year. This program provides extensive training in public health and epidemiology through the MPH, as well as quality improvement. There is an application process for this program, for which ID fellows usually are accepted.
- For fellows who do not wish to pursue the LPMR program, the Greenbelt Certification Program is available for rigorous, internationally-recognized QI training for free to DHMC trainees through the Value Institute. This program requires application and is available on specific dates each year, requiring pre-planning.

### **Enrichment Experience in HIV**

Fellows who wish to pursue an enrichment experience in this focus area, but not join the full track, may work with the fellowship program leadership and HIV Program directors to choose appropriate activities from those described above to support their education based on individual needs, but will not earn the track certificate, for which completion of all Core Activities is required.