

CHEO/University of Ottawa Pediatric Epilepsy Fellowship  
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**Program Description:**

The pediatric epilepsy program at CHEO is vital to care of patients with epilepsy in Ottawa and the region. In neurology we have ~3700 patient visits per year with the majority having complex or intractable epilepsy.

The epilepsy fellow serves a vital role in providing care in our district epilepsy center. The fellow will read ~ 200 hours of video EEG recordings per week in addition to reading 40-60 outpatient EEG's per week. The fellow is also responsible for admitting, following and discharging the epilepsy monitoring unit (EMU) patients (2 per week, length of stay 2-4 days). They will also provide on call coverage 24 hours per day for all EMU patients for the duration of their stay. The fellow will attend weekly clinic to learn outpatient management of complex epilepsy. We have a ketogenic diet clinic and vagal nerve stimulator program allowing fellows exposure to these areas as well.

As a district epilepsy center, we complete initial pre-surgical evaluations for patients being considered for epilepsy surgery. The epilepsy fellow is responsible for reporting the EEG studies, making sure all ancillary testing is completed and preparing the presentations for our joint epilepsy surgery conference with SickKids.

Pediatric Epilepsy Fellows will also complete a scholarly project during their training and receive support from the program to present their findings at a national or international conference.