

# MINNESOTA HEAD AND NECK SURGERY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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**Number of Positions Available Each Year:** 1

**Required Application Materials:** CV, Letter of intent and 2 letters of recommendation

1. A copy of your current Curriculum Vitae
2. A letter describing your interests and your future plans after completion of your training. We are particularly interested in how you plan to utilize the experience the fellowship would offer you.
3. Two letters of reference. One from your residency chairman or program director, and another from a colleague or mentor.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Graduation from an accredited dental school. A medical degree is desirable.
2. Completion of residency training in an accredited program in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
3. Eligibility for regular license in medicine and/or dentistry in the State of Minnesota.

**Program Description:** Our 12-24-month fellowship program is primarily clinical in nature and is affiliated with Minnesota Head and Neck Surgery and will be primarily based in Minneapolis and Central Minnesota. In-patient clinical care will be delivered at the University of Minnesota, North Memorial Medical Center and the CentraCare Health Systems. The program is a tertiary care referral service for advanced craniomaxillofacial surgery and head and neck surgery

The clinical experience is derived from working primarily with an academically orientated board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Deepak Kademani DMD MD FACS along with other colleagues in

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology and other surgical specialists to provide the fellows a comprehensive training experience. Dr Kademani has a well-established and wide referral-based practice seeing patients from all over the state for tertiary referral needs. The caseload focuses on surgical oncology of the head and neck and associated reconstruction including microvascular transfer. Other non-oncologic cases include full spectrum of maxillofacial trauma and reconstruction, orthognathic and temporomandibular joint surgery. Based on the case logs of previous fellows, it would be reasonable to expect to be involved in 200 surgical cases; these include neck dissections, microvascular free flaps, a variety of maxillary and mandibular resections, parotidectomy, maxillofacial trauma, orthognathic and TMJ surgery. There may be an opportunity for an outpatient private practice oral surgery component to augment the fellowship experience. Clinical experience in free flap reconstruction is provided by experienced microvascular surgeons to compliment the fellow's multidisciplinary education.

The service is supported by an experienced OMS Nurse Practitioner to facilitate with the daily clinical operations of the service. The head and neck fellow's primary responsibilities are to run the OMS service including the head and neck surgery patients. As the service is busy, the fellow will need to have organization and develop leadership skills and be an effective communicator and team leader. The fellow will be responsible for the presentation of all cases at Head and Neck Tumor Board. Didactic lectures to augment the fellows clinical experience will be provided.

Both basic science and clinical research opportunities are available, and the fellow will be expected to complete at least one clinical research project suitable for publication, in addition to various case reports and book chapters. Dr Kademani will be able to provide the fellow with ample opportunity for academic advancement with opportunities to participate in scholarly activity. Due to the time restraints of the busy schedule, no other outside academic endeavors from other institutions are allowed during the fellowship training period.

Dr Kademani established the fellowship in 2012 at the University of Minnesota, the fellowship experience is based through Minnesota Head and Neck Surgery PLLC.

It is our intent, that individuals who have completed our fellowship program go on to advance and disseminate the knowledge and experience gained during the fellowship by entering an academic position upon completion of the program. Strong preferential consideration will be given to those applicants who are committed to an academic career and who have documented an academic position awaiting their completion of the fellowship.