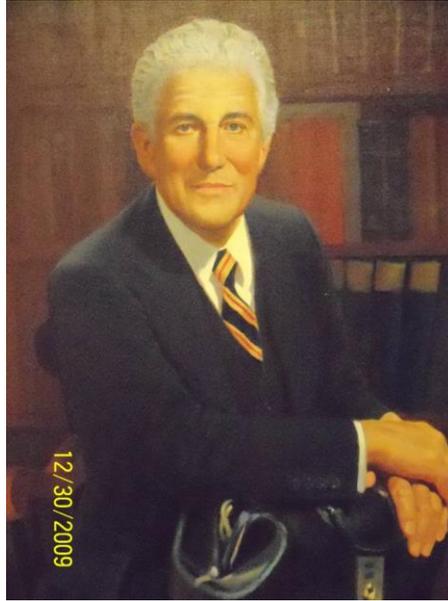


The Brigham and Women's Hospital/Massachusetts General
Hospital/Harvard Medical School Headache Medicine Fellowship



Based at
The Graham Headache Center at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital
Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts

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Program Overview

The Graham Headache Center and the Harvard Medical School have a long tradition of excellence in headache clinical care, research, and education. Established in 1970 by Dr. John Graham, the Graham Headache Center was the first headache clinic in Boston and for some time the largest in the United States. The Graham Headache Center is internationally recognized for clinical excellence, for pioneering new approaches to headache treatment, and for an interest in women's headache problems. The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) accredited our fellowship program in 2008. The BWH Headache Division Chief is Dr. Elizabeth Loder and the Clinical Director is Dr. Paul Rizzoli. Dr. Rebecca Burch is the overall and BWH site Fellowship Director and Dr. Thomas Cheng is the site fellowship director at MGH.

We offer a 1-year UCNS-accredited Headache Medicine Fellowship following a July to June academic schedule. The program focuses on outpatient management of headache, including excellence in individualized and patient-centered clinical care as well as exposure to a variety of approaches to case formulation and treatment. The fellowship experience also integrates the development of clinical research skills, formal and informal didactics, and teaching experiences. Our fellowship has expanded to include more learning opportunities and locations each year. Our fellows now rotate to clinical sites at Massachusetts General Hospital, Children's Hospital, and the newly named John R Graham Headache Center at 850 Boylston St, a site that includes the BWH Osher Center for Integrative Medicine <https://oshercenter.org/> and the Fish Center for Women's Health <https://www.brighamandwomens.org/womens-health/fish-center/fish-center-for-womens-health>. During the pandemic, we have also developed a robust model for virtual precepting and now provide training in telehealth as well.

In addition to the core clinical experiences, fellows are offered the option of doing multiple electives, including opportunities in orofacial pain, interventional pain medicine, neuroradiology, integrative medicine, sleep medicine, and others.

Faculty for the Graham Headache Center include seven UCNS-certified headache medicine doctors (six neurologists, one internist), representing a spectrum of clinicians and clinician researchers funded by NIH grants, philanthropic donations, and industry sponsorship. Our faculty also include one non-fellowship trained headache doctor and two PAs with expertise in headache medicine. MGH and Children's faculty also include clinicians, and clinical and basic science clinician researchers. In addition, fellows have access to over 100 full-time neurology and child neurology faculty, a large neurosurgery department, an active neuroscience faculty, a large neuroradiology department, and the broader resources of a major medical school and several affiliated teaching hospitals.

A current listing of Graham Headache Center faculty can be found here (Click "Learn more" for bios)

<https://www.brighamandwomensfaulkner.org/programs-and-services/headache-center/our-staff>
MGH staff here

<https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/treatments-and-services/headache-and-neuropathic-pain-unit>

The Children's Hospital headache fellows are precepted by Dr. Anna Minster

<https://www.childrenshospital.org/directory/physicians/m/anna-minster>

The prerequisites for fellowship training usually include successful completion of an accredited residency training program in a relevant discipline (i.e., neurology, psychiatry, anesthesiology, or internal medicine) and board eligibility in the field.

We typically accept up to 3 fellows per year and fellows must be eligible to obtain a full MA state license. All fellows must adhere to the GME policies of our hospital, which include passing a drug screening test.