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# The Brigham and Women's/Harvard Headache Medicine Fellowship Program

Based at

The Graham Headache Center at Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospital

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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 has received international recognition for clinical excellence, for pioneering new approaches to headache treatment, and for research on women's issues, as well as clinical trials for the treatment of headache disorders. This program has been accredited by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties.

The Headache Center provides clinical training for residents who choose to do elective rotations in Headache Medicine. We also offer a 1-year Headache Medicine Fellowship Program focusing on outpatient management of headache, clinical research and medical writing. The trainee will see headache outpatients in several settings. In addition, the fellow is expected to participate in headache research and paper writing.

Dr. Elizabeth Loder is the Chief of the Division of Headache and Pain, Department of Neurology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Paul Rizzoli is the Director of the Graham Headache Center and the Director of the Headache Medicine Fellowship. Other services include the Sleep Center (Dr. Milena Pavlova), neuropsychology, anesthesiology and neuroradiology. Faculty for the headache center includes two headache medicine doctors (1 neurologist, 1 internist), and 1 non-fellowship trained headache doctor. In addition, the fellow has 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, including orofacial pain and other specialty programs. Drs. Loder and Rizzoli are UCNS certified in headache medicine.

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.