



Pan-American Endocrine Surgery Observership -Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Program Statement

Cleveland Clinic is pleased to serve as a host institution for the AAES Pan-American Endocrine Surgery Observership Program. As a globally recognized academic medical center with a high-volume endocrine surgery practice, Cleveland Clinic is committed to excellence in patient care, surgical innovation, education, and international collaboration. Through this observership, we aim to provide Latin American surgeons with meaningful exposure to contemporary endocrine surgical practice within a multidisciplinary academic environment.

Objectives

The objectives of this observership are to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange in endocrine surgery.
- Foster professional development through exposure to a high-volume endocrine surgery practice.
- Promote international collaboration among surgeons dedicated to improving outcomes for patients with endocrine disorders.

Program Details

Observership Duration:

1-2 weeks during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Clinical and Academic Experience:

Observers will participate in endocrine surgery clinics and observe the evaluation and management of patients with thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal, and neuroendocrine disorders. Clinical exposure may include preoperative assessment, postoperative follow-up, multidisciplinary treatment planning, and collaboration with endocrinology, radiology, pathology, nuclear medicine, and oncology specialists.

Observers will attend and observe a broad spectrum of endocrine surgical procedures, including thyroidectomy, neck dissections, parathyroidectomy, adrenalectomy. Additional exposure may include surgeon-performed ultrasound, intraoperative nerve monitoring, intraoperative parathyroid hormone monitoring, fluorescence-guided imaging, and robotic surgical technology.

Observers will also be invited to participate in Endocrine Tumor Board conferences, endocrine surgery educational conferences, and other relevant academic activities occurring during the observership period.

Support Provided

Cleveland Clinic will provide:

- A faculty mentor from the Department of Endocrine Surgery.
- Access to approved clinical, operating room, and educational activities in accordance with institutional policies.
- Assistance with onboarding and observership requirements through the Cleveland Clinic observer program.
- Guidance regarding local logistics and accommodations.
- A certificate of completion upon conclusion of the observership.

Observers will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, meals, local transportation, visa-related expenses, and other personal costs. Applicants are encouraged to explore available AAES travel funding opportunities.

Conclusion

Cleveland Clinic is honored to support the mission of the AAES Pan-American Endocrine Surgery Observership Program. We believe this experience will strengthen international partnerships, promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices, and contribute to improved care for patients with endocrine diseases throughout the Americas. We look forward to welcoming a visiting surgeon and sharing our commitment to innovation, education, and excellence in endocrine surgery.

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