

Temple University Hospital Pain Medicine Fellowship Program

Faculty:

Frank J.E. Falco, MD

Program Director

Dr. Falco is an innovative pioneer and widely-recognized expert in the field of pain medicine and spinal disorders. Quadruple board certified and licensed in several states, he is founder, CEO and a principal of Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians (MASPP), a multi-specialty, pain management group practice. Dr. Falco is a Clinical Assistant Professor and the Director of Temple University Hospital's Pain Management Fellowship Program. He is a Board Member of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians and a Founding/Board Member of the International Cellular Medicine Society. Additionally, Dr. Falco has authored countless medical articles and book chapters on spinal disorders, lectures nationally and internationally, publishes a chronic pain blog, and contributes regularly to a health advice newspaper column. Dr. Falco will become President of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP) this summer.

Education: Temple University School of Medicine

Residency: Temple University Hospital

Fellowship: Southeastern Orthopedic Assoc. • Georgia Spine and Sports Medicine

Certifications: American Board of Medical Examiners • American Board of PM&R • American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine • American Board of Pain Medicine

C. Obi Onyewu, MD

Assistant Program Director

Dr. Onyewu is a principal and practicing pain specialist at Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians (MASPP), a multi-specialty, pain management group practice. He is double board certified and holds medical licenses in the states of Delaware and Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In addition to practicing pain management, Dr. Onyewu provides clinical instruction and educational lectures to fellows and residents, teaching interventional spine and management of acute and chronic pain. He is an instructor and Assistant Director for the Temple University Pain Medicine Fellowship Program. Dr. Onyewu is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation, the Physiatric Association for Spine, Sports and Occupational Rehabilitation, the National Medical Association, and the American College of Sports Medicine and is an active fundraiser for the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Wheelchair Basketball League.

Education: Temple University School of Medicine

Residency: Georgetown University Hospital

Fellowship: Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians

Certifications: American Board of PM&R • American Board of Pain Medicine

Professional Distinctions: Principal, Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians • Clinical Instructor, Pain Medicine Fellowship, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Temple University Hospital • Residency Faculty Member of the University of Delaware • State of Delaware Division of Social Services Pharmaceutics and Therapeutic Committee Member • Coauthor of medical articles and book chapters on spine and pain-related disorders

Jie Zhu, MD

Program Faculty

Dr. Zhu is a principal and practicing pain specialist at Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians (MASPP), a multi-specialty, pain management group practice. He is double board certified and holds medical licenses in the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. In addition to practicing pain management, Dr. Zhu provides clinical instruction and educational lectures to fellows and residents as an instructor for the Temple University Pain Medicine Fellowship Program. Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians is the most comprehensive pain practice in the U.S. diagnosing and treating a full spectrum of spine and pain-related disorders while delivering world-class, patient-focused care. With locations in Delaware and Maryland, this preeminent pain practice is staffed with a team of top-rated, board certified physicians, chiropractors, and licensed practitioners providing individualized treatment for patients in a very compassionate and caring setting.

Education: Capital University of Medical Sciences

Residency: Nassau University Medical Center

Fellowship: Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians

Certifications: American Board of PM&R. American Board of Pain Medicine

Professional Distinctions: Principal, Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians • Clinical Instructor, Pain Medicine Fellowship, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Temple University Hospital • Coauthor of medical articles and book chapters on spine and pain-related disorders

Program Information:

Mid Atlantic Spine and Pain Physicians is committed to providing an outstanding sub-specialty education experience and offers four (4) one-year fellowship positions each year. The postgraduate medical program focuses on Pain Medicine and is provisionally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is responsible for the accreditation of post-MD medical training programs within the U.S. MASSP is one of only three ACGME-accredited physiatry fellowship programs. Trained at an ACGME-accredited program is a pre-requisite for becoming board certified in that specialty. Dr. Frank J. E. Falco, Founder, CEO and principal of MASPP, is also the Director of the Physical Medicine Fellowship Program of Temple University School of Medicine.

» Program Type:	Pain Medicine
» Positions Available:	Four (4)
» Location:	Delaware and Maryland
» Fellowship Director:	Frank J. E. Falco, M.D.
» Duration:	12 Months
» Next Start Date:	July 2012, January 2013

Curriculum:

The pain medicine resident will learn the principles involved in the evaluation and diagnostic work up of patients suffering from acute, sub-acute, and chronic pain conditions; learn the principles of pain management and pain control in a variety of pain disorders with the use of different medication regiments including oral, intravenous, and patient controlled analgesia (PCA) methods. Residents will learn the pharmacology and indications for prescribing different pain medications via the oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, buccal, intravenous, epidural, and intrathecal routes of administration; and learn the indications, contraindications, complications, and skill in performing a range of interventional procedures for relieving pain in a variety of disorders. The incremental knowledge gained is experientially driven. The resident is expected to learn (through literature, text book readings, and from the faculty attending physicians) in as much detail as possible about all of the medical conditions resulting in the pain. Research is an important part of the training program with a librarian/research coordinator to facilitate projects. Residents are expected to complete at least 1 research project by graduation that is submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed medical journal related to the sub-specialty of pain management.

The number of applicants to the program is approximately 50 per year. Only 4 fellows are accepted annually into the program. All post graduate fellows have continued to successfully practice in pain medicine. This program is ACGME-accredited. Diplomas are received by Temple University Hospital-School of Medicine.

Training Sites:

Mid Atlantic Spine & Pain Physicians-Newark, DE

100 Biddle Ave. Ste. 101

Newark, De 19702

Mid Atlantic Spine & Pain Physicians-Elkton, MD

101 Chesapeake Blvd. Suite D

Elkton, MD 21921

Temple University Hospital

3401 N. Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19140

- **Department of Anesthesiology**
- **Department of Neurology**
- **Department of Psychiatry**

Delmarva Surgery Center

101 Chesapeake Blvd. Suite C

Elkton, MD 21921

Christiana Care Health System

4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road

Newark, DE 19718

Union Hospital of Cecil County

106 Bow Street

Elkton, MD 21921

Mid Atlantic Spine & Pain Physicians-Research Facility

139 E. Chestnut Hill Rd.

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