

Career Path Counseling: Guidance for Program Directors

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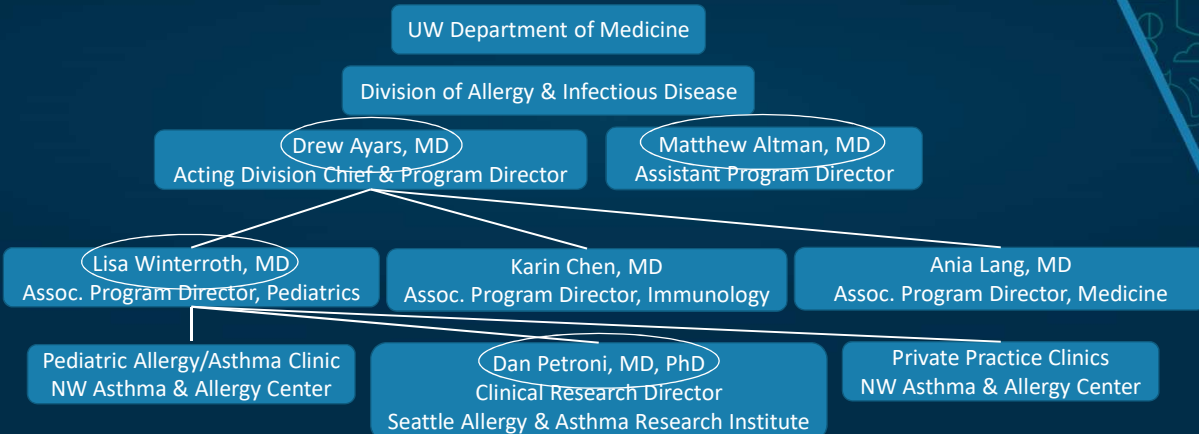
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Goal: Graduate Allergy/Asthma/Immunology Fellows who are:

- Board-certified specialist clinicians
- Clinical educators*: mentoring, teaching fellows, residents, medical students
- Clinical researchers**: NIH, NHLBI, CoFAR, pharmaceutical companies
- Basic science researchers***: NIH, pharmaceutical companies
- Program directors***

Private Practices Graduates:

- Level 1: clinical educator – *virtually all fellows if near training programs
- Level 2: clinical researcher – **likely need larger specialty practice for patients, staffing
- Level 3: basic researcher – ***challenging unless part of a NIH supported team e.g., Benaroya
- Level 4: program director – ***associate director possible given academic, practice support