

General Surgery Residency Program



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The General Surgery Residency is a 4-year program following a linked internship leading to eligibility for certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery. The program is affiliated with the Statewide Campus System of Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. The curriculum is defined by the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and directed by the Program Advisory Committee of MSU-COM.

The program is also affiliated with the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions which coordinates this area's hospitals and their medical education activities. Residency training includes subspecialty out rotations, visiting speakers, mock boards and other experiences. Upon completion of the program's requirements, the resident will receive a certificate from the Metro Health Hospital and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Statewide Campus System and will be eligible for the certifying examination of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery.

The Program

First Year:

- Basic education, foundation of surgical care: surgical metabolism, physiology, surgical infection, wound healing, nutrition, fluids and electrolytes, trauma, critical care.
- Rotations include: General Surgery, Trauma, Nutrition and Critical Care.

Second Year:

- Surgical Principles and Technique, increased responsibility and development of skills, in-house subspecialty exposure.
- Rotations include: General Surgery, Burns, Pathology, Thoracic and Vascular, Gynecology and/or Urology.

Third Year:

- Progressive surgical responsibility and subspecialty rotation. Emphasis on expanded exposure utilizing outstanding out-of-house departments, locally or nationally to greatly enhance the developing experience.
- Rotations include: Pediatric Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery and Trauma.

Fourth Year:

- Senior Resident-Expanding responsibility appropriate to the position of senior Resident; total case management, ability in difficult and complicated surgical cases.
- Rotations are on General Surgery to perfect skill development and apply experience gained the preceding three years.
- A significant amount of Endoscopy experience is present throughout the program.