

Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program



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The purpose of the five year residency in orthopedic surgery at Metro is to provide the trainee with the knowledge, clinical, and surgical skills in all areas of orthopedic surgery necessary to ethically practice either academic or community practice at the highest possible level of competence by the completion of the training program. Residents are provided the opportunities to exercise clinical judgment and develop surgical technique, achieving an optimal level of competence in the practice of orthopedic surgery in order to render full care to anyone with conditions, which fall within the purview of practice in orthopedic health care.

The resident has a unique opportunity to learn orthopedics in the operating room, patient clinics, hospital rounds, and in formal and informal conferences. Ongoing and continuing medical education is assured and accomplished by at least eight (8) hours of teaching conferences each week, attended by faculty, trainees, and students. The orthopedic trainee has daily and continuous contact with the faculty in the clinics, operating room, rounds, teaching conferences, and individual rotation conferences.

The program is affiliated with the Statewide Campus System of Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. The program is also affiliated with the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions which coordinates other area hospitals rotations and medical education activities.

First Year - Orthopedics (PGY-1)

Emergency Medicine	1 month
Obstetrics / Gynecology	1 month
Internal Medicine	2 months
Surgery o/t Ortho	2 months
Family Medicine	1 month
Orthopedics	3 months
Electives (see B/S list)	2 months

Second Year Resident (PGY-2)

Orthopedics 12 months
at Metro Health Hospital
Ambulatory Orthopedics
(Continuity experience in weekly residency clinic is provided. Greater than one month equivalent.)

Third Year Resident (PGY-3)

Pediatric Orthopedics	3 months.
Orthopedic Trauma	3 months.
Hand	3 months
Orthopedics	3 months

at Metro Health Hospital
Ambulatory Orthopedics
(Continuity experience in weekly residency clinic is provided. Greater than one month equivalent.)

Fourth Year Resident (PGY-4)

Pediatrics	3 months
Spine	3 months
Orthopedics	6 months

at Metro Health Hospital
Ambulatory Orthopedics
(Continuity experience in weekly residency clinic)

Fifth Year Resident (PGY-4)

Orthopedics	9 months
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at Metro Hospital.
Electives 3 months – must be done in first 6 months
Ambulatory Orthopedics
(Continuity experience in weekly residency clinic is provided. Greater than one month equivalent.)