



Residency Application and Information

Programs receive applications sent electronically only. VIA the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS).

On-Call

Comfortable on-call quarters and resident lounges are provided at each hospital.

Libraries

- A full-time medical librarian covers each hospital library to assist residents.
- Library services include literature searches, article orders, photocopying, research consultations, and books orders.
- Free photocopying of articles and interlibrary loan services are available.
- Electronic resources include ClinicalKey, AccessMedicine, Cochrane Library, and R2 Digital Library, plus many more easily accessible online journals and books.
- Each library has book collections of over 500 texts and print journal collections to supplement electronic resources.
- Medical books for personal use can be ordered through the library at a discounted price.

Conferences

Three hours per week or more are spent in conferences.

- 500 conferences are given annually at each hospital.
- Many conferences are multidisciplinary.
- Medical school faculty frequently serve as guest speakers.

Other Educational Programs

- Medical student clerkships and electives
- Emergency Medicine Fellowship
- Pharmacy Residency
- Training site for Auburn University pharmacy students
- Residency in health care administration
- A variety of allied health students from local educational institutions rotate regularly to Brookwood Baptist Health for clinical experience.

Visa Information

Brookwood Baptist Health will consider only J-1 Visa applications sponsored by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). Generally, BBH will not sponsor H-1B Visa applications.

Important—Usmle

You should have completed USMLE Step II prior to beginning the residency program. If not successfully completed prior to the beginning of the residency program, then Step II (including the Clinical Skills Examination) must be successfully completed before completion of the first six months of residency training. Residents must register to take USMLE Step III prior to completion of the first year of residency training. Step III must be successfully completed before the resident will be renewed to continue beyond the second year of training. Individual residency programs may invoke more stringent requirements.

Additional Benefits:

- Discounted and free meals
- Free snacks & soft drinks
- Lab coat
- ATLS Course

Allowance:

- Book/Technology Funds
- Educational conferences
PGY 2-5 (with approval)

Surgery Membership & Benefit:

ACS, Score and Surgical Loupes for categorical residents



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General Surgery Residency Program

(NRMP #1903440C0 – Categorical Program & #1903440P0 – Preliminary Program)



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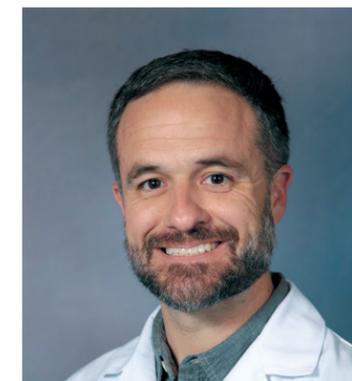
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Objective

To provide comprehensive training in surgery to prepare surgeons for independent practice or additional specialty training.

We strive to achieve excellence in patient care for a broad range of surgical conditions and to instill an academic mindset toward clinical practice and an appreciation of basic concepts of surgical research. We believe that optimal training of surgeons occurs in a collegial atmosphere, where patients and professional colleagues are treated with respect and sensitivity to their needs.

General Surgery Training options:

1. A five-year categorical program leading to the eligibility for examination by the American Board of Surgery.
2. A preliminary program offering preparation for further training in a surgical or related specialty.

The One-Year Preliminary Surgery Program (NRMP #1903440P0)

There are five positions in the first year for those seeking a firm base of general surgery experience before going on to training in their terminal residency program.

The preliminary program is designed to develop judgment, skill and knowledge in the management of problems in all fields of surgery. Typically, a resident will be assigned to rotate through 10 months of general surgery and two months of electives which are planned to meet the needs of each resident. Each resident is expected to participate in the program's research week activities.

Objectives

There are five categorical positions in the five year General Surgery program. Below is a breakdown of resident assignments.

First Three Years

- General Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Transplantation
- Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgery
- Anesthesiology
- Trauma Surgery
- Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery

Fourth Year

- Thoracic Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery including Endoscopy
- Trauma
- General Surgery

Some of these rotations might occur at other institutions like University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Children's Hospital of Alabama and DCH Health System in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Fifth Year

During this year, the chief resident is responsible for managing the staff services and the outpatient referral clinics at Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Grandview Medical Center along with managing several general surgical rotations.

Program Details

Throughout the training program, residents have close relationships with the clinical faculty in both general surgery and the surgical specialties. On several services, a preceptor style of instruction allows direct contact between junior residents and faculty members. Most of the preceptors are experienced teachers and are a valuable resource for the residents. On larger services, senior and junior residents work together in teams. As experience increases, residents are given increasing responsibility for management of patients.

We expect this graded responsibility to produce surgeons who are technically proficient, knowledgeable and highly competent in pre- and post-operative care, and are able to relate to patients in a compassionate, effective and responsible manner.

Training is provided primarily at Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Grandview Medical Center, which have a total of 877 beds. More than 16,000 major operations and 11,000 minor and ambulatory surgeries are performed each year. Each resident generally averages six-months at each facility. In addition to the chief resident's staff service at each hospital, residents are assigned to two or more private services depending on case loads and training requirements. Pediatric surgery experience is obtained at the Children's Hospital of Alabama. Transplantation and trauma experience is gained at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Trauma experience is also obtained at DCH Hospital located in Tuscaloosa, AL. A regular schedule of conferences and bedside teaching by experienced faculty members are regular parts of the weekly program. Basic science conferences are also held regularly throughout the year. The Brookwood Baptist Health (BBH) General Surgery Program adheres to ACGME duty hours policies.

Evaluation of residents is a continuing process, which includes reports from all preceptors, periodic reviews by the teaching faculty at each hospital, and evaluations during conferences and teaching rounds. Residents are counseled regularly. The American Board of Surgery in-training examination is given annually. Residents evaluate attending physicians and the clinical experience for ongoing program improvements.

Residents receive a rich, operative experience at Brookwood Baptist Health. Evidence of this is seen as residents enter their cases in the ACGME case log system. The graduating chiefs can expect to participate in more than 1100 cases throughout their five years

Meetings, Conferences, Reading, and Research

Each hospital conducts surgical conferences including morbidity and mortality conference and regular didactic teaching sessions. Additional conferences in medicine, pathology, radiology and pharmacology are held regularly at each hospital. Regular multidisciplinary conferences, such as tumor board, are also available.

Excellent library facilities available at both locations include computer access to literature searches and other online programs. Computers are designated for resident use at both hospitals. A supervised journal club meets regularly.

Residents are expected to complete a clinical or basic research project for publication. Hours for full-time research may be assigned, and limited funding is available. Numerous opportunities are available for successful completion of research projects within the time constraints of the residency program with assistance provided on an as-needed basis. Residents are encouraged to present their findings at local, regional or national meetings, and support is available for such presentations. Attendance at surgical meetings or courses may be available when approved by the program director.