



Established in 1932, the Surgical Residency at Akron City Hospital is the oldest accredited surgical program in Ohio. We offer the academics of a high-caliber university program in a community- based setting.

For early operative experience, Summa is the place. From day one, our residents have unique access to a high case volume – from the routine to complex. Summa residents quickly gain the technical skills and clinical judgment needed to become the primary surgeon.

Summa's residency program has a rich history with high standards of excellence in patient care, education and research. The General Surgery residency program accepts four categorical residents per year. The program also trains rotating residents from the specialties of OBGYN, Emergency Medicine, Orthopedics, Urology, and Family Practice, and supports a Minimally Invasive Fellowship program with one fellow per year.

With state-of-the-art technology, our residents get hands-on experience with tools such as the Xi da Vinci robot, Epic electronic medical records, and PACS medical imaging. And in our personal and highly respected program, residents learn from some of the brightest minds in the surgical profession – all with a passion for teaching.



Summa Health System - Akron Campus

General Surgery Residency Program

5 Year ACGME Program | 4 Residents per Year / 20 Residents | No Research Year

Program Advantages Include:

- 42 months in the essentials of general surgery
- Subspecialty rotations include: trauma, plastics, pediatric burn, transplant, thoracic, vascular, endoscopy, ENT, research, critical care, and Acute Care.
- Early operative experience in first year with progressive autonomy
- A university education in a community setting with opportunities for research and publication
- Laparoscopic skills training labs and clinical research facilities available on-site
- High volume hospital with a wide variety of surgical pathology
- Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery and Robotics Curriculum
- Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) training facility
- Level I Trauma Center
- Two “away” rotations within the Cleveland/Akron area for Pediatric burn and Transplant—No need to leave home!

Rotation Schedule:

Our curriculum is structured in accordance with the Residency Review Committee requirements.

- Residents rotate in the following categories over the course of residency:
- General Surgery (Breast, Endocrine, Advanced Laparoscopic/Bariatric, Colorectal, ENT, Hepatobiliary, and Acute Care surgery)
- Cardiothoracic
- Vascular
- Trauma/Critical Care
- Pediatric & Burn
- Plastics
- Research
- Transplant
- Night Float

Program / Hospital Perks:

- All surgery residents receive a yearly surgical textbook such as Sabiston, Schwartz, or Greenfield
- Surgical residents receive loupes within their first two months of residency
- All residents receive a monthly food stipend which can be used at any of the campus dining facilities including the cafeteria, Subway, Starbucks, Freshens Café, and Virtues Restaurant
- All residents receive free in-structure parking, three lab coats annually, and a subsidized gym membership to the YMCA
- Benefits for all Summa Employees include healthcare, vision, dental, 403B match, and life insurance

Work Hours / Call:

- Strict adherence to 80 hr work week
- Night float system – averaged 2 months per year
- Call 2-3 times per month
- Average day is 6AM-6PM
- 4 days off per month with at least 1 full weekend
- 3 weeks of vacation

Robotic Curriculum:

- Our 3 da Vinci Xi robots allows us to train and certify our Chief Residents in Robotic Surgery. Residents are exposed to robotic surgery during select general surgery rotations, and can earn a certificate during the curriculum.

Extracurricular Activities

- Intern Welcome Party
 - Department Holiday Party
 - End of year banquet
 - Summa Postgraduate Research Day
 - Sports games, white water rafting, family outings, Halloween party and other holiday events.
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