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.

One of the most appealing aspects of our general surgery residency is early operative experience. We have a high case volume and a broad range of cases, from the routine to the complex. Summa residents quickly gain the technical skills and clinical judgment needed to become a proficient surgeon.

The General Surgery residency program accepts four categorical residents per year. The program also trains rotating residents from the interrelated specialties of Emergency Medicine, Orthopedics, Urology, and Family Practice, and supports a Minimally Invasive Fellowship program with one fellow per year.

Summa Health System offers state-of-the-art technology such as Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE), PACS medical imaging, and innovative simulation labs. 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.

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General Surgery Fast Facts

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, pediatrics, transplant, thoracic, vascular, endoscopy, research and critical 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
- Only two “away” rotations within the Cleveland/Akron area—Pediatrics and Transplant—No need to leave home!

Rotations During Residency
A curriculum structured in accordance with the Residency Review Committee requirements, but with flexibility for electives to meet each resident’s educational needs.
Rotations over the course of residency include:
- General Surgery (Breast, Endocrine, Advanced Laparoscopic/Bariatric, Colorectal, and Hepatobiliary)
- Thoracic
- Vascular
- Trauma/Critical Care
- Chief Clinic Service—COMPAS
- Pediatric & Burn (Akron Children’s Hospital)
- Plastics
- Endoscopy
- Research
- Transplant (University Hospitals)
- Night Float

Program Benefits and Hospital Perks
- Yearly surgical textbook and online resource sites
- Educational money to help pay for conferences and other educational needs
- Travel expenses to present research at regional and national conferences
- Loupes as an intern
- Free meals, parking, lab coats, gym membership to the YMCA
- Health care, dental, 403B match, 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 vacation, 1 week conference

Chief Resident Clinic Experience
COMPAS—the Community Oriented Medical Professionals and Surgeons—was established as a private practice clinic for Chief residents with attending supervision. Residents see patients from initial visit though surgery and the post op period and make decisions on patient care with high level of autonomy. Residents learn the essentials of office management—coding, billing, and electronic medical records.

Robotic Curriculum
Our new da Vinci Xi robot will allow us to train and certify our Chief Residents in Robotic Surgery!

Extracurricular Activities
- Intern Welcome party
- Department Holiday Party
- End of the year banquet
- Summa Postgraduate Research Day
- Monthly activities through Summa Resident Council
- Sports games, white water rafting, family outings, Halloween party and other holiday events

Research
We strongly encourage research and have many opportunities for residents to become involved in research. Our Summa Center for Preclinical Research and Skills Training (PRST) hosts an array of skills programs and facilities including:
- Full Animal Wet lab and Computer-Aided Simulation lab
- Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) Mid-West Regional Training Site
- Intensive Trauma simulations
The PRST supports the development and conduct of applied surgical research projects and conducts preclinical research for both industry-sponsored and original research.

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