



Queen's
UNIVERSITY

GENERAL SURGERY

Department
of Surgery

Our program, along with our dedicated attending staff, is committed to the delivery of exceptional teaching, along with continuing involvement and support of our resident staff.



Overview

The General Surgery postgraduate education program is a five-year general surgery specific program that is fully accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The first two years of surgical residency are known as Surgical Foundations with Dr. Darrin Payne serving as the Program Director for these PGY 1 and 2 years. Dr. Diederick Jalink serves as the Program Director for the General Surgery Home Program.

The Division includes seventeen faculty members in Kingston, eight faculty members in Oshawa, and seventeen residents.

The program is currently based principally out of Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital, which are members of the Southeastern Ontario Health Sciences Centre. Lakeridge Health (Oshawa General Hospital) is now a formal component of our program with one clinical teaching unit in General Surgery. All Residents rotate through Oshawa during most years of their training.

The Division of General Surgery covers a broad range of general surgical subspecialty disciplines including colorectal and critical care, esophageal, hepatobiliary, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, and surgical oncology.

Rotations

The Surgical Foundations program (PGY 1 and 2 years) includes residents from general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and urology. It consists of a small group of residents, usually 8-12 per year in total, making for a close working relationship. There are no training residents or Fellows on the cardiovascular surgery, neurosurgery, or plastic surgery services. This allows for direct interaction with staff and an exceptional surgical experience.

In the PGY 1 year residents enjoy five blocks on general surgery (one block in Oshawa), two blocks on cardiovascular surgery, and one block on each of neurosurgery, urology, emergency medicine, and ICU. In the PGY 2 year residents enjoy six blocks on general surgery (two blocks in Oshawa), two blocks on each of cardiovascular surgery and plastic surgery, two blocks on ICU, and one block of elective time. Thoracic surgery and head and neck surgery are included in the general surgical clinical teaching units.

The PGY 3 year is spent in gastroenterology (1 block) as well as general surgery (twelve blocks). The PGY 4 year includes electives (four blocks), general surgery (five blocks), and the first three blocks of the Chief Year. The PGY 4 year is very flexible with regard to the former elective blocks. The Chief Resident year spans April to March. April to June of the PGY 5 year is used for ambulatory clinics, outpatient surgery, Pathology, and study time!



On-Call Duties

During the PGY 1 and 2 years residents do in-house call, no more than one in four nights with post call day relief of duties in accordance with the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO) agreement.

During the PGY 3, 4, and 5 years, the call is out of hospital. It is no more than one in three nights with post call day relief of duties in accordance with the PARO agreement. There is reduced call responsibilities during the final three blocks of training.

Electives

PGY 2 year = one block

PGY 4 year = four blocks





Research

The Division of General Surgery is actively involved in both clinical and basic science research by both Faculty and Staff. Residents are expected to be involved in research throughout their residency, and to complete, write up, and present at least one research project. The projects are to be presented at the Annual Department of Surgery Resident Research Day. It is a full day of presentations with a visiting professor and a reception in the evening.

In addition, the Division supports the research initiatives of its residents in several ways, one of which is the funding of up to \$1500 per meeting when presenting peer reviewed research projects. We also provide up to \$1500/yr to attend one educational meeting in the Foundation years, one meeting per year in years three and four, and two meetings in the fifth year.

Our Resident Focus

Our residents enjoy a small and cohesive program that emphasizes a comprehensive approach to General Surgery. Repeated and close exposure to staff at all levels of training facilitates a good working relationship between residents and faculty, and ultimately an exceptional learning experience.

We hope you will consider joining our team.





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