THE CURRICULUM

In addition to patient care, formal rounds, conferences, basic science lectures and journal clubs, bio-skills sessions will augment your education. Teaching other residents and medical students is also an integral part of your academic experience. Upon completion of the five-year curriculum, you will be a confident general surgeon ready for practice or further education in a subspecialty fellowship.

During your intern year, more than half of the rotations are spent on the academic General Surgery services at either Borgess Medical Center or Bronson Methodist Hospital. The remaining rotations provide you with a comprehensive foundation of knowledge important for further surgical study.

As the categorical track continues, you will take rotations that provide exposure to all of the essential elements of general surgery and its subspecialties. During the mid-level years, a wide range of electives is available in order to supplement experience in your areas of interest. The fifth year is dedicated to general surgery, with significant clinical and administrative responsibilities.

During your course of study, you will be encouraged to participate in ongoing research studies conducted by the faculty. Additionally, we have a dedicated research coordinator on-site to help facilitate research projects.

CONFERENCES

Several lecture series and formal rounds provide you with advanced education in the basic and clinical sciences fundamental to the practice of general surgery.

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*Simulation, Ultrasound and BioSkills Lab occurs one Thursday each month in lieu of conferences.
THE APPLICATION PROCESS
We accept applications through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). Completed applications are reviewed by our recruitment committee for interview selection and must include the following items:

- ERAS application
- Medical school transcript
- USMLE score reports
- Dean's letter
- Letters of recommendation (3)

The application deadline for the academic year is December 1. Because we offer a limited number of interview slots, we encourage students to apply early. Applicants selected to interview will be contacted by the Residency Program Coordinator for General Surgery. Our website—www.med.wmich.edu—offers more information regarding minimum requirements for applicants.

THE INTERVIEW
Interviews are held on selected Saturdays in November, December, and January.

Our interview day begins with a breakfast and introduction to WMed and the Kalamazoo community. Throughout the day, applicants interview with the program director and faculty, meet and have lunch with the residents, and tour Borgess Medical Center and/or Bronson Methodist Hospital.

From experience with our own medical students, we know that budgets can be limited. To help offset some of your interviewing expenses, WMed is pleased to provide overnight hotel accommodations and some meals during your visit.

We think you will agree that Kalamazoo is a great place to live, and that WMed is a great place to learn. We look forward to hearing from you!

THE RESIDENTS
We are proud of our residents and could only characterize them as excellent. As individuals, they are unique. As a team, they are strong. What they all have in common is the desire and ability to become highly qualified general surgeons. Because our residents come from diverse backgrounds with many talents and interests, they have much to offer one another and add richness to our program. We value having a complement of residents who work well together both as professionals and as peers.
THE FACULTY

Our full-time general surgery faculty members are highly experienced teaching physicians with years of combined clinical and educational experience at various institutions, including the University of Illinois, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center and UCLA. You will come to know these faculty well and enjoy one-on-one interaction with them as one of only 16 residents.

You will also benefit from close working relationships with practicing surgeons in the community. These clinical faculty represent experience from more than a dozen different training centers across the US and Canada. All eagerly impart their rich backgrounds to the program.

In addition to the full-time and voluntary general surgeons, several local specialists who are boarded in their fields provide rotations in colorectal surgery, neurosurgery, plastic surgery (burns), thoracic surgery, and urology.

With the depth and variety of surgeons and specialists in Kalamazoo, the mid-sized community is able to offer quality programs normally found only in the largest metropolitan areas: a burn unit, Level I trauma care, open heart surgery, and laparoscopic surgery.

For 2012–2014, the WMed residency programs are affiliated with Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and our employed faculty are dually appointed.

THE COMMUNITY FACULTY

**General Surgery**
Phillip Borozan, MD  
John Collins, MD  
Mark Dittenbir, MD  
Maria House, MD  
Richard Jefson, MD  
Konrads Lubavs, MD  
James McLaren, MD  
Sean O’Brien, MD  
Thomas Rois, MD  
Mark Tagett, MD  
Kibwe Weaver, MD

**Colorectal Surgery**
Sridhar Chalasani, MD  
Michael Chen, MD

**Endoscopy**
Brij Dewan, MD

**Gynecology Oncology**
Anna Hoekstra, MD

**Neurosurgery**
R. Harris Russo, MD

**Orthopaedic Surgery**
Josephi Chess, MD  
Dale Rowe, MD  
Vani Sabesan, MD

**Pediatric Surgery**
Marc Downing, MD  
Michael Leinwand, MD

**Plastic/Burn**
Raghu Elluru, MD  
Scott Holley, MD  
Steven Nitsch, MD

**Thoracic Surgery**
Alphonse DeLucia III, MD  
Michael Halpin, MD

**Transplant**
Marwan Abouljoud, MD

**Trauma**
Paul Blostein, MD  
Scott Davidson, MD  
Michael Fiorucci, MD  
Robert Gilmore, MD  
James Kraatz, MD  
Sheldon Maltz, MD  
Fresca Swaniker, MD  
Jon Walsh, MD

**Vascular**
Krishna Jain, MD  
Daniel Johnston, MD  
John Munn, MD  
Mark Rummel, MD  
Sarat Vaddineni, MD