General Surgery Residency

Central Michigan University’s (CMU) College of Medicine offers a General Surgery Residency that provides high-achieving physicians with top-quality training for a rewarding career in a variety of surgical fields. Key to the residency is a team of experienced faculty with a distinguished record of patient care and teaching excellence. CMU has assembled an impressive group of leading surgeons to guide residents in developing their skills, while experiencing a rich diversity of treatment environments.

Residents serve at two principal hospitals in Saginaw, Michigan: Covenant HealthCare and Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital, which serve as the primary referral centers for most complex medical care in Michigan’s Great Lakes Bay Region. The General Surgery Residency is a challenging and rewarding environment, allowing residents to hone a broad set of advanced capabilities. Professional growth is aided by a new 46,000-square-foot CMU College of Medicine educational building on the Covenant campus, providing residents with classrooms, labs, training spaces, and a medical library.

Why Choose CMU

• Dedicated team of surgical faculty
• Early operative exposure
• Progressive clinical responsibility
• Extensive research and publishing opportunities
• On-site College of Medicine educational building, offering classrooms, labs, training spaces, and a medical library

Outstanding Faculty, Facilities Drive Excellence

Program Highlights

• 5-year categorical program
• Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
• Guided by a model of distributed community-engaged medical education, with hospital partnerships serving as clinical affiliate sites
• 2 principal hospitals, Covenant HealthCare and Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital, serve as the primary referral centers for most complex medical care in Michigan’s Great Lakes Bay Region
• Residents receive extensive operative exposure early in the program, with progressive clinical responsibility

Our Residents

• Take an active role in the interview process and selection of incoming residency class
• Advocate for patients and access to quality care
• Experience a multicultural environment and diverse backgrounds
• Support each other’s wellness

Our Faculty

• Broad range of board-certified specialties, including general surgery, surgical and breast oncology, colon and rectal surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical critical care
• Additional experience and specialty interests in laparoscopic surgery, endocrine surgery, microsurgery, robotic surgery, and other areas
• Hold licenses to practice in 7 different states

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Residency Programs

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
Medical school graduates pursuing an exceptional residency program choose Central Michigan University (CMU) College of Medicine, which offers training for more than 120 resident physicians in seven specialties and two advanced fellowships. The College trains 104 students per class, with the first two years on campus in Mount Pleasant and the clinical years in Saginaw, Michigan.

Our residency programs are fully aligned and committed to serving the underserved and addressing Michigan's most pressing public health concerns. Residency programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) with Podiatric Medicine and Surgery accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME).

CMU offers personalized education focused on the resident, often with one-on-one learner-to-faculty interaction. The high patient-to-learner ratio in Saginaw enables quality learning in a real-world setting.

Residency Programs
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Podiatric Medicine & Surgery
- Psychiatry

Fellowships
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Emergency Medical Services

Simulation Center
Residents experience hands-on patient care through our Medical Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art facility of more than 10,000 sq. ft. Residency programs have monthly simulation sessions with standardized patients, high fidelity manikins, virtual reality and robotic surgery, clinical skills training, and specialized scenarios.

OUR TRAINING COMMUNITY
- 50-year legacy, established in 1968
- Highly respected program directors and staff
- 56,000 CMU Health clinic patient visits annually
- More than 120,000 Emergency Department visits at partner hospitals
- 2 primary institutions: Covenant HealthCare and Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital
- Free-standing psychiatric hospital
- Large outpatient Veterans Affairs facility

OUR COMMUNITY
Residents love the beautiful Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan for its abundance of lakes and rivers, lush foliage, and centralized location. A residency through the CMU College of Medicine also offers:
- A friendly, caring faculty and resident culture
- Health care hub featuring ambulatory and hospital settings
- Medium-sized city within a friendly community
- Low cost of living and ample housing with an easy commute
- Vibrant local attractions and outdoor activities for a high quality of life

Graduate Medical Education Leadership
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