

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program

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The Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is a collaborative effort between RCRMC, OPTI-West and Western University/COMP and was created in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) "Accreditation Document for Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (OPTI) and the Basic Document for Postdoctoral Training Programs" and the "Basic Standards for Residency Training in Orthopaedic Surgery." These documents can be found on the AOA website, <http://www.DO-Online.org>.

The residency program is four years in length beginning with the OGME-2 (PGY-2) level. The program is designed to provide residents a thorough grounding in fundamental knowledge of orthopaedic surgery, as well as to develop diagnostic and therapeutic judgment along with the requisite surgical skills needed to practice medicine and surgery. The program is currently approved and funded for eight positions, with two of these positions being filled each academic year.

As a regional Level II adult and pediatric trauma center covering a large geographic area, RCRMC affords our residents exposure to a wide variety of orthopaedic injuries, disorders and diseases and provides ample opportunities for participation in the operating room, even during the OGME-2 year. The outpatient clinic experience is also quite varied with specialty clinics in pediatrics, hand/upper extremity, spine, total joint and sports medicine.

Resident Selection Criteria and Application Process

The method of selection of residents for the RCRMC Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is as follows:

- Applicants will apply for both the RCRMC Traditional Rotating Internship Program and the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program at the same time utilizing ERAS (only one application is needed). Two of the internship positions are reserved specifically for candidates for the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Selection Committee consisting of the Program Director, Residency Coordinator and selected faculty members.
- The Resident Selection Committee shall make a determination of which applicants will be selected to participate in interviews.
- A personal interview shall be conducted with the selected candidates and the Resident Selection Committee.
- A recommendation for appointment of a candidate shall be made to the Osteopathic Director of Medical Education and to RCRMC Administration.
- The Osteopathic Director of Medical Education shall notify the candidate when his/her appointment is confirmed.
- Candidates shall be notified that the appointment is subject to annual renewal for the term of the residency program.

To receive credit for the AOA-approved RCRMC Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program, candidates shall:

- Have graduated from an AOA-accredited college of osteopathic medicine and be and remain members in good standing of the AOA.

- Have successfully completed COMLEX-USA Level 1 and COMLEX-USA Level 2 examinations and, by the end of their second year of post-graduate medical education, have taken COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination and obtained a license to practice medicine in the state of California.
- Participate in the AOA Intern Resident Registration Program (IRRP).
- Sign a resident contract and train with RCRMC.
- Have satisfactorily completed an AOA-approved internship program
- Candidates will negotiate directly with the RCRMC Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program
- Admission to the RCRMC Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program shall not be influenced by race, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Candidates selected for the RCRMC Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program will be employees of Riverside County and as such must meet all Riverside County employment requirements. These requirements include a pre-employment physical, including drug screening, and a Department of Justice background check.

Staffing

The program is staffed by the following board certified or board eligible orthopaedic surgeons – the majority of which are fellowship trained in specialties such as total joint surgery, trauma, pediatric orthopaedics, sports medicine, hand/upper extremity surgery and spine surgery:

Wade Faerber, DO (Sports Medicine), Department Chair & Residency Program Director
 David Siambanes, DO (Spine Surgery) Department Vice Chair

Kamran Aflatoon, DO (Orthopaedic Oncology)
 Roy Caputo, MD (Hand / Upper Extremity)
 Rolf Drinhaus, MD (Total Joint Surgery)
 Thomas Haider, MD (Sports Surgery)
 Thomas Jackson, MD (Spine Surgery)
 Scott Nelson, MD (Pediatric Orthopaedics)
 Eskild Reinhold, MD
 Jose Reyna, MD (Spine Surgery)
 Stuart Shapiro, DO (Sports Medicine)
 Gregory Tennant, DO (Trauma Surgery)
 Brian Yost, DO

Schedule

The entire OGME-2 and OGME-3 years are spent at RCRMC. During the OGME-4 year each resident spends six months at Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) obtaining additional specialized training in pediatric orthopaedics. Residents also participate in a three month rotation in total joint surgery at Kaiser Permanente during their OGME-5 year.

The following regularly-scheduled conferences are held weekly and attendance is mandatory:

Monday	7-9 am	Multidisciplinary Patient Care / X-Ray Conference
Monday	4:30-6:30 pm	Topic Lectures / Cadaver Workshop / OMM/OMT Lecture
Tuesday	6:30-7:30 am	Grand Rounds
Wednesday	7-9 am	Text Review
Friday	7-9 am	Indications Conference / Morbidity & Mortality Review

Additionally, a Journal Club is held once a month on a Wednesday evening and additional evening Grand Rounds Lectures are held six times a year, also on a Wednesday evening. In addition to the mandatory conferences described above, the hospital offers a wide variety of educational conferences and lectures throughout the month and residents are encouraged to attend those of interest to them as their schedules and rotation supervisors allow.

The program supports and enforces adherence to the AOA policy on resident work hours and, for this reason, residents work no more than 80 hours per week, are on call no more than every third night (usually less frequently), no more than two weekends in the month and are required to leave no later than noon on their post-call day. During the OGME-2 year call is taken in-house and call rooms with a bed, shower, telephone and computer are provided for this purpose. During the remaining three years the residents may take call from home provided they live within a 30 minute drive of the hospital.

Core Competencies

The Residency Program has incorporated the seven core competencies set forth by the AOA. As mandated by the AOA, each core competency will be measured and mastered. These measured "Core Competencies" are: Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Philosophy and Practice; Medical Knowledge; Patient Care; Interpersonal and Communication Skills; Professionalism; Practice-based Learning and Improvement; and, Systems-Based Practice.