

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency/Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Program Overview

Our Orthopaedic Surgery Residency is a five-year program, beginning with the PGY-1 level, with three positions at each level. Our program is fast-paced & provides comprehensive training in adult & pediatric orthopaedic surgery. Orthopaedic residents are integral parts of Erlanger's Level I Adult & Pediatric Trauma Centers, & Erlanger's Orthopaedic Institute. A one-year orthopaedic trauma fellowship is available with emphasis on pelvic & periarticular fractures.

Clinical Training

Rotations at the PGY-1 level include four months of surgery (including Trauma Surgery), six months of orthopaedics, & two months of other rotations consistent with directives from the Residency Review Committee.

The remaining four years provide clinical orthopaedic training in subspecialty areas:

- Arthroplasty
- Foot and Ankle Surgery
- Hand Surgery
- Musculoskeletal Oncology
- Pediatric Orthopaedics
- Shoulder Surgery
- Spine Surgery
- Sports Medicine
- Ortho Trauma Surgery

The institution has a surgical skills lab where basic surgical skills are taught & practiced during the PGY-1 level. Cadaver anatomy sessions are held in the lab. The Skills Lab has been expanded to include a state-of-the-art simulation lab.

The Department has its own library as well as a four-station arthroscopic technical skills/research lab, including an MTS Mini Bionix biomechanical testing system.



Didactic & basic science elements of the program include:

- Five hours of conferences per week
- Monthly journal club
- Attendance at courses in trauma, musculoskeletal pathology, and basics in arthroplasty.
- Chief residents attend the annual AAOS meeting and an orthopaedic review course.
- An Institutional Core Curriculum has been developed for Education in issues that affect all residents.

Program Leadership

Professor & Chair: Jeremy Bruce, MD

Professor & Program Director: Dirk Kiner, MD

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We invite you to consider our residency & contact us regarding our interview schedule. We accept applications only through the Electronic Residency Application (ERAS) of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).



Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery Fellowship

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

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The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery sponsors a one-year, OTA-accredited Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery Fellowship for residents who have graduated from an accredited Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program.

The Fellowship is funded at the PGY-6 level. The Fellow is a University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga employee with University resident benefits.

The primary training site is the Erlanger and its Orthopaedic Institute, including both the adult and pediatric components, Erlanger Baroness Campus and Children's Hospital at Erlanger. Erlanger and Children's have been designated as Level I Trauma Centers, serving a catchment area between Nashville and Knoxville to the north and Birmingham and Atlanta to the South.



The program emphasizes pelvic and periarticular fractures, with the Fellow being an integral part of the health care team.

The institution has a multidisciplinary Surgical Skills and Simulation Lab. Cadaver anatomy sessions are also held in the lab for the Orthopaedic Surgery residents. The Skills Lab has been expanded to include a state-of-the-art simulation lab. In addition to the Erlanger Medical Library, The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery has its own library as well as a four-station arthroscopic/technical skills lab which includes a MTS Mini Bionix testing system.

Applications for the Fellowship may be submitted via the San Francisco Match.

