



# GENERAL SURGERY

RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

*Living My Love  
of Medicine*

# DISCOVER THE GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

The General Surgery Residency programme offers you a structured, rigorous and seamless five-year clinical training programme, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education International LLC (ACGME-I). This programme aims to provide you with the best surgical training as you prepare for a surgical career either as Clinician, Clinician-Educator or Clinician-Researcher.

SingHealth is equipped with a long tradition of medical education with a talented pool of experienced Faculty who are leading experts in their fields and are dedicated to your surgical education. If you enjoy problem-solving, working with your hands and making decisions in a dynamic environment, if you have an inquiring mind and are a team player with professionalism and drive, and a passion for surgery, general surgery may be the right specialty for you.

Our curriculum is designed to equip you with the medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes to become proficient general surgeons. This is achieved through an optimal mix of clinical teaching, didactic lectures, simulation practice, conferences and research opportunities. Throughout your Residency, there will be appropriate supervision, formative assessment and personalised mentoring to ensure that you progress in your training to manage patients with progressive responsibility and independence.



## YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Our Residency is a structured, rigorous five-year clinical training programme that is accredited by ACGME-I. The training sites are located at various SingHealth institutions. The curriculum is designed to equip you with the medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes to become proficient general surgeons.

It is a rewarding learning journey alongside seniors and mentors. You will function as an integral member of the healthcare team and participate in ward rounds, specialist outpatient clinics, as well as major and day surgery. Throughout your Residency, there will be appropriate supervision, formative assessment and personalised mentoring. This ensures that you develop fully as you train to manage patients with progressive responsibility and independence.

**WIDEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE CASE-MIX IN SINGAPORE**  
As the nation's largest public healthcare cluster, SingHealth performs an aggregate of 200,000 surgical operations annually. You will gain exposure to a high volume of cases, including many complex ones. By doing rotations at various

SingHealth institutions, you are exposed to an unparalleled case-mix. The tremendous breadth and depth of clinical and operative experience will make you a better surgeon.

### EMINENT AND DEDICATED FACULTY

We have a talented pool of Faculty who are recognised leaders in the surgical field and have published and lectured extensively. Passionate about grooming the next generation of surgeons, they demonstrate a high commitment to medical and academic excellence.

### FOCUSED GRADUATE TRAINING

With competency-based, structured assessment, and regular, timely feedback by mentors on your progress, you will be able to train effectively. We provide you with a graduated increase in responsibilities for clinical work – from observing and assisting to supervised performance and finally, to independent practice observed by your supervisor.

### CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You can look forward to various clinical and basic science research opportunities that develop your scientific inquiry skills which will complement clinical work, and eventually translate results from bench-to-bedside.

## YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS & DEVELOPMENT

Our Residency Programme will prepare you for the practice of clinical general surgery or further surgical subspecialty training. On completion of the Residency Programme, you are qualified to sit for the national exit exam in General Surgery. You may then be able to practice General Surgery, or enter into a fellowship programme for subspecialty training in Vascular Surgery, Breast Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Trauma Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Upper Gastro- Intestinal Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Hepatobiliary/Pancreatic Surgery, or Paediatric Surgery. All of this subspecialty training is offered by SingHealth, ensuring your development into a master Surgeon.

## A WEALTH OF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Apart from clinical training, you will sharpen your skills in biostatistics and research methodology. Our high case volume and wide variety will provide ample opportunities for you to undertake interesting and important clinical research. You are expected to complete at least one clinical research project and publish it in a peer-reviewed journal. Our Residency programme also offers a Clinician Scientist (CS) Residency track, which allows Residents to dedicate an additional one to three years for further basic or clinical research.

Residents on the CS track will need to complete at least the Master in Clinical Investigation (MCI) degree. Interested Residents can also elect to do a PhD. There are a myriad of opportunities for research in the various SingHealth institutions as well as Duke-NUS Medical School. Enjoy the opportunities to pursue dynamic research collaborations with other local and overseas institutions.



## HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS

“ Training in the largest healthcare cluster in Singapore provides me exposure that is unmatched by any other institution. My learning experience has been great so far – hard work, high expectations; but plenty of learning opportunities with guidance from senior Faculty.

**DR LIN WEN JIE**  
General Surgery Resident, Year 2018

“ The volume and spectrum of cases is substantial in SingHealth. This is important as General Surgery is a discipline where we need the volume of cases so that we can practice to sharpen our skills. And if our interest is in research, we will get the needed support and guidance from our mentors to pursue it. In a way, we have the best of both worlds here.

**DR WINSON TAN**  
General Surgery Residency Alumnus, Year 2015



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