

Podiatric Medicine & Surgery



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INTRODUCTION

An 772-bed Level II trauma center hospital (affiliated with Wayne State University) and is located in Detroit, Michigan. St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJHMC) has a 1300+ member medical staff and 50 medical and surgical specialties. SJHMC offers residency and fellowship training in more than 13 programs and is a member of Ascension Health.

The residency program is fully approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency with the added credential in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery, capable of training 4 residents per program year, for a total of 12 residents. The program is affiliated with multiple training sites in order to provide the resident experiences in podiatric surgery and other medical and surgical disciplines.

By the completion of the podiatric surgical training experiences the resident will be competent in the performance of all types of foot surgery including reconstructive foot and ankle surgery inclusive of major tarsal and ankle arthrodeses, osteotomies, Charcot reconstruction, fracture repair, and soft tissue repair. The resident will have been exposed to numerous types of internal / external fixatives including Ilizarov and hybrid type frames. Emphasis during year three is placed on reconstructive foot and ankle surgery inclusive of surgical management of traumatology.

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CURRICULUM

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Podiatric Surgery (2 months)	Podiatric Surgery (8 months)	Advanced Training in Podiatric Surgery (8 months)
Podiatric Surgical Clinic (3 months)	Emergency Medicine (non-lower extremity) (1 month)	Trauma Surgery (1 month)
Emergency Department & Management of Podiatric Inpatients (3 months)	Vascular Surgery (1 month)	Musculoskeletal Oncology (1 month)
General Surgery (1 month)	Anesthesiology (1 month)	Plastic Surgery (1 month)
Radiology (1 month)	Infectious Disease (2 weeks)	Psychiatry (1 week)
Infectious Disease (2 weeks)	Endocrinology (2 weeks)	Neurology (3 weeks)
Pathology (2 weeks)		
Family Medicine (1 month)		

In year one, the resident assigned to the Podiatric Surgical Clinic will also participate in podiatric surgery Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

Inpatient coverage also includes coverage of the Emergency Medicine Department and Wound Care Clinic on Monday afternoon.

In year three, the resident will participate in private podiatric office rotations.

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SURGICAL VOLUME

Residents enrolled in the residency program from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 achieved on average the following procedures at the 1st Assistant Level Activity.

- Digital Surgery: **198**
- First Ray Procedures: **151**
- Other Soft Tissue Foot Surgery Procedures: **101**
- Other Osseous Foot Surgery Procedures: **87**
- Reconstructive Rear Foot and Ankle Procedures: **112**

CALL SCHEDULE

During year one of training, the resident will be on call one weekend per month. In year two, the resident will be on call one week per month and in year three; the resident is not on call. All call will be by pager. During the times when the resident is on call, he/she is responsible for inpatient management of podiatric medical and surgical patients and is responsible to respond to the Emergency Department when patients present with lower extremity pathologies.

DIDACTICS

Didactic experiences occur on a weekly basis by means of lectures, radiology conferences and workshops. These didactic activities are used to supplement the curriculum and are provided by the podiatric and medical faculty members involved in the training program.

A monthly Journal Club consisting of resident and faculty participation occurs at which time recent publications are reviewed and critiqued.

The residents receive exposure to cadaveric anatomical dissections to augment their knowledge in lower extremity anatomy and to demonstrate and perform foot and ankle surgical procedures.

The residents also participate in monthly clinical case presentations, during which they are able to present cases that they have participated in and the outcomes that resulted.

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