

**ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY RESIDENCY
PROGRAM GUIDELINES
(Revised 6/2009)**

Residency Program Personnel

◆ Chair	Thomas W. Currey, MD
◆ Program Director	W. Michael Tew, MD
◆ Residency Program Coordinator	Donna Gibson
◆ Orthopaedic Physician Assistant	Janet Johnson, RN, OPA
◆ Director of Orthopaedic Research	Joe Rudd, RN, PhD
◆ Director of Orthopaedic Arthroscopic Skills & Biomechanical Lab	Bain Ervin
◆ Orthopaedic Research Assistant	Elaine Pugh
◆ Receptionist/Program Secretary	Renee Crouch
◆ Conference Coordinator / Librarian	Misty Swafford

The Department and Chairman's academic office is located in the Erlanger Medical Center Professional Office Building, Suite B-202.

Call Schedule

The call responsibilities for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery averages every sixth night for PGY2 – 5.

Residents not on call on a given day may leave after 4:30 PM, providing all required or expected duties have been completed.

Daily Schedule

Residents are responsible for patients on their respective services and must make rounds and see those patients prior to conferences and required surgery and clinic duties. Residents are required to attend weekly conferences.

Weekly Conference Schedule

<i>Grand Rounds</i>	Monday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Oncology Conference Room – Ground Floor
<i>Pediatric Curriculum</i>	Every 2 nd Tuesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Case Presentations</i>	Every 5 th Tuesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Arthroplasty Curriculum</i>	Every 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>M & M Conference</i>	Every 4 th Tuesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Trauma Curriculum</i>	Every 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Sports Medicine Curriculum</i>	Every 2 nd & 5 th Wednesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Sports Grand Rounds</i>	Every 4 th Wednesday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Chattanooga Lifestyle Center
<i>Hand Curriculum</i>	Every 3 rd Thursday	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Spine Curriculum</i>	2 nd Thursday Every other mo.	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB
<i>Basic Science / Misc. Conferences & labs</i>	All other Thursdays	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Orthopaedic Library – 2 nd Floor POB

Resident Operative Experience

This is important for program accreditation. Details about resident responsibilities in maintaining, coding, etc will be discussed as residents begin the program.

Vacation

Each resident is granted two weeks vacation annually with specific dates requiring prior approval. One week may be taken in the first six months and the second week may be taken during the last six months. No vacation is allowed

during the last week of June, first two weeks of July and week of OITE. Absences during Christmas / New Years weeks are decided by mutual consent **NOT** to exceed one week. PGY-4 and PGY-5 have one additional week of discretionary time, primarily to pursue practice or fellowship opportunities. Requests should be submitted to the chief residents on the appropriate forms and are maintained by the Residency Coordinator in her office.

Sick Leave

Residents may be paid for up to 21 sick days per year. If a resident is ill, he/she must notify the Chief Resident of the service which he/she is assigned as soon as possible (preferably the night before), but no later than 7:45 AM in the morning of the illness. The resident should also contact the program coordinator's office at extension 9202 by 9:00 AM that morning to report the illness as well.

Holidays

Orthopaedic Residents are granted the following holidays except those with on-call duties:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving (2 days)
- Christmas Day

Educational Conference /Book Funds

Residents are granted conference leave as authorized by the Chair. Residents will be reimbursed for approved expenses. Arrangements for conference attendance must be made according to the protocols of the Orthopaedic Department. A resident seeking approval to attend a conference should notify the program coordinator in order that the appropriate forms can be completed and submitted to the chair for approval. A copy of the conference brochure should also be submitted at that time. All travel is subject to the University of Tennessee and hospital policies and procedures. Erlanger reimburses resident conference/travel expenses as well as educational books up to a combined annual total of \$1,500 PGY 3-5, \$1,000 PGY 2 and \$500 PGY 1 in accordance with UT Travel and Reimbursement Guidelines and with original receipts. Original receipts must be submitted from the department within 30 days of the conference or purchase. Also, since the institution requires that residents pass USMLE Step 3 before promoting to the PGY-3 level, Erlanger will reimburse the examination fee (one-time) as part of the annual maximum.

Special Note about Book Reimbursement

The Department staff will assist residents with ordering educational books. The amount of the book order must be paid prior to the books being received by the resident or receiving reimbursement. Books should be ordered and paid for in the resident's name. Within 30 days of receiving the books, original receipts and packing slips should be submitted by the resident to the Residency Coordinator. She will prepare a check request for reimbursement and submit it to the Office of Medical Education for approvals and submission to Erlanger accounting. Allow three weeks for processing. Unused educational reimbursement at the end of June cannot be carried over to the next year.

Research Activities

Each resident will design, implement and complete at least one research project during the residency, written in publishable form and submitted to and approved by the chairman of the research committee by December 31 of the PGY 5 year. Additionally, the research project will be presented at a Monday morning grand rounds conference. Residents will have four weeks of dedicated Research at PGY 3 and four weeks at PGY 4. Additional time for work on specific projects is to be determined by agreement with the rotation chief.

Residents are encouraged to submit an abstract for a research study or case study for the annual Resident Research Week.