

University of Toronto, Division of General Surgery Residency Training Program

Visiting Residents Policy

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Residents from outside Universities may request elective rotations at the University of Toronto teaching hospitals in order to take advantage of the broad range of clinical activities, work with specific faculty members, and gain exposure to fellowship programs.

The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures and policy for arranging visiting electives for non UofT General Surgery residents, and to clarify the role of visiting residents during UofT rotations.

Please know that it is in your best interest to begin preparing for your elective well in advance. It can take between 3-6 months to complete all required documents and arrangements.

It is the Division of General Surgery Residency Training Program's priority, to ensure that the integrity of the educational program is preserved for UofT residents, and that residents from outside institutions do not compromise the clinical and educational experience of UofT residents.

All visiting residents must do the following, regardless of their proposed clinical supervisor:

- Have their elective approved by email or in writing by the General Surgery Division Chief at the institution they wish to visit.
- Have their elective approved by email or in writing by the Division of General Surgery Residency Program Director (Savtaj.Brar@sinaihealth.ca)
- Once electives have been approved by the Division Chief and Program Director, residents must arrange the elective with the UofT Post Graduate Medical Education Office, who can assist with regards to licensure, insurance, call stipends etc. <https://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-elective-training/>

It should be understood that UofT residents are given priority for all learning opportunities including but not limited to operating room experiences, clinic experiences, on call experiences, teaching sessions and seminars.

The number of elective residents that each Division can accept will vary based on the number of UofT residents rotating there during the planned elective time. Approval for visiting resident electives will be contingent on maintaining appropriate staffing levels at proposed sites.

Visiting residents may take junior or senior call (*regardless of their PGY year*), at the discretion of the chief resident and division chief at the institution they wish to visit.