

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 clinical activity, 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 University of Toronto residents.

Regardless of who will be the resident's clinical supervisor during their visiting elective, all visiting residents must:

- 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 (ahmedn@smh.ca)
- Once electives have been approved by the Division Chief and Program Director, the Department of Surgery Post Graduate Education office must be contacted to oversee issues related to licensure, insurance, call stipends etc.

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.

Each Division can generally accept no more than one elective general surgery resident in any given time period, unless their usual compliment of UofT residents is decreased. This decision should be made on a first come first serve basis.

Visiting residents may take call, but only in the event that each UofT resident has achieved 5 calls per month (*for University of Toronto residents not taking vacation*).

Visiting residents may take junior or senior call (*regardless of their PGY year*), and this matter is to the discretion of the chief resident and division chief.