

Marshall Community Health Consortium (MCHC) – Rural General Surgery Residency Program

The MCHC was established in 2014 through the collaborative efforts of the Marshall University School of Medicine (MUSOM), Marshall Health, Valley Health Systems (VHS), and Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) and seeks to foster and promote the development of community-based rural residency programs. The Consortium's traditional 5-year Rural General Surgery Residency Program was established in 2022 and is nation's first officially designated, separately accredited ACGME Rural Track Program in Surgery, and across all specialties. The program's initial accreditation included approval for three categorical residents per year and a total complement of fifteen.

The focus and mission of the program is to train residents who provide world-class, patient-centric surgical care, have the capability to positively affect medical advances in the rural community with research, effectively educate trainees, colleagues, and patients, behave ethically and professionally, and aspire to lifelong learning and continuous quality improvement in an autonomous rural practice.

Logan Regional Medical Center, a 132-bed acute care facility and Level IV trauma center located in scenic Logan, WV, serves as the primary teaching hospital for the program. Residents will complete over 50 percent of their training and core general surgery rotations at this site. Rural General Surgery residents will participate in didactics and conferences alongside residents from our sister program, Marshall Health's General Surgery Residency. While in Logan residents will continue to engage with their peers at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV via video conferencing.

Additional participating sites where residents will complete subspecialty rotations include Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV and University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington, KY. These rotations include Breast, Burn/Plastics, Endoscopy, Oncology, Pediatrics, SICU, Trauma, Vascular, Transplant, and Elective opportunities during PGY-5.

The nature of the program and sponsoring institution affords residents support through a variety of sources. Existing services and facilities through the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Office of Graduate Medical Education, such as rural health research grants, grant writing assistance, and wellness resources, are available to rural general surgery residents along with newly renovated facilities at the Department of Surgery's satellite location in Logan, WV. Residents will have access to a fully equipped simulation lab in the Department of Surgery facilities at the Marshall University Medical Center and in the Logan, WV office. The program also has the full and enthusiastic support of the administration and staff at Logan Regional Medical Center as well as the surrounding community.

PGY-1 applications are accepted through ERAS and positions are filled through NRMP. The Program's NRMP code is 2191440C0 or, alternatively, can be located by searching for Marshall Community Health Consortium in ERAS. For additional information about our program, please contact Anthony Drumm, Program Administrator.

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