

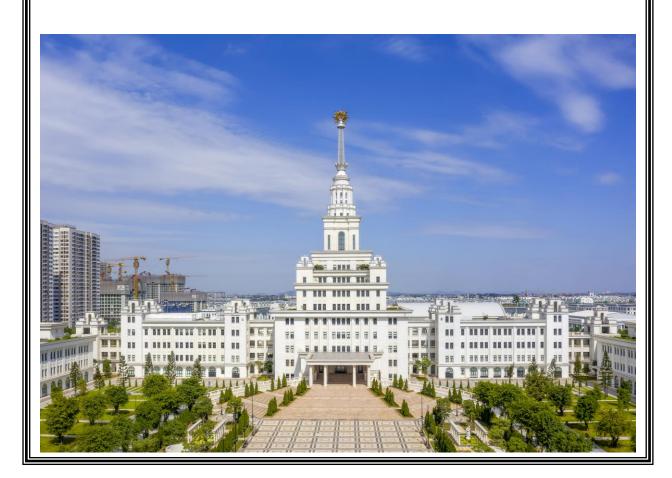
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I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1.1. Program Profile

Name of the degree	Residency
Name of the program	Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program
Program Code	NT 62720725
Length of Program	5 years
Mode of Delivery	Full-time
Language of Delivery	English/ Vietnamese
Total credits	333.5 credits
Home College	College of Health Sciences

1.2. Program Purpose

The program aims to train residents to become doctors, who:

- Practice comprehensive Orthopaedic surgery, emphasizing excellence in clinical knowledge and judgment, technical skills, and evidence-based, high-value, compassionate, culturally competent care.
- Acquire training and preparation to be competitive for subspecialty training.
- Conduct clinical, patient safety, or quality improvement research.
- Educate patients and colleagues effectively.
- Work collaboratively and with collegiality in an interdisciplinary team, including competent team leadership.

1.3. Program Learning Outcomes

Our curriculum will ensure that residents achieve competencies required by ACGME-I in 6 domains, which are further subdivided into 43 standards, which are indicated below:

Domains	Standards
1. Patient Care	1.1. The pre-admission, hospital, operative, and follow-up
Residents must be able to	care (including rehabilitation) of patients.
provide patient care that is	1.2. Gathering essential and accurate information about their
compassionate, appropriate,	patients.
and effective for the	1.3. Making informed decisions about diagnostic and
treatment of health problems	therapeutic interventions based on patient information and
and the promotion of health.	preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical
Residents must demonstrate	judgment.
competence in:	1.4. Developing and carrying out patient management plans.
	1.5. Using information technology to support patient care
	decisions and patient education.
	1.6. Performing all medical and invasive procedures
	essential for the practice of Orthopaedic surgery.
	1.7. Providing health care services aimed at preventing
	health problems or maintaining health.
	1.8. Using investigatory and analytic thinking approach to
	clinical situations.
	1.9. Applying the basic and clinically supportive sciences
	appropriate to Orthopaedic surgery.
2. Medical Knowledge	2.1. Anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal
Residents must demonstrate	system.
knowledge of established	2.2. Pathology of the musculoskeletal system, to include
and evolving biomedical,	correlative pathology (gross and microscopic pathology
clinical, epidemiological, and	related to clinical and roentgenographic findings).
social-behavioral sciences, as	2.3. Biomechanic principles, terminology, and applications
well as the application of this	in Orthopaedics.
knowledge to patient care.	2.4. The appropriate use and interpretation of radiographic
Residents must demonstrate	and other imaging techniques.
proficiency in knowledge of:	2.5. Orthopaedic oncology.
	2.6. Rehabilitation of neurologic injury and disease.
	2.7. Spinal cord injury rehabilitation.
	2.8. Orthotics and prosthetics.

Domains	Standards
	2.9. Cartilage, bone, and tendon reparative processes.
	2.10. Bone metabolism.
3. Practice-based Learning	3.1. Identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's
and Improvement	knowledge and expertise.
Residents must demonstrate	3.2. Set learning and improvement goals.
the ability to investigate and	3.3. Identify and perform appropriate learning activities.
evaluate their care of	3.4. Systematically analyze practice using quality
patients, to appraise and	improvement methods and implement changes with the goal
assimilate scientific	of practice improvement.
evidence, and to	3.5. Incorporate formative evaluation feedback into daily
continuously improve patient	practice.
care based on constant self-	3.6. Locate, appraise, and assimilate evidence from
evaluation and life-long	scientific studies related to their patients' health problems.
learning. Residents are	3.7. Use information technology to optimize learning.
expected to develop skills	3.8. Participate in the education of patients, families,
and habits to be able to meet	students, residents, and other health professionals.
the following goals:	
4. Interpersonal and	4.1. Communicate effectively with patients and their
Communication Skills	families, and the public, as appropriate, across a broad range
Residents must demonstrate	of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
interpersonal and	4.2. Communicate effectively with physicians, other health
communication skills that	professionals, and health-related agencies.
result in the effective	4.3. Work effectively as a member or leader of a health care
exchange of information and	team or other professional group.
collaboration with patients	4.4. Act in a consultative role to other physicians and health
and their families, and other	professionals.
health professionals.	4.5. Maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical
Residents must:	records.

Domains	Standards
5. Professionalism	5.1. Compassion, integrity, and respect for others.
Residents must demonstrate	5.2. Responsiveness to patient's needs that supersedes self-
a commitment to carrying	interest.
out professional	5.3. Respect for patient privacy and autonomy.
responsibilities and an	5.4. Accountability to patients, society, and the profession.
adherence to ethical	5.5. Sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient
principles. Residents must	population, including diversity in gender, age, culture, race,
demonstrate:	religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation;
6. Systems-based Practice	6.1. Work effectively in various health care delivery settings
Residents must demonstrate	and systems relevant to their clinical specialty.
an awareness of and	6.2. Coordinate patient care within the health care system
responsiveness to the larger	relevant to their clinical specialty.
context and system of health	6.3. Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-
care, as well as the ability to	benefit analysis in patient and/or population-based care, as
call effectively on other	appropriate.
resources in the system to	6.4. Advocate quality patient care and optimal patient care
provide optimal health care.	systems.
Residents must:	6.5. Work in inter-professional teams to enhance patient
	safety and improve patient care quality.
	6.6. Participate in identifying system errors and
	implementing potential systems solutions.

II. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

2.1. Curriculum Composition

The Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is to be completed within five years on a full-time basis. The curriculum consists of 333.5 credits.

No	Area of Study	Number of Credits	Credit Distribution
		(Credit)	(%)
1	Compulsory Courses by MOH	17	5,1
2	Supporting Courses	19	5,7
3	Clinical Rotations	287.5	86.2
4	Thesis	10	3
	Total	333.5	100

2.2. Courses and Credit Distribution by Courses

No	Course code	Name of Courses	Credit	Credit Hour Allocation		Grading System (L = Letter Grade or P/F = Pass-Fail)
			17	Theory	Practice	
I	I Compulsory Courses by MOH			17	0	
1	HASS1010 Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy Science and Society)		3	3	0	L
2	CCSC6142	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Medicine	2	2	0	L
3	ENGL6011	Medical English	10	10	0	P/F
4	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2	2	0	L
II	Supporting C	ourses	19	4.5	14.5	
1	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation Training	13	3	10	L
2	ORTH6240	Data Science	1	1	0	TBD
3	CCSC6190	Core Clinical Skills	5	05	4,5	L
III	Clinical Rotat	tions	287.5	57.5	230	
1	ORTH6010	General Surgery	10	2	8	L
2	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5	1	4	L
3	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5	1	4	L
4	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	2.5	0.5	2	L
5	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care Medicine	5	1	4	L
6	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	5	1	4	L
7	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5	1	4	L
8	ORTH6110	3D Technology in Orthopaedics	2.5	0.5	2	L
9	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5	0.5	2	L
10	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	15	3	12	L

IV	ORTH6890	Thesis	10	0	10	L
		Orthopaedics/ Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports Medicine)				
28	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/ Spine Surgery/ Hand Surgery/ Pediatric	7.5	1.5	6	L
27	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/ Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports Medicine)	7.5	1.5	6	L
26	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/ Spine Surgery/ Hand Surgery/ Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports Medicine)	10	2	8	L
25	ORTH6192	Pediatric Orthopaedics 2	10	2	8	L
24	ORTH6191	Pediatric Orthopaedics 1	15	3	12	L
23	ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 2	10	2	8	L
22	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
21	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15	3	12	L
20	ORTH6171	Spine Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
19	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2	10	2	8	L
18	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
17	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15 15	3	12	L
16	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1		3	12	L
15	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2	15	3	12	L L
14	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1	15	3	12	L L
12	ORTH6133 ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 3 Orthopaedic Trauma 4	12.5	2.5	12	L L
11	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	12.5	2.5	10	L L

Curriculum Adjustments for Cohorts 4th and 5th

For Cohort 4th (Academic Year 2023 - 2024) and Cohort 5th (Academic Year 2024 - 2025), modifications have been implemented within the curriculum framework compared to Version 2 (for Cohort 4th) and Version 3 (for Cohort 5th) to better align training experiences across cohorts. These adjustments include a redistribution of training time across clinical rotations, as well as changes to the duration and frequency of specific rotations. The primary goals of these changes are to ensure consistency in training outcomes and to reflect evolving educational priorities.

The updated curriculum frameworks for both Cohort 4 and Cohort 5 are provided in APPENDIX 1 and 2 of this document.

2.3. Curriculum Block

PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5		
Internship	Develop awareness of competencies Work under direct supervision of faculty	Manage the competencies well Work under direct supervision of faculty	Independently meet the competencies Work under indirect supervision of faculty	Independently meet the competencies Work under indirect or remote supervision of faculty		
General Surgery (10 credits) Anesthesia (2,5) Surgical Intensive Care Medicine (5) Rheumatology (5) Vascular Surgery (5) Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (5) Reconstructive Microsurgery (5) Orthopaedic Trauma 1 (15)	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1 (15) Sports Medicine 1 (15) Spine Surgery 1 (15) Orthopaedic Trauma 2 (12,5)	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1 (15) Hand Surgery 1 (15) Pediatric Orthopaedics 1 (15) Orthopaedic Trauma 3 (12,5)	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2 (15) Sports Medicine 2 (15) Spine Surgery 2 (15) 3D Technology in Orthopaedics (2,5) Motion Analysis (2,5) Elective 1 (10)	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2 (10) Hand Surgery 2 (10) Pediatric Orthopaedics 2 (10) Orthopaedic Trauma 4 (15) Elective 2 (7,5) Elective 3 (7,5)		
Core Clinical Skills (5)	Orthopaedic Simulation Training (13) Data science(1)					
Medical English (10) Philosophy (3) Research Methods and Evidence - based Medicine (2)	Thesi	is (10)				
	Medical Pedagogy (2)					

2.4. Standard Study Plan

Year	Course code	Course name	Credits
	HASS1010	Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy	3
	пАЗЗТОТО	Science and Society)	3
	CCSC6142	Research Methods and Evidence-Based	2
	CCSC0142	Medicine	2
	ENGL6011	Medical English	10
	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2
	CCSC6190	Core Clinical Skills	5
PGY1	ORTH6010	General Surgery	10
	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	2.5
	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care Medicine	5
	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5
	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5
	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	5
	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5
	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	15
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation Training	13
	ORTH6240	Data Science	1
PGY2	ORTH6171	Spine Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1	15
	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	12.5
	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1	15
PGY3	ORTH6191	Pediatric Orthopaedics 1	15
	ORTH6133	Orthopaedic Trauma 3	12.5
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2	15
PGY4	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15
	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15

Year	Course code	Course name	Credits
	ORTH6110	3D Technology in Orthopaedics	2.5
	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5
	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/ Spine Surgery/ Hand Surgery/ Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports Medicine)	10
	ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6192	Pediatric Orthopaedics 2	10
	ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 4	15
PGY5	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5
	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5

2.5. Brief Course Descriptions

Compulsory Courses

Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy Science and Society) (HASS1010, 3 credits)

Philosophy Science and Society is one of four courses in the General Education Program forming the ideology/national education component required for the higher education curriculum as directed by the Ministry of Education & Training, Socialist Republic of Vietnam. These four courses are designed to achieve the primary objective of helping residents understand the core values of both country and university through objective and critical academic lenses in a global context. Specifically, it will help residents achieve VinUni's learning outcomes related to their qualities, abilities, critical thinking, national pride, and global awareness as outlined in the Competency Framework of VinUni learners.

Medical English (ENGL6011, 10 credits)

As required by the Vietnam Ministry of Health, residents must achieve a Vietnamese Standardized Test of English Proficiency (VSTEP) Level 4 certificate or equivalent prior to graduation. Residents who hold a VSTEP Level 3 or equivalent are exempt from the Medical English course but must attain VSTEP Level 4 or equivalent before completing their program. Residents who do not meet the exemption criteria are required to enroll in the Medical English course. The Medical English course at VinUniversity consists of three components totaling 150 hours: English for Communication (25 hours), Applied Medical English (25 hours), and 100 hours of online self-accessed study using SLC English for Doctors. The course is designed to strengthen residents' English language skills and enhance their communicative competence in professional medical settings. It also focuses on developing essential communicative and academic skills beneficial to their future careers. Residents enrolled in the course will take an initial placement test and a final proficiency assessment to evaluate whether they have achieved VSTEP Level 4 equivalency. The course will be graded on a pass/fail basis, determined by participation, attendance, and satisfactory completion of assignments.

Medical Pedagogy (PEDA6011, 2 credits)

The overriding goal of this course is for residents to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to effectively understand and integrate core concepts in medical education into their work as physicians. By offering opportunities for residents to hone their skills in areas such as clinical reasoning, giving feedback, and assessing junior trainees and learners, we aim to strengthen the physician workforce and promote the delivery of high-quality health care in Vietnam.

This course consists of two parts. Part 1 will consist of 5 workshops delivered during the Core Clinical Skills Course. Part 2 will consist of 3 workshops delivered in the following years. In both Parts 1 and 2, residents of all programs will join the sessions together. This course uses multiple teaching modalities including, but not limited to, didactic lectures, facilitated small-group discussion, case studies, role play, and simulation training.

Research Methods and Evidence-Based Medicine (CCSC6142, 2 credits)

This course provides an overview of the research process, research methods, and EBM (Evidence-Based Medicine). Specific topics covered in this course include an introduction to public health, study design, measures of disease, formulation of research questions using the PICO (patient/population, intervention, comparison/control, outcomes) format, and EBM. Learners will learn to apply research methods and EBM into patient care scenarios as well as into scholarships.

Supporting Courses

Core Clinical Skills (CCSC6190, 5 credits)

Core Clinical Skills Course focuses on common topics of pharmacotherapy, radiology, communication skills, simulation training and clinical procedural skills.

- Pharmacotherapy reinforces reviewing of antibiotic classes, PK/PD of antibiotics and antimicrobial stewardship aim to:
 - + Understand the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles for the most common antimicrobials in hospital settings
 - + Optimize the antimicrobial dosing based on Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Principles
 - + Review of the current challenge of antibiotic resistance
 - + Outline components of an effective stewardship program
 - + Understand the role of prescribers in antibiotic stewardship program
- Communication skills reinforce core principles focused on professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, and effective patient care. The residents will practice in detail scenarios such as breaking bad news, medical errors and disclosure, interprofessional communication and obtaining patient consent. These scenarios will help residents recognize the key role of communication in patient care and interprofessional collaboration, demonstrate effective communication in a variety of settings including obtaining patient consent, medical error disclosure, breaking bad news, and end of life care planning and describe medical professionalism and the fundamental principles and professional responsibilities.
- The Simulation Training and Clinical Procedural Skills sessions utilize a variety of teaching pedagogies to develop practical skills required for all residents. The curriculum includes a combination of didactic lectures, small-group learning, and simulation activities that are primarily conducted at the VinUniversity Simulation Center. Core content covered in this course includes Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) training as well as communication skills training, procedural skills training, and mock code simulations. These sessions aim to:
 - + Attain certification in BLS and ACLS.
 - + Practice advanced life support skills in clinical scenarios in a simulated setting.

- + Understand the indications, contraindications, potential complications, anatomic considerations, required equipment, and expected outcomes for procedures that are commonly performed in the clinical setting.
- + Develop proper and safe basic techniques for procedures that are commonly performed in the clinical setting to facilitate future deliberate practice in the simulation and clinical setting.
- Basic Radiology Lectures are also incorporated into the Core Clinical Skills Course to ensure all residents, regardless of specialty, develop a foundational understanding of imaging modalities commonly used in clinical practice. This component introduces the principles of diagnostic imaging, including indications, limitations, and interpretation of commonly used radiological studies such as X-rays, ultrasound, CT scans, and MRI. Residents will learn appropriate imaging selection based on clinical presentation, radiation safety principles, and how to integrate imaging findings into clinical decision-making. The curriculum emphasizes communication of imaging results, collaboration with radiologists, and understanding the role of imaging in diagnosis, management, and procedural guidance across various clinical settings.

Orthopaedic Simulation Training (ORTH6230, 13 credits)

The Orthopaedic Simulation Training course is designed to provide residents with handson experience and to improve their skills in various surgical procedures.

The course focuses on:

- Bone Fixation: Training in bone fixation involves learning techniques for stabilizing fractures using different fixation methods, which may include plates, screws, and nails.
- Arthroscopy Simulation: Arthroscopy simulation allows residents to practice minimally invasive surgery techniques used to diagnose and treat joint problems. This training includes navigating arthroscopic equipment within a joint, recognizing pathology, and performing therapeutic procedures.
- Arthroplasty Simulation: In arthroplasty simulation, residents learn the principles and techniques of joint replacement surgery. This includes preoperative planning, bone preparation, implant positioning, and postoperative management.

Data Science (ORTH6240, 1 credits)

The course is designed for Orthopaedic residents to equip them with the skills to analyze and interpret complex clinical data. The aim is to enhance the residents' ability to make data-driven decisions, improve patient outcomes, and conduct research. It may cover:

- Fundamentals of Data Science: Introduction to basic concepts of data science, including statistics, probability, and data visualization.
- Clinical Data Management: Techniques for collecting, cleaning, and managing datasets specific to Orthopaedic care.
- Machine Learning and Predictive Analytics: Application of machine learning algorithms to predict outcomes and trends in Orthopaedic surgery.
- Research Methodology: Training in designing studies, hypothesis testing, and scientific writing to contribute to evidence-based practice.

Clinical Rotations

Surgical Intensive Care Medicine (ORTH6080, 5 credits) – PGY1

In addition to the intensive care knowledge and skills gained during the ICU rotation, residents will spend dedicated time in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. During this rotation they will learn the advanced knowledge and skills necessary to specifically manage critically ill trauma and complex post-operative patients such as cardiothoracic, vascular, and general surgery patients.

Anesthesia (ORTH6060, 2.5 credits) – PGY1

In the operating theatre, anesthesiologists and surgeons must work closely together to provide the absolute best care for the patient. Furthermore, airway management is a critical set of skills that all surgeons must possess. During this rotation, residents will work in the operating theatre under the direct supervision of the attending anesthesiologist. They will learn all aspects of non-surgical airway management from direct laryngoscopy to fiberoptic intubation, gain a basic knowledge of inhalational, regional, and intravenous anesthesia, and can perform arterial and central venous line placement.

General surgery (ORTH6010, 10 credits) – PGY1

Surgeons provide continuing care for patients with a myriad of surgical and psychosocial problems. During many patient encounters, the focus is on the diagnosis and treatment of illness. This endeavor involves consultation with a variety of specialties and review of the risks and benefits of surgical intervention. As such, it is important for residents to be exposed to common surgical disease processes as well as recognize the unusual diseases or common disease presenting in an unusual fashion. The General Surgery rotation will provide the first-year Orthopaedic residents with an opportunity to learn normal and abnormal anatomy, gain basic procedural skills, and facilitate an understanding of commonly encountered issues in pre-and postoperative care.

Vascular Surgery (ORTH6100, 5 credits) – PGY1

The rotation will provide the resident with an understanding of vascular anatomy and physiology as well as the opportunity to diagnose and manage conditions affecting much of the body's circulatory system. Orthopaedic residents will have the opportunity to evaluate and manage patients with both common and complex vascular disorders in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The goal is to familiarize them with basic mechanisms, clinical manifestations, diagnostic strategies, and management of vascular disease as well as disease prevalence and prevention. Depth of exposure should be such that they can develop competency in the prevention of vascular disease, knowledge of indications for procedures, management of common disease, including basic surgical techniques, management of the acutely ill patient, and appropriate indications for referral.

Rheumatology (ORTH6040, 5 credits) - PGY1

The rotation will provide the Orthopaedic resident with exposure to common conditions, such as osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, and rheumatoid disease as well as rare and diagnostically elusive conditions, such as vasculitis, spondyloarthropathies, and inflammatory muscle disease. As these conditions are not always encountered during training, the goal is to give the resident an understanding of the pathophysiology and resulting systemic manifestations of connective tissue disorders, with a focus on the following issues: clinical patterns of disease, cost-effective diagnostic evaluation, early identification and treatment of disease to prevent disability and improve quality of life, proficiency in the use of ant-inflammatory, immunosuppressive and cytotoxic drugs; and enhancement of procedural skills, such as arthrocentesis and injection.

Reconstructive Microsurgery (ORTH6250, 5 credits) – PGY1

Microsurgery is a specialized technique utilized in many areas of modern surgery with wide clinical applications. It involves manipulation of very small caliber structures, requiring precise surgical technique and refined operative principles. Among Orthopaedic surgeons, microsurgery is often used when performing nerve grafting and repair, free tissue transfers, and replantation of digits or extremities. Although typically utilized by hand surgeons, adeptness in microsurgery is of use to the Orthopaedic resident. The exposure to microsurgery that residents receive during their residency training may influence their career choices in addition to enhancing their proficiency with other surgical skills.

Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (ORTH6090, 5 credits) – PGY1

Orthopaedic rehabilitation focuses on functional recovery of patients affected by musculoskeletal injuries, diseases, or surgeries. It helps to alleviate pain, improve mobility, and enhance the overall quality of life for individuals with musculoskeletal limitations. During this rotation, residents will work with a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, including rehabilitation physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and exercise physiologists to implement the rehabilitation program for patients.

3D Technology in Orthopaedics (ORTH6110, 2.5 credits) – PGY3

This course is designed for Orthopaedic residents to gain knowledge and experience of 3D technology and its applications in Orthopaedic surgery. The residents will gain hands-on experience with 3D modeling, printing, and planning tools that are revolutionizing preoperative strategies and patient outcomes. Rotation objectives include understanding the fundamentals of 3D imaging and modeling in Orthopaedic anatomy, exploring the use of 3D printing for creating patient-specific surgical guides and implant, learning to integrate 3D planning into complex Orthopaedic procedures for improved accuracy and efficiency, evaluating the benefits and limitations of 3D technology in clinical practice.

Motion analysis (ORTH6120, 2.5 credits) – PGY3

This course is tailored for Orthopaedic residents to master the principles of motion analysis and its clinical applications. The residents will learn about biomechanics of the human movement and the latest technologies used to assess and treat musculoskeletal conditions. Rotation objectives include acquiring a solid understanding of gait and movement analysis techniques, learning to interpret motion analysis data for diagnostic and treatment planning, proficiency in utilizing motion analysis software and equipment, assessing the impact of surgical interventions and rehabilitation on patient mobility.

Orthopaedic Trauma

- Orthopaedic Trauma 1 (ORTH6131, 15 credits) PGY1
- Orthopaedic Trauma 2 (ORTH6132, 12.5 credits) PGY2
- Orthopaedic Trauma 3 (ORTH6133, 12.5 credits) PGY3
- Orthopaedic Trauma 4 (ORTH6134, 15 credits) PGY5

Orthopaedic trauma rotations are designed to expose residents to the management of patients with one or more musculoskeletal injuries. The residents function as important members of the Orthopaedic trauma team and work in collaboration with a multidisciplinary trauma surgery team and other medical specialties. Typically, PGY1 and PGY2 residents will

be focused on the inpatient and outpatient workup of trauma patients and assist in the operating room. The PGY3 and PGY5 residents will guide the junior residents through this process and further develop their own skill set and sense of clinical autonomy.

Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery

- Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1 (ORTH6141, 15 credits) PGY2
- Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2 (ORTH6142, 15 credits) PGY4

These clinical rotations focus on the study, prevention, and reconstructive treatment of musculoskeletal issues. Residents gain hands-on experience in the operating room, participating in a variety of procedures such as total joint arthroplasty and complex revision surgeries. The course emphasizes the understanding of joint mechanics, prosthetic design, and the biological response to Orthopaedic implants and refining the residents' surgical techniques, patient evaluation, and postoperative care.

Sports Medicine

- Sports Medicine 1 (ORTH6151, 15 credits) PGY2
- Sports Medicine 2 (ORTH6152, 15 credits) PGY4

The Sports Medicine rotation focuses on comprehensive care of athletes and individuals with sports-related injuries. This rotation is designed to provide residents with a broad understanding of sports medicine, including injury prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation. Residents will gain experience in managing acute injuries, chronic conditions, and performance-related issues in athletes. They will be trained in arthroscopic and open surgical techniques for the treatment of sports injuries and collaborate with physical therapists, athletic trainers, and other healthcare professionals to ensure comprehensive patient care.

Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery

- Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1 (ORTH6161, 15 credits) PGY3
- Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2 (ORTH6162, 10 credits) PGY5

The Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery rotation focuses on the surgical treatment of benign and malignant tumors of the musculoskeletal system. During this rotation, residents gain experience in a variety of procedures and are expected to develop competencies in diagnosing and managing oncologic conditions involving the bones and soft tissues. The rotation aims to prepare residents for the challenges of musculoskeletal oncology, including complex reconstructions and the surgical management of complications related to limb salvage surgery.

Spine Surgery

- Spine Surgery 1 (ORTH6171, 15 credits) PGY2
- Spine Surgery 2 (ORTH6172, 15 credits) PGY4

The Spine Surgery rotation focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of spinal disorders. This rotation covers a broad spectrum of spinal surgeries, including degenerative diseases, spinal deformities, trauma, tumors, and infections. Residents are expected to develop skills in both open and minimally invasive surgical techniques. They also learn about preoperative planning, intraoperative decision-making, and postoperative care, including rehabilitation. The rotation is designed to provide residents with a comprehensive understanding of the multidisciplinary approach required for optimal patient outcomes in spine surgery.

Hand Surgery

- Hand Surgery 1 (ORTH6181, 15 credits) PGY3
- Hand Surgery 2 (ORTH6182, 10 credits) PGY5

The Hand Surgery rotation focuses on the comprehensive care of hand and upper extremity conditions. Residents in this rotation are exposed to a wide range of procedures, from common outpatient operations to complex reconstructions. During this rotation, residents learn to manage acute hand injuries, chronic disorders, congenital anomalies, and perform microvascular surgery. They also gain experience in non-operative management, including the use of splints, casts, and other supportive devices. The rotation is designed to ensure that residents develop the skills necessary for the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with hand and upper extremity issues. This includes mastering surgical techniques, understanding the anatomy and physiology of the hand, and learning how to coordinate care with other specialties such as plastic surgery and rheumatology.

Pediatric Orthopaedics

- Pediatric Orthopaedics 1 (ORTH6191, 15 credits) PGY3
- Pediatric Orthopaedics 2 (ORTH6192, 10 credits) PGY5

The Pediatric Orthopaedics rotation focuses on the Orthopaedic care of children. This rotation provides residents with exposure to a wide range of pediatric conditions, including congenital, developmental, and traumatic disorders of the musculoskeletal system. Residents learn to manage various Orthopaedic issues in children, from common fractures to complex congenital deformities. They are trained in both surgical and non-surgical treatments and work closely with pediatricians and other specialists to provide comprehensive care. By the end of

the rotation, residents are expected to be proficient in pediatric Orthopaedic procedures and have a solid understanding of the growth and development issues unique to pediatric patients.

Elective Rotations

- Elective 1 (ORTH6200, 10 credits) PGY4
- Elective 2 (ORTH6210, 7.5 credits) PGY5
- Elective 3 (ORTH6220, 7.5 credits) PGY5

During the PGY4 and PGY5 years, residents will be allowed to work on rotations of their choice. These are intended to allow residents to receive further training in specific areas of surgery which interest them, or which may be critical to any specialized training they wish to receive after completing residency. A total of 20 weeks (8 in PGY4 and 12 in PGY5) of elective time will be allowed. All elective rotations must be personally approved by the program director prior to the start of any academic year.

Thesis

- Thesis (ORTH6890, 10 credits)

Residents will be allocated a dedicated four-week period outside their clinical rotation schedule, supplemented with additional time, to formulate a research proposal, obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, engage in research activities, compose their thesis, and subsequently defend it.

APPENDIX 1 - Curriculum Update for Cohorts 4th (2023-2024)

1. Curriculum Composition

The Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is to be completed within five years on a full-time basis. The curriculum consists of 333.5 credits.

No	Area of Study	Number of Credits	Credit Distribution (%)
1	Compulsory Courses by MOH	17	5.1
2	Supporting Courses	40	12
3	Clinical Rotations	266.5	79.9
4	Thesis	10	3
Tota	al	333.5	100

2. Courses and Credit Distribution by Courses

No	Course code	Name of Courses	Credit	Credit Hour Allocation Theory Practice		Grading System (L = Letter Grade or P/F = Pass- Fail)
I	Compulsory	Courses by MOH	17	17	0	
1	HASS1010	Marxism-Leninism	3	3	0	L
		Philosophy (Philosophy				
		Science and Society)				
2	CCSC6142	Research Methods and	2	2	0	L
		Evidence-Based Medicine				
3	ENGL6011	Medical English	10	10 0		P/F
4	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2	2 0		L
II	Supporting (40	17	23		

1	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation	13	3	10	L
		Training				
2	ORTH6240	Data Science	1	1	0	TBD
3	CCSC6110	Core Clinical Skills	26	13	13	L
	CCSC6120					
	CCSC6130					
III	Clinical Rota	ations	266.5	54.5	212	
1	ORTH6010	General Surgery (abdominal)	5	1	4	L
2	ORTH6250	General Surgery (thoracic)	2.5	0.5	2	L
3	ORTH6260	General Surgery	2.5	0.5	2	L
		(neurosurgery)				
4	ORTH6020	Emergency Medicine	3	1	2	L
5	ORTH6030	Radiology	3	1	2	L
6	ORTH6070	Intensive Care Unit	3	1	2	L
7	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5	1	4	L
8	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5	1	4	L
9	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	3	1	2	L
10	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care	4	1	3	L
		Medicine				
11	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	8	2	6	L
12	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5	1	4	L
13	ORTH6110	3D Technology in	2.5	0.5	2	L
		Orthopaedics				
14	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5	0.5	2	L
15	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	7	2	5	L
16	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	13	1	12	L
17	ORTH6133	Orthopaedic Trauma 3	17.5	3.5	14	L
18	ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 4	15	3	12	L
19	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive	10	2	8	L
		Orthopaedic Surgery 1				

20	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive	15	3	12	L
		Orthopaedic Surgery 2				
21	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1	10	2	8	L
22	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15	3	12	L
23	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology	10	2	8	L
		Surgery 1				
24	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology	10	2	8	L
		Surgery 2				
25	ORTH6170	Spine Surgery 1	10	2	8	L
26	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15	3	12	L
27	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	10	2	8	L
28	ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 2	10	2	8	L
29	ORTH6191	Pediatric Orthopaedics 1	10	2	8	L
30	ORTH6192	Pediatric Orthopaedics 2	10	2	8	L
31	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal	10	2	8	L
		Oncology Surgery/ Spine				
		Surgery/ Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult				
		Reconstructive Orthopaedic				
		Surgery/ Sports Medicine)				
32	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal	7.5	1.5	6	L
		Oncology Surgery/Spine				
		Surgery/Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult				
		Reconstructive Orthopaedic				
		Surgery/ Sports Medicine)				
33	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal	7.5	1.5	6	L
		Oncology Surgery/ Spine				
		Surgery/ Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult				

		Reconstructive Orthopaedic				
		Surgery/ Sports Medicine)				
IV	ORTH6890	Thesis	10	0	10	L

3. Standard Study Plan

Year	Course	Course name	
1 Cai	code		Credits
	HASS1010	Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy	3
		Science and Society)	
	CCSC6142	Research Methods and Evidence-Based	2
	ENIGN (011	Medicine	10
	ENGL6011	Medical English	10
	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2
	CCSC6110		
	CCSC6120	Core Clinical Skills	26
PGY1	CCSC6130		
	ORTH6010	General Surgery (abdominal)	5
	ORTH6250	General Surgery (thoracic)	2.5
	ORTH6260	General Surgery (neurosurgery)	2.5
	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	3
	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care Medicine	4
	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	7
	ORTH6020	Emergency Medicine	3
	ORTH6030	Radiology	3
	ORTH6070	Intensive Care Unit	3
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation Training	13
	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1	10
	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1	10
PGY2	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	13
	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5
	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5
	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	8
	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5

	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	10
	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1	10
	ORTH6191	Pediatric Orthopaedics 1	10
PGY3	ORTH6133	Orthopaedic Trauma 3	17.5
	ORTH6170	Spine Surgery 1	10
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
	ORTH6240	Data Science	1
	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2	15
	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15
	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15
	ORTH6110	3D Technology in Orthopaedics	2.5
PGY4	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5
	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/ Spine Surgery/ Hand Surgery/ Pediatric Orthopaedics/ Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports Medicine)	10
	ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6192	Pediatric Orthopaedics 2	10
	ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 4	15
PGY5	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5
	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5

APPENDIX 2 - Curriculum Update for Cohorts 5th (2024-2025)

1. Curriculum Composition

The Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is to be completed within five years on a full-time basis. The curriculum consists of 334.5 credits.

No	Area of Study	Number of Credits	Credit Distribution (%)
1	Compulsory Courses by MOH	17	5.08
2	Supporting Courses	17.5	5.23
3	Clinical Rotations	290	86.7
4	Thesis	10	2.99
Tota	al	334.5	100

2. Courses and Credit Distribution by Courses

No	Course code	Name of Courses	Credit	Credit Hour Allocation		Grading System (L = Letter Grade or P/F = Pass- Fail)
				Theory	Practice	
Ι	Compulsory	Courses by MOH	17	17	0	
1	HASS1010	Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy Science and Society)	3	3	0	L
2	CCSC6142	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Medicine	2	2	0	L
3	ENGL6011	Medical English	10	10	0	P/F
4	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2	2	0	L
II	Supporting (Courses	17.5	4.5	13	
1	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation Training	13	3	10	L
2	ORTH6240	Data Science	1	1	0	TBD
3	CCSC6160	Core Clinical Skills	3.5	0.5	3	L
III	I Clinical Rotations			58	232	

1	ORTH6010	General Surgery (abdominal)	5	1	4	L
2	ORTH6250	General Surgery (thoracic)	2.5	0.5	2	L
3	ORTH6260	General Surgery	2.5	0.5	2	L
		(neurosurgery)				
4	ORTH6020	Emergency Medicine	2.5	0.5	2	L
5	ORTH6030	Radiology	2.5	0.5	2	L
6	ORTH6070	Intensive Care Unit	2.5	0.5	2	L
7	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5	1	4	L
8	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5	1	4	L
9	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	2.5	0.5	2	L
10	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care Medicine	5	1	4	L
11	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	5	1	4	L
12	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5	1	4	L
13	ORTH6110	3D Technology in	2.5	0.5	2	L
13	OKITIOTIO	Orthopaedics	2.5	0.5	2	L
14	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5	0.5	2	L
15	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	10	2	8	L
16	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	12.5	2.5	10	L
17	ORTH6133	Orthopaedic Trauma 3	12.5	2.5	10	L
18	ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 4	15	3	12	L
19	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
20	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2	15	3	12	L
21	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1	15	3	12	L
22	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15	3	12	L
23	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
24	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2	10	2	8	L
25	ORTH6171	Spine Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
26	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15	3	12	L
27		İ		2	1.0	Т
21	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	15	3	12	L
28	ORTH6181 ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 1 Hand Surgery 2	15	2	8	L

31	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal	10	2	8	L
		Oncology Surgery/ Spine				
		Surgery/ Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult				
		Reconstructive Orthopaedic				
		Surgery/ Sports Medicine)				
32	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal	7.5	1.5	6	L
		Oncology Surgery/Spine				
		Surgery/Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/				
		Adult Reconstructive				
		Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports				
		Medicine)				
33	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal	7.5	1.5	6	L
		Oncology Surgery/ Spine				
		Surgery/ Hand Surgery/				
		Pediatric Orthopaedics/				
		Adult Reconstructive				
		Orthopaedic Surgery/ Sports				
		Medicine)				
IV	ORTH6890	Thesis	10	0	10	L

3. Standard Study Plan

Year	Course code	Course name	Credits
	HASS1010	Marxism-Leninism Philosophy (Philosophy Science and Society)	3
	CCSC6142	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Medicine	2
PGY1	ENGL6011	Medical English	10
	PEDA6011	Medical Pedagogy	2
	CCSC6160	Core Clinical Skills	3.5
	ORTH6010	General Surgery (abdominal)	5
	ORTH6250	General Surgery (thoracic)	2.5

	ORTH6260	General Surgery (neurosurgery)	2.5
	ORTH6060	Anesthesia	2.5
	ORTH6080	Surgical Intensive Care Medicine	5
	ORTH6040	Rheumatology	5
	ORTH6050	Reconstructive Microsurgery	5
	ORTH6090	Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	5
	ORTH6100	Vascular Surgery	5
	ORTH6131	Orthopaedic Trauma 1	10
	ORTH6020	Emergency Medicine	2.5
	ORTH6030	Radiology	2.5
	ORTH6070	Intensive Care Unit	2.5
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
PGY2	ORTH6230	Orthopaedic Simulation Training	13
	ORTH6240	Data Science	1
	ORTH6171	Spine Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6141	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6151	Sports Medicine 1	15
	ORTH6132	Orthopaedic Trauma 2	12.5
PGY3	ORTH6181	Hand Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6161	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 1	15
	ORTH6191	Pediatric Orthopaedics 1	15
	ORTH6133	Orthopaedic Trauma 3	12.5
	ORTH6890	Thesis	5
PGY4	ORTH6142	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery 2	15

	ORTH6152	Sports Medicine 2	15
	ORTH6172	Spine Surgery 2	15
	ORTH6110	3D Technology in Orthopaedics	2.5
	ORTH6120	Motion Analysis	2.5
	ORTH6200	Elective 1 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/ Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics)	10
PGY5	ORTH6182	Hand Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6162	Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery 2	10
	ORTH6192	Pediatric Orthopaedics 2	10
	ORTH6134	Orthopaedic Trauma 4	15
	ORTH6210	Elective 2 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5
	ORTH6220	Elective 3 (Musculoskeletal Oncology Surgery/Spine Surgery/Hand Surgery/Pediatric Orthopaedics/Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery/Sports Medicine)	7.5