

Having watched the evolution of the General Surgery Residency program since its inception, I am proud to now be the associate program director. I am the chief of Pediatric Surgery at Sanford Children's Hospital and feel a special calling to care for children in an underserved and rural environment. My practice mirrors the goal of the residency... to provide the best possible care for patients no matter what the setting. Our residents are trained in state of the art surgical care and experience a high and varied case volume such that our graduates are capable of immediately entering practice as a general surgeon or matching in competitive specialty surgical fellowships. I am extremely proud of the surgeons who have graduated from our program and feel a sense of accomplishment for having contributed to their education.

The USD SSOM General Surgery residency is a wonderful place to train if one is looking for a program that will prepare them to be a competent and caring surgeon. The program is academically strong, family friendly, and bolstered by resident camaraderie. The program is focused on wellness in addition to training as we strive to help our residents be the best surgeons and best people that they can be. We look forward to continuing the trend of excellence in our surgical residency.

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