



Nurturing Our Future



# General Surgery

Residency Program



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### Program Director's Welcome

Congratulations on making it thus far in your medical career. Whether you have completed or are about to graduate from medical school, I applaud your zealous attitude to learn continuously. Making it into medical school was not easy, completing it was tougher – nonetheless, you have stayed committed to the spirit of healing till this day.

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At SingHealth, you can expect to gain exposure to a broad spectrum of medical conditions, treatments and case studies. Our comprehensive patient case-mixes, along with SingHealth's rich legacy in medical education and experienced faculty pool, is our key in providing you an ideal graduate medical education environment. Along with my team of dedicated faculty, we aim to deliver the best surgical training to you.

If you enjoy problem-solving, working with your hands and making decisions in a dynamic environment, surgery may be the career option for you. Do take time to find out more about the work of surgeons. Talk to your seniors and our faculty members, who would be glad to share their experiences.

Personally speaking, surgery is a very fulfilling career. The working hours may be slightly longer, but the sense of satisfaction covers all when you see patients recovering gradually.

I wish you the best in your pursuit of medical education.

**Prof Wong Wai Keong**  
Program Director (General Surgery)  
SingHealth Residency Program



## Nurturing Proficient Surgeons

The General Surgery Residency Program at SingHealth is a structured five-year program that will equip you with the medical knowledge, clinical skills and right attitudes of a proficient surgeon. The training curriculum comprises an excellent mix of clinical activities, didactic lectures and research opportunities in a conducive educational environment.

You will get to learn from and alongside seniors and mentors as you function as an invaluable member of the healthcare team and participate in ward rounds, outpatient specialist clinics, as well as major and day surgeries. With comprehensive training, timely supervision, formative assessments and personalized mentoring, you can expect to progress from one postgraduate year to the next with greater empowerment to practice as a surgeon.

### Our Subspecialty Areas

- Vascular Surgery
- Breast Surgery
- Head & Neck Surgery
- Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Tract Surgery
- Hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) & Transplant Surgery
- Trauma
- Thoracic Surgery
- Surgical Oncology
- Endoscopy
- Surgical Critical Care

Plus aspects of Burns, Pediatric Surgery, and a choice surgical elective such as Cardio-thoracic Surgery, Gynecology, Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery and Urology.



*"Our department is strong in clinical practice, surgical skills, and has an active research environment to groom clinician-scientists from among us. Most of all, like a family, a strong culture of mentorship exists at all senior and junior levels."*

**Dr Lee Ser Yee**  
Advanced Surgical Trainee,  
Department of General Surgery,  
Singapore General Hospital

## Learn From The Best

Gain your competitive advantage as a surgeon by training with SingHealth.

### Depth and Breadth of Clinical Rotations

As the nation's leading and largest healthcare cluster, SingHealth performs an aggregate of 200,000 surgical operations annually. The exposure to a wide variety of cases allows you to gain a broad operative experience

### Renowned Faculty, Dedicated Mentors

We have a talented pool of faculty who are recognized leaders in the surgical field. Passionate about raising the next generation of surgeons, they have published and lectured extensively, demonstrating a high commitment to medical and academic excellence.

### Rigor of Training

With competency-based, structured assessments and regular feedback by mentors on your progress, you would be equipped to learn effectively. There would be a graduated increase in responsibilities for clinical work across the observation, assisting, supervised and independent stages.

### Research Opportunities

Look forward to various clinical and basic science research opportunities that develop your scientific inquiry skills to complement clinical work, and eventually translate results from bench to bedside.

*"What strikes me most about the SGH Department of General Surgery is the work ethos – I've worked in several other departments in various hospitals, but never have I seen such drive and commitment among the doctors. I'm motivated and have learned much by observing and working with my mentors and fellow budding surgeons. This posting has been a most inspirational journey for me."*

**Dr Lam Kai Yet**  
Medical Officer (Trainee), Department of General Surgery, Singapore General Hospital

## Program Curriculum

Surgery rotations take place at Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Changi General Hospital (CGH) and KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH). You would learn at various junior and senior levels for the respective subspecialties, with opportunities to participate in complex procedures.



### Sample Rotation Chart

		Singapore Medical Council (SMC) Licensing Requirement				General Surgery (GS)				
R1	Medicine* 4 months	Surgery 4 months				6 months				
		Vascular	Breast	Head & Neck	Upper GI	HPB	Colorectal	Thoracic	Urology	GS sub specialty
R2	Junior Level 24 months <small>(These rotations to be completed either in Year 2 or Year 3)</small>	Thoracic Surgery 2 months	Vascular 2 months	Breast 2 months	Pediatric Surgery 3 months		Burns 1 month	Head & Neck 2 months		
R3		Upper GI Tract 2 months	HPB / Transplant 2 months	Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) 2 months	Colorectal 2 months	Trauma 2 months		Surgical Elective <sup>^</sup> 2 months		
R4	Senior Level 24 months <small>(These rotations to be completed either in Year 4 or Year 5)</small>	Vascular 3 months	Breast 3 months	Head & Neck 3 months		Upper GI Tract 3 months				
R5		HPB / Transplant 3 months	Colorectal 3 months	Trauma 3 months		Surgical Oncology 3 months				

\*Residents who have met SMC Licensing requirements earlier would have 4 months General Surgery rotation in place of Internal Medicine

<sup>^</sup>One of the following: Cardiothoracic Surgery / Gynecology / Neurosurgery / Orthopedic Surgery / Otolaryngology (ENT) / Plastic Surgery / Urology



## Our Faculty

### Program Director

**Prof Wong Wai Keong**

HOD & Senior Consultant, Department of General Surgery, SGH  
Clinical Professor, NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

### Associate Program Directors

**Dr Cheow Peng Chung**

Consultant, Department of General Surgery, SGH  
Visiting Consultant, National Cancer Centre Singapore  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School

**Dr Chong Chee Keong**

Senior Consultant, Department of General Surgery, CGH  
Director, Intensive Care Unit, CGH  
Director, Trauma Service, CGH

**Dr Caroline Ong Choo Phaik**

Consultant, Department of Paediatric Surgery, KKH

### Core Faculty

Prof Eu Kong Weng  
A/Prof Ong Hock Soo  
Dr Yong Wei Sean  
Dr Ho Kok Sun  
Dr Chng Siew Ping  
Dr Goh Yaw Chong  
Dr Preetha Madhukumar  
Dr Andrew Wong  
Dr Tan Yih Kai

HOD & Senior Consultant, Department of Colorectal Surgery, SGH  
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Consultant, Department of General Surgery, SGH  
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Consultant, Department of General Surgery, CGH  
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### Physician Faculty

#### Singapore General Hospital

Prof Soo Khee Chee  
Prof London Lucien Ooi  
A/Prof Tan Seck Guan  
A/Prof Koong Heng Nung  
A/Prof Pierce Chow Kah Hoe  
A/Prof Peter Mack On Pui  
Dr Alexander Chung Yaw Fui  
Dr Wong Chow Yin  
Dr Ho Gay Hui  
Dr Tan Hiang Khoon  
Dr Chan Weng Hoong  
Dr Shanker Pasupathy  
Dr Melissa Teo Ching Ching  
Dr Benita Tan Kiat Tee  
Dr Ong Kong Wee  
Dr Alvin Eng Kim Hock  
Dr Wong Jen-San  
Dr Jeremy Ng Chung Fai

Dr Tan Ngian Chye

Dr Tang Choong Leong  
Dr Lim Jit Fong  
Dr Quah Hak Mien  
Dr Kam Ming Hian  
Dr Ng Kheng Hong  
Dr Koh Poh Koon  
Dr Goh Hak Su  
Dr Francis Seow Choen

#### KK Women's and Children's Hospital

A/Prof Anette Sundfor Jacobsen  
Dr Low Yee  
Dr Yap Te-Lu  
Dr Ong Lin Yin  
Dr Joyce Chua Horng Yiing  
Dr Chui Chan Hon

#### Changi General Hospital

A/Prof Tan Su-Ming  
Dr T. Ravintharan  
Dr Salleh Bin Ibrahim  
Adj. Asst Prof Adrian Koh Jit Hin  
Dr Foo Chek Siang  
Dr Lim Swee Ho  
Dr Tan Siong San  
Dr Steven Kum Wei Cheong

*"I found my ideal training ground at CGH Dept of General Surgery. Here, every call is a tutorial, every patient a lesson and every member of the team – from the nervous house officer to the senior fellow – important. Also, the seniors are willing to sacrifice their time, effort and energy to train me. In pursuit of their surgical excellence, they take time to bring me along too."*

#### Dr Adrian Chow

General Surgical Registrar (AST),  
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