HOSPITAL & CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 800+ bed acute care, not-for-profit Catholic hospital situated on two campuses (Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes) within 10 minutes of each other.
- Level II Trauma Center.
- One of the Midwest’s largest referral centers, offering a wide variety of specialty services.
- Mercy and Iowa Heart Center combine the region’s leading cardiologists and surgeons with the state’s leading cardiovascular hospital.
- Participation in the Iowa Center for Translational and Clinical Research.
- Member, Iowa Oncology Research Association (North Central Treatment Group).
- Medical staff of more than 1,200 physicians and allied health professionals.
- Diverse patient population.

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RESIDENCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Curriculum
- ACGME accreditation.
- Case volumes for general surgery exceed ACS requirements.
- Outpatient clinic experience at Surgical Affiliates, Katzmann Breast Center, Weight Loss & Nutrition Center (bariatric services) and Trauma Clinic.
- Excellent didactic program, including regular Grand Rounds, M&M, Faculty / Resident Lectures, Specialty Conferences (Breast, Critical Care, GI, Trauma, Vascular), as well as Journal Club.
- Resident teaching opportunities through faculty appointment at Des Moines University.
- Research opportunities available.

Faculty
- More than 20 passionate, dedicated teachers.
- Rotations include general surgery, surgical oncology, breast, colorectal, trauma, ICU, vascular, transplant, pediatric and cardiothoracic. All available in-house.

Resident Call
- Night Float rotation system; PGY 1-4 average 1 night in 5.
- Chief residents on call from home.

GRADUATE TESTIMONIALS

“Not only did the general surgery residency program at Mercy Medical Center provide the best educational experience I could have asked for, but my wife and children loved living in Des Moines. Des Moines area schools are exceptional and the family entertainment is comparable to large metropolitan cities.

The Mercy program included breadth and volume of pathology, dedicated attending staff, and strong didactic education. After acquiring the skills and knowledge needed to treat a wide variety of surgical diseases while maintaining compassion and concern for the patient, I am confident, successful and respected as a new private practice general surgeon in Kansas City, MO. In addition, outstanding research projects are being presented at a national level, making one’s application to post-graduate fellowships more competitive. I would strongly recommend the Mercy program to anyone interested in a surgical career.”

Spencer Kirk, D.O., 2011 graduate

“I cannot say enough positive comments about my experience in Des Moines with Mercy’s general surgery program. I did not enter residency training wanting to subspecialize but choose the program due to the solid foundation in general surgery as well as the great volume & breadth of complexity we have the opportunity to see in Des Moines. There is no doubt that Mercy’s program provides an excellent foundation for any surgeon. The strength of the subspecialties makes Mercy an easy choice for anyone considering fellowship. The volume of cases is, again, second to none. All of the specialist staff put forth the extra effort to generate your interest in their specialty & also become your biggest advocates in the application process including the excellent research opportunities that are available at Mercy. I felt remarkably prepared for fellowship thanks to my opportunities at Mercy.”

Jared Kray, D.O., 2014 Graduate

“Mercy was a wonderful place to receive surgical training. It’s the best combination of giving you access to complex cases but also a large volume of standard cases, since it’s a community hospital. The attendings want to teach, and the residents are given valuable amounts of autonomy.”

Rachel Knudson, D.O., 2014 Graduate