The McGill University Plastic Surgery Program is broad-based and is directed toward the fulfilment of the requirements for specialty certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the Collège des médecins du Québec. The Program can also be structured to allow residents to qualify for the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

The Committee on Residency Training in Plastic Surgery considers applicants for the Program through the following routes: (1) Via CaRMS and (2) International Medical Graduates. The first two years of the five year Plastic Surgery residency are done via the Surgical Foundations Program, following which they are trained for three years in Plastic Surgery.

The teaching hospitals are the Montreal General Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Montreal Children's Hospital and the Jewish General Hospital. The training is divided to include equal rotations at each hospital.

In addition to daily and weekly rounds at each hospital, one day of the week (at present, Wednesday) is completely given over to rounds, clinics and the presentation of problem cases from the various services and those brought in by outside Plastic Surgeons. In addition, a weekly seminar follows the selected rounds at The Montreal General Hospital. Large Plastic Surgery Clinics are held at least four times’ weekly at each of the main teaching hospitals and Hand Clinics are held once weekly at the adult hospitals. There are several other clinics in related disciplines at the various hospitals which the Plastic Surgery residents are urged to attend. These include Tumour Clinic, Hemangioma and Cleft Palate Clinics, the Maxillofacial Surgical Treatment Group, Limb Asymmetry Study Group and General Surgery Grand Rounds. Trauma rounds are held once weekly and Plastic Surgery participates frequently.

The extensive academic facets of this program are further enhanced by formal tutorials which are held by the attending staff for the residents every two weeks during the academic year. These tutorials are preceded by a two-hour examination of the selected topic and reading list, and then followed by a three hour discussion meeting and oral examination. In the course of training, these tutorials cover the field of Plastic Surgery and basic science subjects, and are referenced in the reading lists. Basic research topics related to Plastic Surgery, carried out by research fellows and the attending staff, are regularly reported during these Plastic Surgery seminars. Each year, the three final year residents prepare papers for presentation at the Senior Plastic Surgery Residency Conference which is held in one of the major American or Canadian Plastic Surgery Centres. All residents are encouraged to participate in clinical research projects and in the presentation of scientific material at local and national meetings.

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