

Orthopedic Arthroplasty			
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MUHC: Montreal General Hospital

Elective Description

The Arthroplasty service at the Montreal General Hospital cares for patients with a wide variety of muskuloskeletal disorders involving the hip and knee. Surgeries range from primary joint replacement to complex revision arthroplasty as well as hip preservation surgery. Elective students become an integral part of our team and may participate in clinics, surgery, and in-patient care. In addition to clinical activities, there are weekly Arthroplasty Rounds with didactic lectures and case-based teaching. All activities are based at the Montreal General Hospital which is a level-one trauma center. Elective students may therefore optionally take call and participate in daily academic activities with our residents.

Elective Duration

2, 3 or 4 weeks

Educational Objectives

Elective students are incorporated into our service and encouraged to participate in clinics, surgery, in-patient care, and teaching rounds. They will be working alongside our attending staff and residents rotating on the service. Educational objectives may be taylored to the level and interests of the student but generally include the diagnosis and management of degenerative and inflammatory arthritis. Exposure to complex primary arthroplasty, revision arthroplasty, and hip preservation surgery is also possible.

Prerequisites

Student in good standing.



Scope of Work

The Student is expected to fully participate in all clinical activities on the service including morning rounds, ward rounds, outpatient clinics, and participation in the operating room.

Elective Students are welcome to shadow residents on-call during the course of the rotation, in order to expose them to the emergency management of orthopedic injuries and to develop insight into the demands of a career in Orthopedics. Work hours and on-call hours are subject to the work hour policies of the University.

There is also a comprehensive teaching program within the entire department which the student is expected to attend. These activities include subspecialty service rounds as well as bi-weekly hospital departmental rounds and divisional Grand Rounds.

Recommended Reading/Preparation

The student should prepare to have a basic understanding of the musculoskeletal physical examination.



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