

Orthopedic Trauma Surgery			
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Site

MUHC: Montreal General Hospital

Elective Description

As a level 1 trauma facility, we are a tertiary referral centre for complex Orthopedic injuries. The orthopedic trauma service manages a high volume of cases of varying severity ranging from simple fractures that are treated non-surgically to complex and life-threatening fractures of long bones, the pelvis and the spine. There is an orthopedic trauma operating room every day of the week staffed by one of the fellowship trained Orthopedic traumatologists. Besides the operative aspect, there is also a large clinical part of the rotation that consists of following patients on the wards and the outpatient clinic.

Generally, the students work in close collaboration with the 3-4 residents assigned to the rotation and become an important part of the team, evaluating patients in the ER and on the wards.

Elective Duration

2, 3 or 4 weeks

Educational Objectives

The rotation will give the student a glimpse of the type of pathologies Orthopedic trauma surgeons deal with. At the end of the rotation, the student should be able to apply simple casts and splints to injured extremities and have a basic understanding of the biology and biomechanics of fracture care.

Prerequisites

Student in good standing.

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Scope of Work

Students are expected to participate and integrate in the daily activities of the service. This includes daily ward rounds, the operating room, the ER as well as the outpatient clinic. Spending some on-call days with the residents is strongly encouraged and demonstrates an interest in the field. Students should attend the educational program, including Wednesday trauma rounds and grand rounds on Thursdays.



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