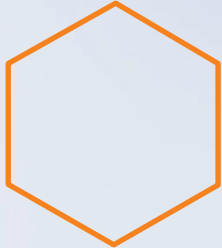
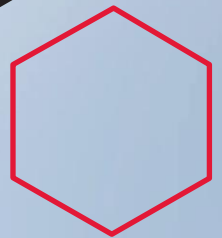
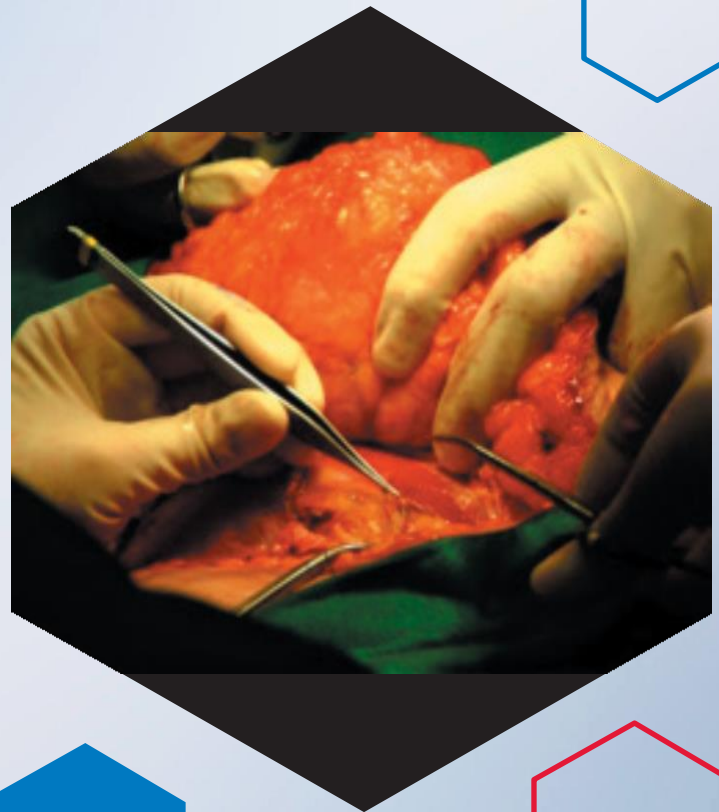


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NUHS PLASTIC SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

The NUHS Plastic Surgery Residency Programme is a multi-tiered programme with the goal of accreditation in Plastic Surgery as a specialty. Residents can either join the programme with direct entry to the surgical specialty after fulfilling the initial common trunk training in Surgery-in-General (SIG), or apply to enter after their general surgery residency.

Residents who enter the programme after completing the two-year SIG programme must possess the necessary qualifications (M.R.C.S.) before they can formally commence plastic surgery training. Formal plastic surgery training will consist of 4 years.

Residents who have completed their General Surgery Residency Programme are also invited to apply. They must possess the necessary qualifications (exit certification in general surgery). At the end of the training, residents will have dual accreditation in general surgery as well as plastic surgery.

All residents are expected to further pursue an additional year of fellowship in a subspecialty of their choice, at world renowned international centres.



Outstanding Features of the Programme

We have an experienced team and dedicated faculty, all of whom are teaching faculty members of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, and are involved in the national postgraduate teaching programme.

We have a diverse spectrum of cases, including paediatric plastic surgery. The high volume of craniofacial, trauma, and reconstructive cases will provide a rich and fulfilling source of training material. Our subspecialties include: Congenital and acquired cranio-maxillofacial surgery, craniofacial trauma, head and neck reconstruction, breast and trunk reconstruction, lymphoedema and super-microsurgery.

The programme is designed to provide a combination of clinical experience, academic teaching, and opportunities in research. At the end of the programme, the Plastic Surgery resident should be able to employ the knowledge and techniques learnt to enhance function and appearance made abnormal by birth defects, trauma, infection or oncology; and to enhance the patient's self-esteem by correcting body features displeasing to the patient.

Our team boasts of strong research background, with opportunities in basic science, clinical as well as translational research. Our strong links will provide ample opportunities for start-up programme and collaborations with other NUHS / NUS departments as well as various research institutions in the vicinity including Biopolis, Fusionopolis.

Programme Structure

Resident Year 1-2 (Surgery-in-General, SIG)

Year 1	6 months	2 months	2months	2 months
	General Surgery and Trauma	Paediatric Surgery	Vascular Surgery	Neurosurgery
Year 2	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months
	Orthopaedic Surgery/Hand Surgery	SICU/SHD	ENT	Plastic Surgery

Resident Year 3-6

Year 3 residents will start formal plastic surgery postings. They have to pass M.Med.(Surgery) by end of year 3 to progress to year 4. Residents will be expected to perform supervised surgery in both elective and emergency settings. In the later years, residents will be expected to perform more complex cases and have mastered skills like microsurgery.

Research will play an important component in the training. All residents are expected to have their own research project, which they should develop and carry through their training years. They will have a minimum requirement of one oral and one poster presentation at international conferences, and one publication each year.

The resident will be eligible to sit for the exit examination at the end of Year 6 only if all relevant components of training have been satisfactorily completed.

