Additional training in advanced upper limb surgery – adult

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Program description

This is a 12-month professional development program featuring orthopaedic surgery internships in hospitals affiliated with Université de Montréal:

- Wrist and hand surgery
- Shoulder reconstruction surgery and elbow arthroplasty
- Upper limb, shoulder, elbow, wrist trauma surgery
- Upper limb sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery
- Clinical research option with the possibility of a master’s degree

During the internships, the intern is integrated into the clinical service of the orthopaedic surgery team. The intern participates in the clinic and operating room, and performs a number of administrative, teaching and research duties.

The curriculum includes clinical internships offering interns technical and clinical learning opportunities that will enable them to apply relevant CanMEDS competencies.

Some of the learning can occur simultaneously or longitudinally. The allocation of internships can be modified to accommodate the specific needs or interests of the interns, with approval from the person in charge of the internship.

The intern registered for the specialized diploma program in advanced upper limb surgery in adult patients is integrated into the on-call duties of the orthopaedic surgery department of the CIUSSS-NIM. On-call duties are an integral aspect of the intern’s tasks and training.

The material taught to interns registered for the graduate diploma in advanced upper limb surgery in adult patients is organized into three main areas: clinical and surgical learning, courses and presentations, research and scholarship. During this training year, the objective is to have the students become specialists in advanced upper limb surgery in adult patients, adept at investigating and interpreting the most complex cases. Beyond the skills strictly related to surgery, the program seeks to train multi-skilled and humane clinicians who are highly involved with the care teams, and able to make recommendations to consultants with respect to suggested investigations and therapeutic options.