

Additional training in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery

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Program description

The graduate degree program in hepatobiliary and pancreatic (HPB) surgery with a liver transplant component aims to provide the clinical and surgical exposure necessary to become a specialist in understanding, diagnosing and managing complex HPB diseases and acquiring the technical skills needed to perform major and complex HPB surgeries.

The curriculum and objectives of the additional training in HPB surgery are based on the criteria established by the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) in collaboration with the Fellowship Council in the United States. This graduate degree program is a subspecialization of general surgery.

The graduate program in HPB surgery and liver transplants is run by the HPB surgery department of the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM). The department is recognized nationally and internationally for its unique expertise in assessing and managing various benign and malignant hepatobiliary and pancreatic pathologies. The department strives for excellence in managing and treating all liver, pancreas and bile duct pathologies. All of the surgeons have exclusive practice in HPB surgery and liver transplant. Our department also includes the largest liver transplant program for adults in Québec, with an average of 70 transplants annually.

Our training program prioritizes a multidisciplinary approach with various medical specializations (hepatology, gastroenterology, surgical gastroenterology, oncology, radiation oncology, etc.) and radiological specializations to offer optimal care to patients from Québec, New Brunswick and northeastern Ontario. These patients benefit from cutting-edge technologies including advanced and robotic laparoscopic surgery.

Participants must be able to consult with these disciplines on the basis of the surgical and medical clinical knowledge acquired in order to determine the best therapeutic option for each patient. They must also interact with other health professions (nursing, social services, physiotherapy, etc.) in order to offer high-quality care in hospital and once the patient has returned home.

At the end of the training, participants will have acquired all of the attitudes necessary to practise as a specialized surgeon and serve as a competent and honest consultant. They will also be able to conduct clinical research, teach their colleagues and other health professionals, promote good practices, and enjoy influence on the national and international scene.