

PGY-4 Elective Experience

The General Surgery Residency Program provides a 4th year elective experience, sponsored by the Department of Surgery, to spend 6-7 weeks in an international setting or to obtain 6-7 weeks of additional experience in a specialty of their choice, either at University of Colorado Hospital or at another institution. The department pays for resident salary and benefits, which is critical support for this program.

Recent elective experiences were as follows:

Rotation Dates	Resident	Clinical Focus of Elective	Hospital	Location
7/1-8/14/08	Trevor Nydam, M.D.	Vascular Surgery	Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	Denver, CO
8/15-9/29/08	Carlos Rueda, M.D.	Vascular Surgery	Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	Denver, CO
9/30-11/13/08	Jonathan Roach, M.D.	Pediatric Transplant	University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH
11/14-12/30/08	Alian Garay, M.D.	General	Memorial Hospital	Colorado Springs, CO
12/31/08-2/13/09	Janeen Jordan, M.D.	Cardiac Surgery	Exempla St. Joseph Hosp.	Denver, CO
2/14-3/30/09	Adam Lackey, M.D.	Thoracic Surgery	Univ. of Colorado	Aurora, CO
3/31-5/15/09	Robert Stovall, M.D.	General Surgery	Arusha Lutheran Medical Center	Arusha, Tanzania
5/16-6/30/09	Joel Baumgartner, M.D.	General Surgery	Tenwek Hospital	Bomet, Kenya

See the resident's perspective on their elective experience:

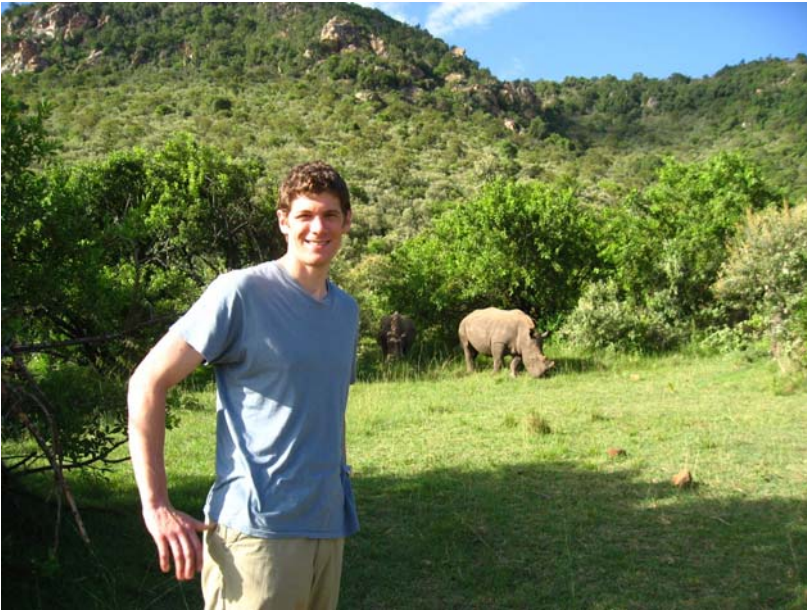
From Joel Baumgartner:

For my elective, I chose to rotate through Tenwek Hospital, a mission hospital in Western Kenya. I joined the Kenyan surgery residents in Tenwek in operative, clinic and call responsibilities. Not only did I obtain a crash course in tropical surgery, I learned a tremendous amount about operating under spartan conditions with limited resources. I also was able to gain a greater appreciation for surgical care and training in the third

world. My experience provided me not only with a chance to hone my clinical skills, but also to re-evaluate what it means to be a surgeon and care for the less-fortunate.



The OR in Tenwek Hospital



Joel Baumgartner in Kenya

From Traci Kimball, MD

Vascular Surgery at Rose Medical Center- Broad-based, vascular surgery practice with both inpatient and outpatient experiences. I worked with 2 board-certified vascular surgeons, each focusing on a variety of vascular pathologies.

Overall, I had a great experience on my rotation. During my 7 week rotation, I performed a total of 55+ major category vascular surgery cases. This was balanced with a great didactic experience as my attendings were always willing to discuss interesting cases from the initial workup to the final prognosis and everything operative in between. I saw patients in clinic in follow-up and I also attended M&M weekly.

I would recommend this opportunity to any resident considering a Vascular Surgery Fellowship!

From Carlos Rueda:

I rotated at St. Joseph's Hospital with the Vascular Surgery Service.

It was a unique experience where I learned in a different environment with excellent Vascular Surgeons. This only confirmed my decision to go into Vascular Surgery. The elective rotation is an excellent opportunity for any resident.

From Jonathan Roach

My elective experience was invaluable in my pursuit of pediatric surgery. Not only did it confirm my desire to pursue pediatric surgery but it allowed me to meet, work with, and get to know leaders within the field. The ability to go to another institution and experience a different way of caring for children helped me as I interviewed for fellowship, as well as allowed me to develop professional relationships which will benefit me through out my career.

Planned elective experiences include:

Rotation	Resident	Clinical Focus of Elective	Hospital	L
7/1-8/21/09	Traci Kimball, M.D. Clinical PGY-4	Vascular Surgery	Rose Medical Center	Denv
8/22-10/12/09	Erik Peltz, D.O. Clinical PGY-4	General Surgery	Poudre Valley Hospital	Color Sprin
9/15-11/1/09	James Wood, M.D. Research Resident	Pediatric Surgery	AIC Kijabe Hospital	Kijab
10/13-12/3/09	Maria Albuja-Cruz, M.D. Clinical PGY-4	Endocrine Surgery	University of Colorado Hospital	Auro
12/4/09-1/24/10	Franklin Wright, M.D. Clinical PGY-4	Trauma/Critical Care Surgery	GF Jooste Hospital	Cape South
1/25-3/17/10	Angela Gilliam, M.D.	CT Surgery	University of Colorado	Auro

	Clinical PGY-4		Hospital	
3/18-5/8/10	Sarah Judkins, M.D. Clinical PGY-4	General Surgery	Tenwek Hospital	Bom
5/9-6/30/10	Robert Powell, M.D. Clinical PGY-4	Surgery	Central or South America	TBA

The program is currently exploring rural surgery elective options as a possibility for residents as a two-year elective experience following the PGY-3 year, as an alternative to two years in the research laboratory. Sites are presently being considered for this potential elective option including Colorado Springs and Grand Junction.