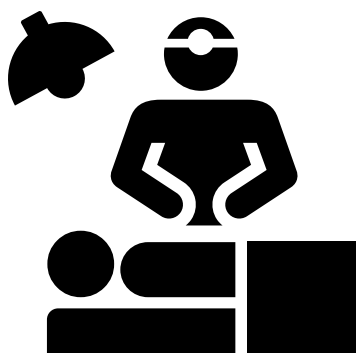


EXPLAINING SURGICAL FOUNDATIONS IN CBD

Surgical Foundations is an initial period of post-graduate training where a resident learns the fundamental skills of surgery. Nine surgical specialties participate in Surgical Foundations. How does it work?



A resident is automatically enrolled in Surgical Foundations when they match to one of nine surgical specialties.



A resident completes the Surgical Foundations training over the first two stages of residency, while simultaneously training in their surgical specialty.



Two competence committees oversee resident progress, one for the Surgical Foundations' EPAs and one for the surgical specialty's EPAs.

Progress in one does not impact the other.



All Surgical Foundations EPAs must be completed before a resident can be promoted to the Core of Discipline stage of the surgical specialty.



The Surgical Foundations exam takes place approximately 15 months after the beginning of residency.

Success at the Surgical Foundations exam is not required for promotion to the Core of Discipline stage of the surgical specialty, but is required by the end of training.