

Careers in Surgery



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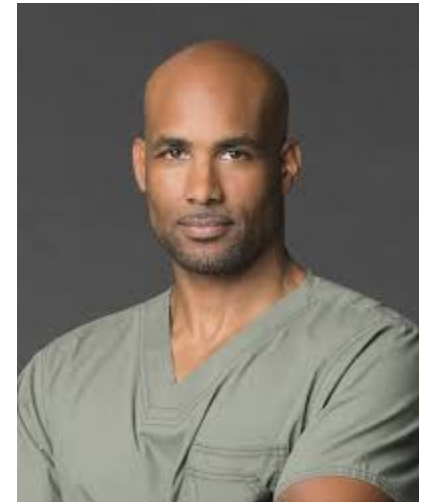
Grey's Anatomy



Scrubs



Code Black



∞ Playing a surgeon has launched many Hollywood actor's careers!!



So you want to be a surgeon- why?

- ✎ American College of Surgeons “Red Book” for Surgical Residencies: So You Want To Be A Surgeon
- ✎ Overview of nearly all surgical specialties written by young surgeons in each field
- ✎ Describes number of years required for each discipline
- ✎ Recommend direct contact with surgeons in the field you may have interest
- ✎ AAMC website is another resource for career planning
- ✎ Yes- this talk is about Career Planning!!!

Years of Residency

- ✎ Neurosurgery: 6-7 years
- ✎ Ophthalmology: 1 year transitional + 3 years
- ✎ Orthopedics: 5 years
- ✎ ENT: 5 years
- ✎ Plastics: traditional- 5+2 years; integrated- 5 years
- ✎ Urology: 5 years
- ✎ Vascular: traditional- 5+2 years; integrated- 5 years
- ✎ Cardio-thoracic- traditional- 5+2 to 3 years; integrated- 6 years
- ✎ Colo-rectal: 5+1 years

Years of Residency

- ∞ Pediatric Surgery: 5+2 to 3 years
- ∞ Transplant: 5+2-3 years
- ∞ Surg Oncology: 5+2-3 years
- ∞ Surgical Critical Care: 5+1 years
- ∞ Trauma: 5+1-2 years
- ∞ Breast: 5+1 year
- ∞ Endocrine: 5+1
- ∞ Minimally Invasive/Bariatric: 5+1 years

General Surgery

- ∞ Job Description: inpatient vs. outpatient
- ∞ Geographic opportunity: urban vs. rural
- ∞ Intensity of work: call schedule, home life, free time
- ∞ Economics- income range
- ∞ Job security- market saturation
- ∞ Job satisfaction
- ∞ Burn out

General Surgery Residency

- ✎ Difficulty in matching: grades, board scores, differences of requirements in the surgical specialties
- ✎ Research project of some fashion- need to stand out
- ✎ Requirements and expectations for medical students entering surgery: Sub-I's in surgery- usually two away rotations. Surgical Boot-Camp attendance. Letters of recommendation from SURGEONS
- ✎ Thick Skin! Surgery last of “old school” residencies
- ✎ What is residency like? What about the other surgical residencies? Can I make it through? Not a democracy!
- ✎ What about the ABS(Boards) requirements?
- ✎ Written and Oral Boards: Pass/Fail, MOC, 10 year exam

Surgical Interest Group

- ☞ Sign up, get involved
- ☞ Opportunity to meet faculty, residents and upper classmen/women interested in surgery and looks good on resume
- ☞ Great source for free food and often surgical skills classes

Contacts

- ☞ President of the Surgical Interest Group
- ☞ Surgeon who will be your mentor during Pillar II
- ☞ Dr. Mike Person- LIC coordinator for Pillar II and III
- ☞ Dr. Gary Timmerman- Chair, Department of Surgery:
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Conclusion

- ∞ The coolest, most rewarding, most life-changing, most difficult, most demanding, most respected field in medicine—

- ∞ Why do you think everyone in Hollywood wants to pretend to do what I do?
- ∞ NOTHING cooler than being the REAL THING!!

