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WMed MIDOCs Rural Surgery Program

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WMed General Surgery /[MIDOCs](#) Rural Surgery Program (NRMP code 1314440C1) is a unique opportunity for residents interested in practicing in underserved communities after residency. In many ways, the rural surgery program mirrors a traditional categorical surgery program. However, in addition to the traditional rotations, this dedicated rural program builds 20 rural and subspecialty rotations into the five-year general surgery curriculum. Subspecialty rotations include Obstetrics, Urology, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Gynecology, and Otolaryngology. These subspecialty rotations are distributed among postgraduate years (PGY), starting in PGY2, and tailored to provide the residents with the most robust learning and skill experiences.

As in the traditional categorical program, residents in our rural program will complete their rotations at WMed and its affiliated hospitals in Kalamazoo, Bronson Methodist Hospital and Ascension Borgess Medical Center. Additionally, these residents will be scheduled for rotations outside Kalamazoo, in hospitals treating Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/Ps), such as Allegan General Hospital, Bronson Battle Creek (BBC), Bronson Lakeview Hospital (BLH), and Three Rivers Health.

The rural surgery position is supported by a new program in Michigan called MIDOCs (Michigan Doctors) and is funded by the State of Michigan. MIDOCs offers up to \$75,000 in loan repayment to residents who enter these positions in exchange for a commitment to practice in Michigan's approved rural or urban underserved setting for at least two years immediately following residency. In order to fulfill this commitment, MIDOCs residents must agree to forego any subspecialty training for at least two years post-residency. You may find more information about the MIDOCs program here: <https://www.michigandocs.org/>

MIDOCs-approved practice sites are healthcare facilities that generally provide outpatient primary health services to populations residing in urban or rural [Health Professional Shortage Areas \(HPSAs\) or a Medically Underserved Area/Population \(MUA/P\)](#).