

University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine

Surgical Case Volume: Chief Residents 2022-2024

Graduates of a Surgical Residency Program must complete at least 850 operative procedures by graduation from the five-year program. During the Chief year, they must complete 200 surgical procedures to sit for the American Board of Surgery certifying examination. There are distribution requirements in specific specialty areas to meet the ACGME and Surgery RRC requirements, as listed in the defined categories column below. This table itemizes the RRC requirements (the minimum number of required cases for each defined category) and the total number of cases performed by our last three years of graduating chief residents (2022-2024). Our program's curriculum continues to be adjusted to reflect the defined category minimums for 2,029+ graduates.

Defined Categories	Defined Category Minimum	2022 Graduate Average	2023 Graduate Average	2024 Graduate Average
Skin and Soft Tissue	25	75	66	74
Breast	40	50	56	66
Head and Neck	25	84	68	70
Alimentary Tract	180	333	331	370
Abdominal	250	373	367	405
Liver	5	16	20	17
Pancreatic	5	13	17	19
Vascular	50	93	88	76
Endocrine	15	53	47	55
Trauma – Operative	10	43	40	38
Trauma – Non-operative	40	83	44	49
Thoracic	20	58	64	37
Pediatric	20	37	32	39
Plastic	10	43	42	47
Surgical Critical Care	40	108	46	52
Laparoscopic – Basic	100	224	233	254
Laparoscopic – Complex	75	146	134	147
Endoscopy	85	120	119	123
Total Chief Year	200	280	259	292
Total Major	850	1,167	1,131	1,203
Total TA	25	89	81	44



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