

Anesthesia

Goals:

The PGY3 year in Anesthesia is designed to provide resident trainees with the skills necessary to practice Anesthesia as part of a comprehensive family medicine practice in order to serve rural populations. The goal is to produce physicians who can provide safe, competent general, neuraxial and regional anesthesia for uncomplicated procedures on relatively healthy patients, including children over the age of two years. The skills learned during this year also enhance the ability of the trainee to act as a community resource in emergency situations. Procedural and cognitive resuscitative skills with an emphasis on human factors will be taught and reinforced through simulation. Of critical importance is the ability of the trainee to be able to exercise judgment in assessing the appropriateness of cases for elective surgery, with reference to their own skills and the available infrastructure for postoperative management in the community.

Learning Experiences:

We offer a program in Family Practice (FP) Anesthesia that combines learning experiences in tertiary care centres in Hamilton, large regional community hospitals and smaller FPA type community hospitals. The learner will have a well rounded experience, building skills in general, pediatric and obstetrical anesthesia as well as neuraxial and regional anesthesia. The learner will also have a horizontal learning experience in Family Practice Anesthesia. This will involve regularly scheduled one-week blocks with FP Anesthetists and will combine OR time with time in primary care settings such as office practice, hospitalist medicine and emergency medicine. There is some flexibility to tailor both the content and geography of rotations to meet the learner's specific needs.

Anesthesia Sample Schedule

2 BLOCKS	1 WEEK	3 BLOCKS	1 WEEK	3 BLOCKS	1 WEEK	2 BLOCKS	1 WEEK	2 BLOCKS
Hamilton (General, pediatric, low-risk, high volume obstetrics)	FP Anesthesia	Community Anesthesia	FP Anesthesia	Community Anesthesia	FP Anesthesia	McMaster University Medical Centre, Hamilton (pediatrics, higher-risk obstetrics)	FP Anesthesia	Hamilton General Hospital, Hamilton (General, Trauma)

Please note: these are sample schedules. Communities and Academic centres as well as rotation type can be modified.

Time available: Two 12-month positions

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