HANGER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Primary Training Center Biography
Hartford / Wethersfield
CT
Hanger Residency Program

In 1996, Hanger Clinic established a national residency program that is responsible for the organization, recruitment, management, and oversight of all Hanger/NCOPE accredited residency sites across the United States. Since that time, we have trained over 800 Orthotic and Prosthetic residents at our 150+ NCOPE accredited residency sites.

We offer a comprehensive, state of the art, patient care oriented training environment that focuses on the development of new practitioners in the most efficient, effective manner possible.

In addition, we have established Primary Training Centers that are especially focused on resident training within a structured medical residency model.

Our resident graduates perform much better than the national average on the certificate and licensure board exams and the vast majority remains with Hanger to become industry leaders in education, clinical practice, business, and management.

With several business units serving different segments of the O&P industry, Hanger Clinic continues to find new ways to empower human potential for those with physical challenges, while remaining true to our rich history of superior clinical outcomes and customer service. We count on our residents to continue this tradition.

Learn more about Hanger’s deep-rooted tradition and commitment to education and innovation at http://www.hanger150.com/, our historical website.

Our Mission

Our mission is to prepare the new graduate for competent, autonomous clinical practice in the field of orthotics and prosthetics. We utilize a comprehensive, gradual experiential model within a broad-based professional and academic environment conducive to the education and training of tomorrow’s corporate and industry leaders.

Primary Training Centers

Hanger Clinic has strategically placed Primary Training Centers throughout the continental United States. These premium residency locations have the benefits of:

- **Scope of Practice:** The clinic has a patient base that is diverse relative to age, etiology, and diagnostic sub groups.
- **Volume:** The clinic has sufficient patient interactions to give the residents enough repetitions to improve their skills.
- **Oversight/Teaching Environment:** The clinic has a commitment from its clinicians to dedicate the time and energy to train residents on a daily basis.
- **Experience:** Preceptors must be ABC certified with a minimum of 3 years post certification experience.

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Primary Training Center Information

Hanger Clinic
282 Washington Street, CCMC Suite 1B
Hartford, CT  06106

NCOPE Accredited Program Type

✓ 12 month Orthotic Residency  ✓ 12 month Prosthetic Residency

Clinical Specialty Areas

Pediatric Orthotics
Scoliosis
Adult Trauma Orthotics
WalkAide

Pectus Carinatum
Cranial Remolding Orthoses
Upper and Lower prosthetics
Advanced prosthetic technology

Resident Opportunities

Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (formerly Newington Children’s Hospital) has recently been identified by US News and World Report as a top 50 Children’s hospital for its work in pediatric orthopedics. CCMC is a contemporary, full service 125 bed hospital serving children up to the age of 18. The Hanger clinic within the hospital shares the waiting room with 5 pediatric orthopedic surgeons and three neurosurgeons and is housed in over 500 square feet of lab/clinical space adjacent to the outpatient orthopedic clinic. Despite the pediatric focus of CCMC, the site sees about 30% adult patients.

In addition, housed at the Farmington, CT satellite office is one of the preeminent Motion Analysis (GAIT) Laboratories in the world. Applied, scientific and clinical research is undertaken with regularity and the resident has access to gait reviews and case studies.

Grand Rounds lectures are given periodically by leading experts covering a broad array of topics from fracture management to rheumatology and Orthotics, as CCMC is a teaching hospital for orthopedic residents.

The orthotic/prosthetic residents from CCMC/Wethersfield have achieved a 90% first time pass rate on the ABC certification exams; testifying to the outstanding clinical and academic exposure provided consistently from year to year.

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Residency Director

For Orthotics:
James Fezio, CO
Jim has been the clinic manager for the Hartford Hanger Clinic at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for 15 years and has 31 years of orthotic experience specializing in pediatric orthotics and bracing for adult trauma patients. He has been an instructor for the Newington Certificate Program/University of Hartford MSPO program since 1993. His specialties include the orthotic treatment for pectus carinatum and orthoses for paraplegic gait.

For Prosthetics:
Al. Maciunas, CPO, FAAOP
ABC Certified in 1983, CPO 897
32 years post ABC certification experience
BSE in Bioengineering – University of Pennsylvania 1977
O&P short term courses – New York University completed January 1983
Hanger Clinic – Wethersfield, CT – Residency Director
Al is the Clinic Manager for Hanger, Wethersfield, CT. Al graduated from University of PA with a degree in Bioengineering and then proceeded on to New York University prosthetic/orthotic graduate center. Al is a Lower Extremity Clinical Specialist, serves as a member of the Hartford Hospital Prosthetic Clinic, developed the Nutmegger Ampushield and VAC-PIN socket system. He was the recipient of the Hanger Excellence Award for Clinical Leadership and is a Fellow for the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists. He has volunteered multiple times with the Rehab Prosthetic Mission to Lima, Peru.

Residency Preceptor

Megan Chamis, CO
Megan has worked for Hanger Clinic for 23 years as a Certified Orthotist. She has specialized in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Bracing and Plagiocephaly Management at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Megan has been a resident preceptor at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for 15 years providing instruction on Scoliosis Bracing, Plagiocephaly management, Spine trauma management and general pediatric orthopedic clinic coverage. Megan has been a guest lecturer and more recently an instructor at the University of Hartford Masters program for Spinal Orthotics and Scoliosis Bracing. Megan serves on a team of other Hanger clinicians to assist with

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plagiocephaly treatment protocol and troubleshooting the challenging plagiocephaly patient. She works with a small team of clinicians to provide instruction for certification for the Charleston Bending Brace.

**NCOPE Affiliate Site**

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