

The Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery is committed to developing surgical skills among residents and faculty. Our conferences educate students, residents and faculty; showcase Department and other visiting faculty; and foster camaraderie within the Department and within the local surgical community. We strive for an exciting environment that fosters the intellectual development of students, residents, and practicing physicians alike. Our motto is: Examine, critique and change what needs to be changed.

[Residency](#)

[Two Year Cardiothoracic Residency Program](#)



The Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program at the University of Washington Hospitals provides training in all areas of cardiac and thoracic surgery through an intensive two-year didactic and clinical program. This program is dedicated to the education of individuals who will become excellent clinical surgeons and community leaders in cardiothoracic surgery. Graduates of this program practice throughout North America in a wide variety of practices including academic and private practice, thoracic and cardiac surgery, congenital cardiac surgery, and highly specialized areas of heart and lung transplantation, minimally invasive surgery and aortic surgery.

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[Six Year Integrated Residency Program](#)

The University of Washington now offers a six-year integrated residency program that residents will enter directly from medical school. The program has been carefully designed to balance cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, and includes extensive exposure to fields relevant to cardiac and thoracic surgery such as GI endoscopy, surgical oncology, cardiac catheterization, echocardiograph, and gastrointestinal (foregut) surgery. Completion of the program will lead to eligibility for certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. Emphasis is placed on academic knowledge and accomplishment as well as clinical expertise in patient care.

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[Fellowship](#)

The pediatric congenital cardiac surgery fellowship program is managed through a co-operative effort of the Pediatric Surgery Division and the Seattle Children's Hospital and began in 1953 with the performance of the first pediatric open-heart operation at Children's. The clinical program has grown parallel with an active pediatric cardiology service to provide comprehensive diagnostic, interventional, and surgical care for all forms of heart disease in children from birth to age 21. We currently perform 275 open and 150 closed-heart procedures a year. More information about this program can be found at:

[Children's Hospital Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellowship page &&](#)
