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**General Surgery Residency Program** 

## Roles and Responsibilities of Resident Representatives On Program Committees

Resident Representatives on different program committees ensure an open line of communication between the program leadership and residents. They gain a valuable experience by participating in planning and organizing the residency program, including:

- Selection of residents
- Educational design
- Policy and process development
- Safety
- Resident wellness
- Assessment of resident progress
- Continuous improvement.

Resident Representatives speak on behalf of residents during meetings. The committees typically request input from and discussion by all members, especially residents, and operate by consensus.

## Responsibilities:

- Serve on committees for a minimum of one year unless otherwise defined
- Familiarize yourself with the terms of reference
- Review the Resident Representation Chart to understand how representation on your committee fits into the broader picture of resident representation.
- Be accountable and ensure that your recommendations/comments/votes reflect the majority opinion of the residents
- Be cognizant of issues surrounding confidentiality and anonymity.