

Case Western Department of Oral Surgery
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Externship Welcome Letter

Welcome to Case Western! We are excited to have you join us here at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. We hope you learn a lot during your stay with us, and find this to be a worthwhile experience that gives you the opportunity to not only see what our program has to offer, but what is offered within the specialty of OMFS.

Arrival

You will most likely be flying into Cleveland Hopkins Airport, which is located approximately 25 minutes by car from Case Western. Cleveland has a train system (RTA) that also provides transportation from the Airport to campus. Uber and Lyft are available as well to transport you to the clinic. We recommend flying into Cleveland on Saturday or Sunday to help get you settled, in anticipation of starting Monday morning.

If you have not heard from a resident prior to your arrival, please call the hospital at 216-844-1000 and ask to speak to the Oral Surgery resident on call. The operator will connect you with the on call resident who will help coordinate when and where to be starting Monday morning.

Accommodations

We recommend booking a hotel or Airbnb in close proximity to the clinic and hospital. Little Italy, Midtown and downtown are all relatively close options. If you have a car, you are able to park on the street or pay for parking.

Food

The hospital itself has a large cafeteria, as well as an Einstein's Bagel and Wolfgang Puck restaurant. There are also multiple restaurants within 5 minute walking distance of the hospital.

What to Bring

You will be provided scrubs to wear in the OR. You are welcome to bring your own scrubs for the clinic. We have conferences during the week that require business dress code, so please plan accordingly. Bring dress shoes as well as comfortable sneakers to change into after conferences.

What to Expect

Our program is busy, and you will be exposed to multiple facets of oral and maxillofacial surgery. We cover approximately 1/3 of facial trauma call at University Hospitals which is a Level 1 trauma center. Trauma weeks can be busy, and you will be expected to take call with the residents. Be helpful and willing to learn. Not only will you be exposed to our dentoalveolar clinic, but you will spend a lot of time in the operating room assisting on cases. Our primary attendings are Dr. Quereshy, who is fellowship trained in cosmetics, as well as Dr. Baur who is fellowship trained in head and neck cancer. You will also meet several other faculty members that you may work with or be in the operating room with.

Below is a tentative schedule of what to expect while you are here.

Monday: Mondays are typically our dental clinic day. We may operate on emergency cases if we are on trauma call but expect to spend most of your first day in our dental clinic seeing procedures such as extractions, biopsies, grafting and sedations. You will be assisting on cases, but unfortunately will not be allowed to perform any procedures yourself due to school policy.

Tuesday: Tuesday mornings we have conference, and you will be expected to dress up. After conference, we have our sedation morning, where we see between 8-12 sedations primarily removing 3rd molars. This is our “private practice” morning. The afternoon is spent in clinic seeing attending and resident patients.

Wednesday: Wednesday morning you will be required to dress up as well for conference. Wednesday is our first OR day of the week, and you will spend most of your day in the operating room assisting the upper levels with the case. You will be able to scrub in and assist on these cases. A majority of our cases involve orthognathic surgery, total TMJ replacement, trauma repair, benign pathology or complex dentoalveolar cases. The resident clinic continues to run during this time, so you may assist here if the OR is not busy.

Thursday: Thursday is similar to Wednesday, where you will primarily be in the operating room with the upper levels. There is no formal conference on Thursday morning.

Friday: There will be a morning conference, however you will not have to dress up. Every other week we meet to discuss pathology or anesthesia emergencies. Following conference, Friday clinics are very busy with resident and attending clinic. Expect to help with procedures and sedations during this day.

Again, we hope you enjoy you time spent here with us in Cleveland. If there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to ask.