Surgical Case Volume: Chief Residents 2019-2021

Graduates of a Surgical Residency Program must complete at least 850 surgical procedures by graduation from the five-year program. During the Chief year, they must have completed 200 surgical procedures to sit for the American Board of Surgery certifying examination. There are distribution requirements in specific specialty areas in order to meet the ACGME and Surgery RRC requirements, as listed in the defined categories column below. This table itemizes the RRC requirements (defined categories) the minimum number of required cases for each defined category, and the average number of cases performed by our last three years of graduating chief residents (2019-2021). Our program's curriculum has also been adjusted to reflect the defined category minimums for 2018+ graduates, including a training site at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs which provides rich case experience.

Defined Categories	Minimum Required Number of Cases	CU Denver 2019-2021 Individual Chief Resident Avg Case Volume
Skin, Soft Tissue Surgery	25	76
Breast Surgery	40	54
Head and Neck Surgery	25	75
Alimentary Tract Surgery	180	333
Abdominal Surgery	250	374
Liver Surgery	5	20
Pancreatic Surgery	5	18
Vascular Surgery	50	82
Endocrine Surgery	15	46
Trauma— Operative	10	39
Trauma— Non-operative	40	57
Thoracic Surgery	20	54
Pediatric Surgery	20	42
Plastic Surgery	10	51
Surgical Critical Care	40	48
Basic Laparoscopic Surgery	100	210
Complex Laparoscopic Surgery	75	150
Endoscopy	85	107
TOTAL Chief Year	200	282
TOTAL Major	850	1160
TOTAL TA	25	66