Surgical Case Volume: Chief Residents 2020-2022

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 (2020-2022). 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 2020-2022 Individual Chief Resident Avg Case Volume
Skin, Soft Tissue, and Breast Surgery (only S/ST 2018+)	25	86
Breast Surgery (separate 2018+)	40	55
Head and Neck Surgery	25	78
Alimentary Tract Surgery	180	332
Abdominal Surgery	250	373
Liver Surgery	5	19
Pancreatic Surgery	5	16
Vascular Surgery	50	86
Endocrine Surgery	15	49
Trauma— Operative	10	42
Trauma— Non-operative	40	63
Thoracic Surgery	20	48
Pediatric Surgery	20	43
Plastic Surgery	10	54
Surgical Critical Care	40	67
Basic Laparoscopic Surgery	100	217
Complex Laparoscopic Surgery	75	144
Endoscopy	85	106
TOTAL Chief Year	200	277
TOTAL Major	850	1178
TOTAL TA	25	77