



Our Residents Say...

“Residents have unsurpassed access to perform a wide array of procedures.”

“Our faculty is very dedicated.”

“I am so glad I matched to this residency. The clinical experience is second to none.”

“The degree of proximity we have to every single procedure and patient in the hospital is unmatched.”

“I feel very privileged and proud to be a part of this program.”

Program Mission

The CHRISTUS Spohn Emergency Medicine Residency is a three-year PGY I through PGY III program organized to provide graduating residents with the medical knowledge, procedural ability and judgment to skillfully practice in an emergency care environment.

Diverse Pathology

Our patients present with a wide range of acute medical and surgical complaints. Abundant patient pathology is seen and provides a wealth of opportunity to recognize and treat all emergent conditions.

Faculty Involvement

All faculty members work directly with every resident in the Emergency Department and actively participate in conferences. Faculty physicians are enthusiastically involved with resident education and help foster close relationships in and outside of the training program.

Emphasis on Critical Care.

In order to care for the critically ill, a resident must have ample critical care experience. A key component of the Corpus Christi program is the time spent working directly with critical care intensivists in the SICU, MICU, and PICU.

Simulation Center

CHRISTUS Spohn’s Advanced Simulation Laboratory is home to the most sophisticated simulation equipment available and provides a unique opportunity for residents to develop emergency diagnostic and treatment skills in a safe teaching environment.

Ultrasound Excellence

Residents become very proficient in the use of ultrasound in the Emergency Department. Each resident attends dedicated ultrasound didactic sessions, hands-on ultrasound labs with live models and completes over 200 ultrasound exams in the Emergency Department under faculty guidance. At the completion of residency, residents may choose to become certified in the use of ultrasound. In addition, an ultrasound elective month is available which is very popular with residents and medical students.

Didactic Program

The didactic program has been developed to complement the clinical experience. There are over 400 educational hours per year in our weekly EM conference including:

- EM topic presentations – weekly
- Trauma M&M Conference – monthly
- EKG Conference – bimonthly
- Radiology Conference – monthly
- Emergency M&M Conference – monthly
- Journal Club – monthly
- Ultrasound Lab – bimonthly
- Resuscitation Lab – bimonthly
- Year Directed Conference (YDC) – monthly
- EM Fundamentals – monthly

Additional educational programs include:

- Oral Board Preparation
- Procedure laboratory
- Simulation Lab



Research Program

The program provides emergency medicine residents with a broad exposure to the research process. The research curriculum in the resident’s first year provides the basic knowledge of hypothesis development, study design and methodology, basic statistical methods and manuscript development. Subsequent research conferences build upon this knowledge and provide opportunities for residents to develop their personal research project and present at educational conferences.

EMS/HALO Aeromedical Transport

HALO-Flight provides medical transport for critically ill or injured persons. HALO-Flight’s service area covers 26 counties, 28,000 square miles and a population of more than one million. Emergency medicine residents may choose to ride with HALO-Flight during their EMS month. The Corpus Christi Fire Department provides fire suppression and emergency medical services to the area. Residents spend four weeks during their PGY III year riding with the HALO-Flight team, Corpus Christi Fire Department ambulances and with EMS Supervisors.

Medical Student Rotations

CHRISTUS Spohn Memorial offers several four-week rotations to medical students including emergency medicine and EM/Wilderness Medicine. We also offer a four week elective in emergency ultrasound. In addition to direct patient care, students attend all resident educational activities and participate in a ride out with the Corpus Christi Fire Department EMS. Our students are provided excellent access to patients in an enjoyable atmosphere for learning. If you are interested in participating in a rotation, contact our Medical Student Education Coordinator at **361-861-1865**.

Clinical Curriculum

The emergency medicine residency clinical curriculum is based on 12, four-week blocks during each post-graduate year. The curriculum is designed to provide residents with the necessary skills to practice effectively in any Emergency Department environment.

First Year

Emergency Medicine	27 weeks
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	4 weeks
OB/GYN	4 weeks
SICU/Trauma	4 weeks
MICU	5 weeks
Ultrasound/Anesthesia	4 weeks

Second Year

Emergency Medicine	28 weeks
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	4 weeks
Pediatric ICU	4 weeks
Trauma Surgery	8 weeks
MICU	4 weeks

Third Year

Emergency Medicine	24 weeks
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	8 weeks
EMS/ED Administration	4 weeks
MICU	4 weeks
Elective	8 weeks



## Benefits

### Stipend

PGY I \$56,000 (+ \$2,500 sign-on bonus)

PGY II \$58,000

PGY III \$60,000

### Vacation

Two weeks per year plus one week during Christmas holidays

### Educational Leave and Education Allowance

First year – \$800 + \$500 book allowance/library

Second Year – 3 days/\$500

Third Year – 5 days/\$1,000

### Insurance

Life Insurance - one times annual stipend provided.

Health and Dental - full medical coverage available.

Malpractice Insurance - provided by CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi.

### Other Benefits

Free meals

Free internet access and e-mail

Free gated parking

Five personalized lab coats (replaced as necessary during residency) with free laundering at hospital and three sets of personalized scrubs

All professional membership dues paid include TCEP, SAEM, AMA, EMRA/ACEP, ABEM and NCMS.

All Certification courses include ACLS, PALS, ATLS, ALSO, BLS, NRP, and PFCCS.

In-training examination preparation materials: Rosh Review, PEER

*Learn. Train. Achieve. Enjoy.*



### CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Shoreline

Located near downtown Corpus Christi, this facility serves as a referral center for the 12-county Coastal Bend area of South Texas and is our primary residency training site. It is the home to the CHRISTUS Spohn regional Level-II Trauma Center, Chest Pain Center, and Stroke Center, and has been recently recognized as one of the top 100 cardiovascular hospitals in the United States. As the only residents on the trauma service, residents have the opportunity to perform a large number of major trauma and other procedures without competition from other surgical residencies. The ED is a new, state-of-the-art 53 bed facility, with high acuity pods and fast-track area. The annual patient volume is over 60,000, with an admission rate of over 30%.

### CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - South

This is a 158-bed, full service hospital located in the rapidly growing area of south Corpus Christi. The hospital offers advanced diagnostic, medical, surgical, OB/GYN, orthopedic and intensive care services. Emergency Medicine residents rotate at South on the OB/GYN service and in the Emergency Department.

### Driscoll Children's Hospital

A 200-bed tertiary referral center for South Texas, Driscoll offers comprehensive medical and surgical care for children. It houses a newly remodeled 20-bed Emergency Department with more than 40,000 annual visits, a 20-bed Intensive Care Unit and a 40-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Emergency Medicine residents rotate in both the Emergency Department and Pediatric ICU.

### To Apply

All first year positions are filled following the rules of the National Resident Matching Program through the Electronic Resident Application System. Application instructions are available in the dean's office of the applicant's medical school. All applicants are required to submit the following:

- Complete NRMP universal application
- Medical school transcript
- Dean's letter from applicant's medical school
- USMLE score/COMLEX scores
- Three letters of recommendation

All required application materials must be submitted before review by the Resident Selection Committee. Selected applicants are offered interviews with us from October to January. Complimentary lodging is provided the night before interviews. For more information about our residency program, please call **361-861-1864** or visit our program website at [www.CCEMRP.com](http://www.CCEMRP.com)

