

Name of Rotation:	Emergency Medicine – St. Thomas
Description of Rotation:	This rotation provides exposure to Emergency Medicine in a busy community hospital. We hope to offer you some one-on-one teaching, decision-making practice and experience that you could not get in your tertiary care rotations. We have had residents rotating through our department for twenty years with excellent feedback. All of our emergency physicians enjoy clinical teaching, and many have been supervising residents for many years.
Rotation Contact:	Dr. Laura Clademenos
Description of Clinical Duties Performed:	One of the benefits to an ER Rotation in St. Thomas is that you are usually the only resident (or, infrequently, medical student) on at one time. We make a point to try to avoid significant overlap in resident shifts in order to maximize your experience. If another physician has an interesting case and knows that there is a learner in the department, they will often involve them in some capacity (e.g. case discussion, imaging review, procedure).
Sample Schedule:	Residents are scheduled for 14 shifts/block which include daytime, evening, overnight and weekend shifts. There is also a mix of high and low acuity shifts.
On-Call Requirements:	N/A
Description of Setting:	St Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) is a 157-bed community hospital with a high-volume ER department that sees 56,000 visits annually. Our hospital serves 40,000 people within St Thomas proper and eight municipalities in Elgin County. Approximately 15% of our patients are pediatrics.

	<p>There is a full complement of acute inpatient care services as well as a 16 bed ICU, stroke inpatient rehabilitation and acute palliation services. We are supported by ICU, IM, hospitalists, inpatient psychiatry (Schedule 1), inpatient peds (Level 2a nursery), general surgery, orthopedics, ENT, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, anaesthesia and ophthalmology. We have local dentistry and OMFS coverage, as well. Outpatient clinics include: CAD, CHF, TIA, DM, Respiriology, Gastroenterology, GIM, Thrombosis, and Rheumatology. The surgical services all have clinics, as well. There is community Addictions support and in-house CMHA support.</p> <p>There is STEMI (PCI), Stroke (Lysis and EVT) and Multi-System Trauma support 15 minutes away at LHSC.</p> <p>Our new Emergency Department opened in January 2018. It is a 23-bed department with 2 clinically designated trauma rooms, two negative pressure rooms, two mental health rooms and a dedicated ophthalmology room. There are three POCUS units.</p> <p>We run a Low Acuity (LA) Unit with a daytime shift and an evening shift. These shifts can be very high yield for minor procedures.</p> <p>In addition to the breadth of experience gained in an Emergency Department, we do our own admissions which are often opportunities for resident learning. Secondly, we are responsible for in-hospital Code Blues and Pinks (Neonatal and Pediatric). Residents are encouraged to attend as well.</p>
Clinical Supervision:	Residents are scheduled with one attending for the duration of their shift.
Clinical Content:	The STEGH ER sees both adult and pediatric presentations.
Objectives/Expectations:	Residents will gain experience in acute care across a wide variety of patient presentations. There are opportunities to perform many varied procedures (i.e. fracture reduction, procedural sedations, abscess management, laceration repair, etc).

Level of Residents Accepted:	PGY1,PGY2,PGY3
Teaching:	Not currently offered.
Description of Location:	St Thomas is located 20-40 minutes south of London, Ontario, depending on where you live in the city. It is 10 minutes north of the beach town Port Stanley on the shores of Lake Erie. Our hospital serves 40,000 people within St Thomas proper and eight municipalities in Elgin County.