

Welcome to Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center!

Our podiatry residency program is a well- rounded 3- year experience of forefoot and rearfoot surgeries, clinic, and wound care experiences. We work with eight attendings and serve ten surrounding counties. There is a lot of teamwork that takes place between attendings and residents. One unique aspect to our program is the Graduate Medical Education Center. The building opened in July 2021 and is equipped with a full-functioning cadaver lab for only the podiatry residents with all-day access. We also have Virtamed, which allows us to practice virtual ankle scopes. The GME Center also has a large auditorium, many classrooms and simulation rooms. Our hospital and residency leadership are truly invested in the resident's education!

A little bit about me...

I am Emily Edwards, the 2023-2024 Chief Podiatry Resident. I am originally from a small town located about 35 miles west of Cleveland, OH. I completed undergraduate at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, OH. I graduated from Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. I grew up in a rural area, which is part of the reason I was drawn to Lima, OH to complete residency originally. I plan to establish my career in a rural location, post- residency.

Why I chose Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center for Podiatric Medicine & Surgery Residency...

I completed a month externship at Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center as a student. It was during that time that I realized that this program was the right fit for me. I enjoyed the variety of cases as well as the camaraderie among the residents. The attendings are very invested in our education and training. Over the past 2 years, I have been in a variety of forefoot and rearfoot cases including traumas and external fixator cases. Overall, our residency program trains residents to be ready to handle and treat anything that walks in their future office door.

If you are interested...

Please reach out! We are more than willing to answer any of your questions, have you visit for a day, or complete an externship. 😊

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