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“Becoming a surgeon is a long journey. It takes a lot of studying, determination, patience, and sheer grit. The payoff was to have the opportunity to do something impactful and to be in a field that I love. The most gratifying part of my work is witnessing my patients recover, feel better, and remember what it is like to have a life not focused on poor health or pain.

When patients are referred to me for surgery, I explain the impact and what recovery may look like within the first few weeks. Once I meet with the surgical team for the day, I speak with each patient to reduce some of the anxiety associated with surgery. Operations can be intimidating, but with each client, my goal is not to get them post-surgery, but further along — post-health crisis. I want them to feel like they did long before the need for surgery was even identified. In some cases, it's a whole new and exhilarating lifestyle for people. The passion and drive to save lives is why I worked so hard to get here and why I show up each day.

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Occupation:

General Surgeon

Salary:

\$489,029

Education:

Doctoral or
Professional Degree

Job Description:

Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric diagnose and perform surgery to treat and prevent rheumatic and other diseases in the musculoskeletal system.*



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Job Description:

SOC Code: 29-1242

Top Job Skills:

- Leadership development
- Improve patient care
- Hand/spine surgery
- Cardiac catheterization
- Joint replacement

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Diagnose bodily disorders and orthopedic conditions
 - Analyze patient's medical history
 - Conduct research
 - Order and interpret the results of laboratory tests and diagnostic imaging procedures
- Interacting With Others
 - Direct and coordinate activities of other medical staff
 - Provide consultation and surgical assistance to other physicians and surgeons
 - Refer patients
- Information Input
 - Conduct research to develop and test surgical techniques
- Work Output
 - Diagnose or treat disorders of the musculoskeletal system
 - Sterilize equipment
 - Prepare case histories
 - Prescribe preoperative and postoperative treatments and procedures

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range*

\$320,100 - \$848,432



Projected Growth

4/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

80



Required Education

Doctoral or
Professional Degree



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Internship/Residency

*Source: SCDEW Internal Estimates.

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Pee Dee
- Waccamaw
- Trident
- Midlands
- Worklink
- Santee-Lynches

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Adaptive Medical Partners
- Britt Medical Search
- ESR Healthcare
- ScionHealth
- Source Medical, LLC.
- Adams Staffing

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Anesthesiologists
- Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric
- Urologists
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- Pediatric Surgeons
- Dermatologists

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. **Last Updated:** 2025.