

# William Stewart Halsted

It was [William Stewart Halsted](#) in the early twentieth century who introduced the format of a [residency](#) program to [USA](#) as a tool to improve clinical practice. As a surgeon teaching at Johns Hopkins Medical School in [Baltimore](#), his aim was to guarantee a well-organized training period for young medical doctors to finally become qualified surgeons—and this model is still considered the standard for education in any medical specialization <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>  
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