Trevor Wilke, MD:

So, for residency, I chose UNMC.

It is a large, nice academic institution, that has a number of different opportunities

in terms of our exposure to certain types of procedures.We cover everything here;

we do not have to get sent to any other hospitals or things of that nature,

other than children's, which is a part of UNMC these days.

So we get all of our cardiac, all of our transplant, and all of our pediatric, obstetrics.

We get everything here, which is not necessarily the case at other institutions,

and just the people that I met here during the interview process and my time, I guess, as a medical student, as well, it just seemed like a good fit. Everybody is cordial and nice

and willing to help you out in any situation.

Corey Zetterman, MD:

A fellow with Liver Transplant Anesthesiology at UNMC will get the opportunity to get a large volume of transplant cases; most fellows will do at least 60 over the course of eight months. They will also see a variety of different types of transplants,

including pediatric liver transplants, multivisceral transplants, and pediatric kidney transplants. They will work with a group of surgeons that have been involved in liver transplantation since the 1980s. We have a very experienced group of surgeons, along with a core group of experienced anesthesiologists to help guide them through

learning the process of liver transplantation anesthesia.

Trevor Wilke, MD

We will do one case on a three-kilogram baby, and then the next case will be a liver transplant on a 70-year-old, 65-year-old male or female, so we are seeing all sorts of different physiologic and anatomical differences. So, you got to be ready on your toes, no matter what, to take care of sick little babies and sick adults, as well. So, yeah, we see everything.

Corey Zetterman, MD:

We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, someone who is willing to put in long hours when they are needed,

but is also able to manage their time when time's less busy for them and we will need them to kind of work on their own and working on educational projects and research endeavors where they will be managing their own time at that point. We are looking for someone that works well with others and will be able to communicate well in the operating rooms with the surgeons and the staff in the room.

Trevor Wilke, MD:

So, the faculty on the transplant team, it is people I have looked up to all throughout my residency. Very nice, always willing to take the time to help you out, whether it's with procedures or just other academic things, like research, taking the time to teach you

any topic that you have in the OR. All the way up to the chair with Dr. Lisco,

down to all of the residents, I think everyone knows each other by name and by face. So I think that is something special about UNMC compared to larger programs, maybe on the East or West coast. No matter where you are, what cases you are doing, even the surgical teams recognize you, and so, you are able to develop relationships with not only the anesthesiologists but also those specialty surgical teams, develop a relationship there, become comfortable. And then I think that comfort and trust from both the surgical side and anesthesiology side makes a difference in the care we provide for our patients.

Corey Zetterman, MD:

They will be the same type of anesthesiologists that I work with and my partners. And, again, as I said, these are the most talented clinical anesthesiologists in our department. And that's what I hope to find from my fellows by the time they finish their fellowship, that they can come out and work in any institution in the world and excel.