AMITA HEALTH SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL – CHICAGO

GENERAL SURGERY ROTATION

MEDICAL STUDENT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS (2020 - 2021)

Student Name:

Dates of Rotation:

Welcome to the Department of Surgery at Saint Joseph Hospital! We hope that your time on service will be beneficial and educational for you as you proceed through your training. The aim of this document is to provide you guidance as you begin your surgical rotation. As with any rotation, you will become more familiar with the team members and the pace of service the more time you spend with us. Remember this is a surgery rotation, so, aside from formal educational activities, you will also have obligations in the OR, in clinic, and on the floor. Below is a list of expectations of you while on your surgical rotation

We realize that not everyone wants to become a surgeon; however, almost every specialty in medicine interacts with surgeons, and thus we believe it is imperative to develop a basic knowledge of surgical diseases as well as surgical planning and decision-making. Your motivation, ability to be a ‘team player’, practice of surgical techniques outside the OR, and reading will yield success on this rotation. In short, if you are interested in learning, we are more than happy to teach and help you develop into a physician.

Patient Rounds

* You will always be responsible for at least 2 patients. However, taking on more patients is always encouraged.
* You will pre-round on your patients and exam them comprehensively
* You will present the patients in a concise formal presentation to your team during daily morning rounds
* You will be partnered with an intern to manage the patients but it is your responsibility to follow the patients through the day and know what is going on with them; you should see patients between cases and multiple times over the course of the day.
* You will write notes on your patients and have them co-signed by a resident; notes should be in before you go to the OR (many students start and pend their notes before rounds start so that after rounds the notes can be quickly addended as needed with the proper plan and submitted right after rounds)
* You are responsible for carrying wound care supplies during rounds and providing them as needed
* You will round with the residents on one day during the weekend (to be split with your fellow student); upon completion of patient care tasks for the day, you will likely be excused for the day, at the discretion of your senior resident. If emergent cases happen on the weekend while you are present, you are expected to stay through the case.
* You will have one call until 9PM each week: one student will take Tuesday and the other Thursday; you will assist the night float resident in seeing consults, and at times assist in the OR.

Operating Room

* You are expected to be in the OR whenever there are cases on the schedule for the teaching attendings on your assigned team. In other words: if there are cases going on in the OR, you should be in the OR.
* You are expected to have read about every case beforehand and have a working knowledge of the relevant anatomy, potential surgical exposures, and basic steps of the procedure. If you have any questions about which cases you will be in, or the relevant details of a case, please ask your senior resident.
* For the first two weeks, you will be assigned to cases. After that, you are welcome to choose your own cases based on your interests, the requirements you have not yet met, and what you have not yet seen. There is opportunity to observe procedures of other surgical specialties. This does not mean you are not expected in the OR. We will notice if you are not in the operating room, and your grade will be reflective of this.
* You should know how to scrub before your first case – if you don’t, please ask a resident prior to your first case.
* Your responsibilities in the OR:

1. Always introduce yourself to the patient in the preop area and to the OR staff when in the OR
2. Always be with the patient (from preop to recovery room)
3. Things you should help with: transporting the patient, getting SCDs on, shaving the patient, positioning the patient, adjusting lights, getting your own gown and gloves
4. Help suction, retract, and close at the end of each case
5. Practice suturing and tying outside of the OR—the more you can do and show us, the more we will let you do in the OR
6. After the procedure, help the resident with orders, operative note, and prescriptions; don’t be bashful, insist on helping out!
7. Add the patient to the appropriate service’s list (if being admitted)
8. Keep a procedure log of cases that you scrubbed or observed – this will be turned in at the end of your rotation
9. ID and pager is issued by the surgery coordinator at the start of your rotation; you will sign this out and it must be returned to the surgery coordinator at the end of your rotation (please slide under Department of Surgery office door during after hours). Failure to turn in your items will result in an “incomplete” grade.

Clinic

* You are expected to go to Dr. Connolly’s clinic every Monday and Wednesday afternoon and may be assigned to additional clinics depending on OR scheduling (Dr. Zhu’s clinic (days vary). Please have professional dress clothes on and be on time. This is your time to spend with Dr. Connolly, to demonstrate your knowledge, clinical skills, and ability to interact with patients.

Didactic

* As with any rotation, you should read as much as possible during this rotation. However, during working hours, remember that patient care and being in the OR always come first.
* You are expected to attend every educational conference (typically Wednesdays and Fridays).
* You should leave with ample time to make your lectures at UIC punctually. Please always inform your senior resident well in advance of when your conferences are and when you will need to leave by.
* You are responsible for one formal presentation at the end of your 8 week rotation. The topic must be pre-approved by your senior resident and should be prepared in a PowerPoint format. All residents, Drs. Connolly, and possibly other attendings, will be there to learn from you and to evaluate your presentation.

Grading

* You will have formal mid-rotation and final evaluations by the senior resident on your service. The components of your final grade will consist of your senior residents’ evaluation and of Dr. Connolly’s final evaluation of your performance. Motivation, punctuality, dedication to patient care, being present in the OR, learning surgical/procedural skills as appropriate, and being a good team player factor in to your final grade/evaluation.

Time-Off

* With few exceptions, you are expected to be present for all 8 weeks of your surgical rotation.
* Should a personal emergency occur, any time off must be cleared by one of the chief residents, and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Phone Numbers

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| **Administrative**  Surgery Office: 5-6237  Surgery Fax: 5-6232  Medical Records: 5-3120 | **Floor**  ER: 5-3086  ICU (East): 5-3230  ICU (West): 5-6101  8N: 5-3082  8S: 5-3039  8W (Rehab): 5-3081  10E: 5-3383  10N: 5-3083  11N: 5-3111  11W: 5-3071 | **Departments**  Radiology: 5-3240  GI Lab: 5-3084  CT scan: 5-3115  Cath Lab: 5-3296  Ultrasound: 5-3837  Phlebotomy: 5-3130  IR (9AM to 5PM): 5-3556  IR Pager (24/7): 312-921-8022  IR PA Pager: 1-6021 |
| **Labs**  Chemistry: 5-3158  Hematology: 5-3425  Blood Bank: 5-3150 | **Surgery**  House Manager Pager: 1-5581  Anesthesia pager: 1-5447  Surgery Scheduling: 5-3204  Recovery Room: 5-6207  Surgery Front Desk: 5-3200  OR charge nurse: 5-2200  OR: 5520X, X-Room number  Karen Blum (wound RN) : 5-3680,  Pager 16305  Home Health Nurse Liaison: 5-3093 | **Miscellaneous**  Paging: 7243#  Resident Office: 5-6981, 5-3342  Senior Resident Office: 5-9913, 5-9914,  5-9916, 5-6562 |

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