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**ROTATION:** Santa Monica-UCLA General Surgery

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**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

The resident will achieve the stated objectives using the following:

1. Direct involvement in patient care and management, under the supervision of senior resident or attending physicians.
2. Performance of level appropriate bedside procedures.
3. Participation in and performance of level appropriate surgical procedures in the operating room under the supervision of senior resident or attending physicians.
4. Assist R1 and R2 residents in the evaluation and management of patients in the Santa Monica-UCLA Emergency Department under faculty supervision.
5. Participation in educational conferences at Santa Monica and Westwood.

**LEVEL OF TRAINEE: R3**

1. Participate in daily team rounds each morning and afternoon on weekdays, and as indicated by the call schedule on weekends.
2. Assist R1 and R2 residents in the evaluation of all new inpatient and ER surgery consults during the weeknights and as specified by the published work schedule, under the supervision of senior resident and attending physicians.
3. Participate in operative cases that take place during duty hours.
4. Assist in the care of all acute problems of surgery inpatients during duty hours under the supervision of senior resident or attending physician on duty.
5. Assume teaching responsibilities for junior residents and medical students

**ROTATION GOALS:**

1. The Santa Monica practice, while university affiliated, is largely community based. An important goal of this rotation is to help the resident develop interpersonal and patient-care delivery skills appropriate for such a setting.
2. We provide service in the full-range of general surgery problems, but the community and this hospital have a special focus on surgical care of older adults. The resident will develop skills and knowledge of unique aspects of surgical diseases in this population.

**ASSESSMENT:**

1. Assessment by the attending surgeons during resident/attending interaction in the course of the delivery of patient care.
2. Auditing of operative cases from the resident operative case log.
3. Faculty meetings for the evaluation of resident performance and progress to assess the resident’s progression to achieving competency in prescribed areas.
4. Real-time feedback on resident performance from specialty and emergency physicians regarding resident performance and interpersonal interactions.
5. For additional information please refer to the Resident Milestones document on the UCLA Surgical Education website: http://www.surgery.medsch.ucla.edu/resident/Documents/ResidentMilestones.pdf
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| **Patient Care** | 1. Perform a complete and thorough history and physical examination on general surgery patients in the ER, ward consultations and in the clinic.  
2. Initiate the laboratory evaluation and any other initial diagnostic studies with an understanding of the tests to be ordered.  
3. Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions on general surgery patients with the guidance of senior residents and faculty members.  
4. Be proficient in the preoperative preparation of the patients for surgery and routine postoperative care.  
5. Understand basic pathophysiology of critically ill surgery patients, including critically ill geriatric patients.  
6. Understand the basic indications for common radiological and interventional studies used in the care of surgical patients such as plain chest and abdominal films, CT scans, ultrasound, mammography, MRI, and interventional radiology procedures.  
7. Demonstrate the ability to effectively set priorities and coordinate the care of surgical patients.  
8. Demonstrate proficiency at level-appropriate procedures and surgeries such as open appendectomy, skin and soft tissue biopsy, breast biopsy and simple hernias. | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Case Logs  
Written Examinations  
Patient Survey  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians at rounds and OR |
| **Medical Knowledge** | 1. Understand, describe and demonstrate basic knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of the following common surgical diseases:  
a. Benign breast disease  
b. Benign anorectal disease  
c. Pilonidal cysts  
d. Appendicitis  
e. Skin and soft tissue problems and basic wound care  
f. DVT and pulmonary embolism prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment  
g. Perioperative antibiotic management  
h. Pain management  
i. Nutritional support in the surgical patient  
j. Perioperative issues in the geriatric population (e.g. mental status, nutrition, cardiopulmonary, end-of-life issues, pain management).  
2. Develop and hone skills in the outpatient clinic with special emphasis on succinct and pertinent history and physical examination and instituting appropriate diagnostic work-up.  
3. Develop competence in basic surgical bedside procedures such as:  
a. Placement of foley catheter  
b. Placement of peripheral IV lines | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Written Examinations  
Completion of rotation specific SCORE assignments  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians at rounds and OR |
| Practice Based Learning | 1. Develop a personal program of self-study and professional growth with guidance from the teaching staff and senior residents. An understanding of the etiology, pathogenesis, pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of common surgical disorders will allow for sound surgical judgment, which relies on knowledge, rational thinking and the surgical literature.  
2. Utilize current literature resources to obtain up-to-date information in the care of general surgery patients and practice evidence-based medicine.  
3. Participate in teaching and organization of the educational weekly surgery conference and bimonthly GI conference.  
4. Participate in activities of the Department of Surgery (including all teaching conferences) and assume responsibility for teaching and supervision of subordinate surgical house staff, and medical students.  
5. Participate in the Department Morbidity & Mortality conference and utilize information to further improve patient care.  
6. Participate in daily teaching rounds and be able to present patients in an organized and complete fashion | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Written Examinations  
Patient Survey  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians at rounds and OR |
| Professionalism | 1. Practice compassionate patient care maintaining the highest moral and ethical values with a professional attitude.  
2. Demonstrate understanding of the needs and feelings of others, including the patient's family members, allied health care personnel (nurses, clerical staff, etc.), fellow residents, and medical students.  
3. Communicate and collaborate effectively in a team of health care providers  
4. Demonstrate respect, compassion and integrity in the care of surgical patients on a daily basis  
5. Demonstrate mature and educated approach to Ethical issues commonly encountered in a community hospital setting.  
6. Discuss the economic and psychosocial issues associated with surgical disease including:  
   a. Ethics  
   b. Rehabilitation  
   c. Home care resources  
   d. Patient support groups  
   e. Family support groups | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Patient Survey  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians /hospital staff /patients |
| Interpersonal Relationships And Communication | 1. Create and sustain a therapeutic and ethically sound relationship with patients and patient families  
2. Work effectively with other members of the medical team including allied health care personnel (nurses, clerical staff, etc.), fellow residents, and medical students.  
3. Maintain professional interactions with other health care providers and hospital staff | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Written Examinations  
Patient Survey  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians /hospital staff /patients |
| Systems Based Practice | 1. Understand how the health care organization affects surgical practice  
2. Demonstrate and understand cost containment, and conservation of in-patient resources  
3. Understand the special issuers of the elderly patients including health care coverage, reimbursement, sub-acute care facilities, and in home care options.  
4. Be able to coordinate multi-specialty and multidisciplinary oncologic care including discharge planning, social service, rehabilitation, and long term care  
5. Follow established practices, procedures, and policies of the Department of Surgery and integrated and affiliated hospitals.  
6. Maintain complete of medical records, operative notes, staff sheets and notes, patient database cards, and other patient care related documentation in a timely, accurate, and succinct manner. | 4 weeks | Global Rating  
Case Logs  
Hour logs  
Completion of required evaluations  
Completion of medical records  
Written Examinations  
Feedback from faculty/attending physicians at rounds and OR |