

**Title of Clerkship:** General Surgery  
**Elective Type:** Fourth Year Medical Student Elective  
**Department:** Surgery  
**Type of Elective:** Clinical  Non-Clinical/Research  Basic Science   
**Clerkship Site:** The Toledo Clinic  
**Course Number:** SURG 712  
**Blocks available:** All

**Number of students per block:** 1 per service

**Faculty:** General Surgery Volunteer Faculty: William Sternfeld, MD, FACS

**Elective Description/ Requirements:** Students will be integrated into the service as a member of the surgical team, participating in all aspects of patient management, both inpatient and outpatient.

**Length of Clerkship:** 4 weeks

**Links to Core Competencies**

PC-7, MK-1, MK-4, MK-7, MK-15  
PC-1, PC-2, MK-7  
PC-7, PC-8, PC-10, MK-15  
PC-1, PC-2, PC-4, MK-7  
PC-8, PC-9, PC-10, MK-2, MK-15  
PC-6  
PC-1, PC-4, PC-7, IPC-1  
PC-6  
PC-6  
PC-1, IPC-1

**Educational Course Objectives:** At the end of the rotation the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of common surgical problems as encountered in the office, surgery and outpatient surgery.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in performing a complete surgical history and physical examination
3. Implement a plan for diagnostic evaluation
4. Interpret the significance of the history and physical and laboratory and diagnostic findings to formulate a differential diagnosis
5. Demonstrate basic understanding of therapeutic options
6. Acquire basic operative skills necessary to perform less complex procedures
7. Document a complete and accurate daily progress note including interpretation of results of laboratory and radiographic/imaging studies
8. Acquire skills to assist in wound care and common general surgery procedures
9. Demonstrate suturing techniques
10. Accurately present patient information concerning the patient's condition, progress and results of laboratory and radiographic/imaging studies

**Professionalism:** UT/COM students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Core Competencies and the current Educational Course Objectives for the Sponsoring Department.

**Instructional Methods:**

1. Interpretation of lab data
2. Diagnostic tests-use/interpretation
3. Small group instruction
4. Case studies
5. Teaching rounds
6. Ambulatory care experience: office and outpatient surgery
7. In-hospital surgical experience

**Evaluation methods** 1. Clinical competency evaluations  
**Employed:** 2. Faculty observation  
3. Professional assessments  
4. Attendance  
5. Case write up

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of required Surgery clerkship.

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**Special** Participation in night call is recommended because many cases come in after hours. A call schedule  
**Requirements:** may be arranged per individual faculty member.