Title of Clerkship: General Surgery
Elective Type: 3rd year elective
Department: Surgery
Elective Designation: Clinical x Non-Clinical/Research _____ Basic Science _____
Clerkship Site: UTMC
Course Number: SURG 761
Blocks Available: All
Number of Students/ Block: 1
Faculty: Various Surgery Faculty

Elective Description/ Requirements: The student will be integrated on a general surgery service and will be exposed to a wide variety of General Surgery conditions, including, but not limited to: cholecystitis, pancreatitis, colon disease, breast disease, hernias, appendicitis, traumatic injuries. Teaching will be conducted in both an inpatient and outpatient setting. Students will round on inpatients in the hospital, see patients in an ambulatory setting in clinic and participate in the operating room. Students will also take overnight call.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks
Links to EPOs: Educational Course Objectives: At the end of the rotation a student will be able to:
S7, S9, K1, K4, K7 1) Be able to discuss the pathophysiology and treatment of common surgical problems
S3, S4, S5, K7 2) Perform a complete surgical history and physical examination
S1, S3, S4, S5, S 10 3) Accurately present patient information including: condition, progress, and testing results
S7, S8, S9, S11, K7 4) Implement a plan for diagnostic evaluation
S8, S9, S10, S11, K2 5) Demonstrate a basic understanding of therapeutic options
S1, S3, S5, S7 6) Write a complete and accurate daily progress note including interpretation of lab and radiology studies
S6, S8 7) Demonstrate the ability to participate in surgical procedures respecting sterile technique and universal precautions
S6 8) Demonstrate knowledge and/or skill in basic suturing techniques
K2, K3, K4, K5, S8, S9 9) Explain the preoperative optimization process for those patients with elective procedures

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

Instructional Methods:
1) Ambulatory Care Experience
2) Inpatient Care Experience
3) Interpretation of lab data and radiologic imaging studies
4) Small group instruction
5) Teaching rounds
6) Program Departmental Conferences
7) Direct patient interaction under faculty and/or resident supervision

Evaluation Methods:
1) Clinical Competency Evaluations
2) Faculty/Resident observation
3) Professional Assessment
4) Attendance
5) Presentations

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Yrs. 1 & 2, passing USMLE Step 1, completion of Bridge Course.

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Special Requirements: Rotation requires approval from clerkship director through the coordinator. Participation in night call is recommended, because many cases come in after hours.

AAMC Hot Topics
Clinical Problem Solving/Decision Making (4)
Communication Skills (5)
Diagnostic Imaging (8)
Nutrition (27)
Patient Health Education (31)