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ROTATION SCHEDULING & QUESTIONS

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**UPMC HAMOT IS THE
REGION'S ONLY
ACCREDITED LEVEL II
TRAUMA CENTER**

GENERAL SURGERY

CLINICAL ROTATION INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Students scrub and assist during both routine and acute/trauma procedures, including (but not limited to) appendectomy, laparotomy, cholecystectomy, tracheostomy, and PEG tube placement. Students work with surgery attendings, integrating into the care team and receive hands-on clinical experience in the hospital, the ambulatory surgery center, and the outpatient clinic. Students perform history and physical examinations, write postoperative progress notes and daily progress notes, assist in surgical procedures, discuss treatments and care plans with the attendings, and attend the General Surgery M&M, Trauma M&M, and Tumor Board conferences.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

BY THE END OF THE ROTATION, THE STUDENT WILL:

- Gain expertise in conducting H&Ps
- Hone note writing skills
- Learn routine post-operative management of surgical patients
- Begin to develop the ability to critically evaluate diagnostic studies and apply the information to the management of the patient's health problem
- Gain better understanding of the anatomy, pathophysiology, and indications of surgical procedures
- Begin to understand different types of suture and suture techniques for use in general and acute care surgery

EVALUATION PROCESS

An evaluation is completed by the course director, Dr. Gregory Beard, at the end of the rotation. This evaluation is derived from the care team's direct observations of the student throughout the student's clerkship.

FACULTY

GREGORY BEARD, DO TJ HENRY, MD GREGORY ENGLISH, MD
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STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“One of the best aspects of the rotation was the hands-on experience. In comparison with many of my peers at different institutions, the amount of hands-on exposure that was offered to me was easily 5-10 fold theirs. The chance to learn how to be involved hands-on in the surgery greatly influences a student's decision to pursue a surgical residency, and this rotation solidified my decision to do so.”

“I had a large variety of experiences and was involved in many different types of surgeries. Everyone has been very nice and helpful and willing to teach and answer questions.”

“Wonderful experience filled with amazing staff members and doctors who were willing to help and teach!”

MORE INFORMATION

Clerkship Course Director: Gregory K. Beard, DO

Clinical Year: Third and fourth year

Duration: Four weeks

Mandatory Conferences: General Surgery M&M on 1st Wednesday of the month, Trauma M&M on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and Tumor Board on 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Optional Conferences: Breast Multidisciplinary Conference on Fridays, Magee Difficult Case Conference on 1st Thursday of the Month