

**Gundersen Health System  
General Surgery Department  
Surgical and Procedural Care Block**

We welcome phase 2/ 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students to participate in general surgery clerkships. During the experience, the medical students will function as an integral part of the surgical team under the direction and supervision of the surgery residents and faculty.

On the General Surgery Service and Subspecialty Services during the SPC block, students are expected to participate in the preoperative evaluation of patients with a myriad of general and vascular surgical diseases in office and emergency room settings. They will gain experience with invasive and non-invasive diagnostic testing for oncologic, gastrointestinal, vascular, and endocrine diseases such as laboratory evaluation, abdominal, pelvic and thoracic CT scans, MRI, PET scans, ultrasounds and invasive angiography. Medical students will actively participate in the outpatient/office setting with post-operative patients and new patients referred to the surgical service for evaluation.

In the operating room, students are responsible for assisting the surgical team and will have the opportunity to demonstrate manual dexterity skills, overall comprehensive knowledge of disease states, and pathophysiologic alterations caused by surgery and surgical diseases. Students will assist with the post-operative management of patients and write daily progress notes. Overall, students will gain experience with a wide variety of general surgical, vascular and traumatic disease states.

**Team Assignment:** While on general surgery service medical students will be assigned to one of the following teams and will be supervised by the senior resident on that service. Clinic and operating room assignments will be directed by the senior resident on service.

TEAM A	TEAM B	TEAM C	TEAM D	TEAM E
Dr. Davis #1224 Dr. Shakhnovich #0228  UW Pediatric Surgeons: #0909 Dr. Adam Brinkman Dr. Charles Leys Dr. Peter Nichol Dr. Hau Le Dr. DuBois ##1067	Dr. Grover #0222 Dr. Kawata - #1581 Dr. Pfeiffer - #3407  Fellow- Dr. Mellion #3458	Dr. Fisher - #0221 Dr. Waller – #1158 Dr. Prather - #3649 Dr. Peschman- #5972 Dr. Shen- #0267	Dr. Jarman #2302 Dr. Shapiro #4110 Dr. Smith #3753 Dr. Trombetta #1691	Chief Surgery Residents: Dr. Esquibel #3210 Dr. Fedor #3071 Dr. Rasmussen #0676
<b>MIDLEVELS:</b> Kim Hamilton – #2876 Erin Connolly – #2969 - Peds	Erin Connolly – #2969 - BTG/JDP	Shannon Brozak – #2342 Julie Sonsalla - #1475	Brooklyn Kruger- #2428 Laura VanderLei– #2994-LT	

While on General Surgery services:

1. Team A: Vascular surgery and pediatric surgery
2. Team B: General, foregut, bariatric, oncology, and breast surgery
3. Team C: General, trauma and critical care
4. Team D: General, breast, endocrine, colorectal, and hepato-biliary/pancreatic surgery
5. Team E: General surgery

While on Subspecialty Surgery services:

1. Vascular surgery-Dr. Irina Shakhnovich
2. Urology-Dr. Thomas Londergan
3. Otolaryngology-Dr. Michael Case
4. Anesthesiology-Dr. Charlie Czczok

**Electronic Medical Record:** We utilize an electronic health record which has some limitations as to what medical students may accomplish in the medical record. Recognizing these limitations – we expect the 3rd year student to be actively involved in daily rounds and patient assessment.

Medical students may:

- Create a Student Note and sign their note; clinic and hospital.
- Enter and discontinue medications the patient is currently taking and enter relevant comments about those medications.
- May complete and document Review of Systems (ROS) and Past, Family, and Social History (PFSH).
- Enter and Pend orders (medication and other types).
- ☐ Enter patient instructions and follow-up. Route follow-up instructions.
- ☐ View scheduled appointments.
- ☐ Review, enter, edit and resolve chief complaint, vitals, allergies, problems, and history.
- Use in-basket functionality for partial dictation (Transcription Folder).

Medical students may not:

- Cancel orders.
- Close any type of encounter.
- Create encounters on the fly (documentation only, telephone call, refill med, orders only, anticoag, and send letter). Create patient letters.
- Enter diagnoses.
- Enter/edit results.
- Enter LOS/charges.
- Have their notes marked as co-sign.
- Pend or pend share their notes.
- Release orders.
- Use change provider functionality.
- Use In-basket functionality (other than for partial dictation).
- Use SmartSets that contain documentation sections (the documentation sections use progress note).

### **Call Requirements:**

The medical student will be expected to take general surgery call from home one night per week and two weekend days during the rotation. Weekday call is from 5 pm – 10 pm and weekend call is from 7 am to 7 pm. Call is assigned to you at the beginning of the rotation. If you need to change a call night or weekend, please contact the surgery residency coordinator (Trudy Johnson). Only one student can take call each night. Inform the on-call resident that you will be on that night. A trauma pager is available for use when on call.

### **Resources:**

Health Sciences Library: Medical students have 24-hour access 7 days per week to the library in addition to on-line access through the Gladiator system. Access to the ICE House is with a resident or staff person.

### **Mandatory Education on Tuesday Afternoon:**

Your attendance at the clerkship lectures is mandatory and supersedes other activities. The mandatory lecture schedule will be emailed to you weekly by Allyson.

Your mandatory lectures will typically take place from 1:00pm-5:00pm on Tuesday afternoons. You will have every Tuesday afternoon dedicated to lectures, even if the lectures don't fill the allotted time. Additional time can be used for student online module time or going back to your team.

**Please note: there WILL be lectures outside of this Tuesday afternoon slot. Pay close attention to the schedule to make sure you attend ALL lectures.**

### **Optional Surgical Residency Conferences:**

- Surgery Residency Core Conferences (Wednesday at 3 pm)
- Mortality and Morbidity Conference (Wednesday 7 am)
- Thursday Core Conference (Noon)
- Skills lab (Thursday, PM – usually one per month)
- Journal Club (One evening per month at the home of a teaching faculty)

Students will be expected to attend specialty-specific conferences determined by the team they are assigned to along with monthly journal club and surgical skills lab.

- Team A: Vascular Surgery Conference (Tuesday at 7 am when Surgery Dept Staff Meeting is not being held)
- Team B, D: GI Cancer Conference (Monday at Noon, Radiation/Oncology Conference Room); Melanoma Conference (Third Tuesday of the month at noon, Radiation /Oncology Conference Room); Breast Cancer Conference (Friday at Noon, Radiation /Oncology Conference Room)
- Team B: Foregut Center Conference (Second Monday of the month at 7 am, GI Conference Room), MIS Teleconference (First Friday of the month at 7 am)

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