

Off-Service General Surgery Rotation Objectives

Clinical Decision-Maker/Medical Expert:

Residents are expected to:

- Become familiar with common general surgical clinical problems both in the Emergency Department and on the ward. Specifically, they are to become familiar with common perioperative management issues, particularly as they relate to preoperative and postoperative surgical care.
- Have the opportunity to follow patients assessed in the Emergency Department and admitted to hospital through their urgent and emergent surgical care. This experience dealing with continuity of care for patients will allow for a better appreciation of the issues faced by General Surgeons and General Surgical residents as they apply to Anaesthesia.
- Have the opportunity to increase expertise with technical skills such as suturing, central line insertion, Foley catheter insertion, and minor surgical procedures such as incision and drainage of abscesses and assisting at surgery.

Communicator:

Residents are expected to:

- Establish therapeutic relationships with patients and their families.
- To obtain and synthesize a relevant history from patients, families, and referring physicians and to be an effective listener.

Specific requirements:

- Residents are expected to discuss appropriate information with patients and families and other members of the health care team. They are also expected to communicate effectively with referring services.

Collaborator:

Residents are expected to:

- Consult effectively with other physicians and health care professionals and to contribute effectively to interdisciplinary team activities such as discharge planning and placement of patients.

Manager:

- Residents are expected to:
 - Utilize resources effectively to balance patient care, learning needs and outside activities.
 - Allocate finite health care resources wisely.
 - Work effectively and efficiently in health care organization.
 - Utilize information technology to optimize patient care, life long learning and other activities.

Health Advocate:

Residents are expected to:

- Identify the important determinants of health effecting surgical patients.
- To contribute effectively to improve health of patients and communities.
- To recognize and respond to those issues where advocacy is appropriate.

Specific requirements:

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- Learn how to prioritize and arrange urgent imaging or tests so that they are performed in a timely and rational fashion.
- To secure timely consultation in managing emergency surgical patients.
- To develop basic skills in advocating for patients.
- To become involved in difficult team decision making such as withdrawal of care or organ donation.

Scholar:

Residents are expected to:

- Develop and implement personal and continued learning strategy.
- To critically appraise medical information and to facilitate learning of patients, house staff, students, and other health professionals.
- To contribute to the development of new knowledge.

Specific requirements:

- While on this rotation, residents will be excused to attend ½ academic day sessions each week.
- Residents are expected to read about cases in advance of surgery.
- Residents are expected to teach medical students and other health care professionals.

Professional:

Residents are expected to:

- Deliver the highest quality of care with integrity, honesty and compassion.
- Exhibit appropriate personal and professional behaviors.
- Practice medicine ethically consistent with obligations of a physician.

Specific requirements:

- Residents are expected to function in a way that creates a working environment for the team that is positive and free of harassment and intimidation of any kind.
- To adhere to the rules governing credentialing at the hospital.
- To follow the code of conduct as set forth by the University of Western Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- Professionalism will be assessed by interaction with colleagues, health care professionals, patients, and in your day-to-day interaction as you practice medicine on the surgical teams.