

Community General Surgery PGY – 2

Goal: To develop the knowledge, skills, and conceptual framework necessary to provide excellent pre-operative and post-operative medical care to patients with surgical problems and to assist general surgeons with common surgical procedures.

Objectives:

Patient Care

- I. Provide pre-operative and post-operative care for patients with surgical problems in both inpatient and ambulatory settings.**
 1. Perform a complete history & physical examination, including gathering needed data and ordering appropriate diagnostic testing with attention to the potential surgical needs of patients.
 2. Develop differential diagnoses and management plans for a broad variety of ambulatory and inpatient surgical problems taking into consideration patient preference.
 3. Complete preoperative medical evaluations.
 4. Provide routine post-operative care for emergent and elective surgical conditions including post-operative wound-care..
- II. Perform common outpatient surgical procedures and assist in common inpatient surgical procedures.**
 1. Effectively counsel patients on risks and benefits of surgical treatments.
 2. Obtain informed consent.
 3. Demonstrate proficiency in sterile preparation of self and patient for procedures and surgeries.
 4. Demonstrate proficiency in basic surgical technique, operating room conduct, and surgical assisting.
- III. Coordinate patient care between medical and surgical teams.**
 1. Learn how to professionally and effectively consult a general surgeon and specialty surgeons when a medical patient requires surgical care.

Medical Knowledge

1. Interpret information from multiple sources, including the patient, family, and other health professionals as well as laboratory data and diagnostic testing to determine whether a patient would benefit from surgical intervention and/or consultation.
2. Anticipate potential outcomes (expected and unexpected) of surgical problems and procedures and initiate management plans for these outcomes.
3. Demonstrate correct interpretation of abdominal x-rays.
4. Manage patient, family and nurse phone calls regarding the pre-operative and post-operative care of surgical patients.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- I. Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills with patients, their families, and other healthcare professionals**
 1. Communicate information to patients and patients' families with attention to privacy concerns and healthcare literacy.
 2. Accurately and empathetically counsel patients on pre-procedure and post-procedure expectations, information, and instructions.
 3. Write complete, accurate, well-organized notes that reflect a synthesis of relevant information from multiple sources in a timely manner.

4. Develop professional relationships with community surgeons and coordinate care of the surgical patient.

Professionalism

- I. Fulfill professional responsibilities, adhere to high ethical standards, and remain sensitive to patient populations**
 1. Protect patient privacy in the clinic and hospital.
 2. Arrive punctually to sign out, rounds and other residency duties.
 3. Complete admission history & physical examinations, progress notes, and discharge summaries in a timely manner.
 4. Demonstrate emotional maturity, including respectful communication with patients and other members of the healthcare team.
 5. Identify limits of one's own medical knowledge and appropriately seek assistance when needed.

Systems-Based Practice

- I. Develop an awareness of the role of health care systems, and to utilize various resources to provide optimal care for their surgical patients in a cost-conscious manner**
 1. Identify the role and scope of practice and work collaboratively with wound care professionals, and nutritionists in the management of surgical patients Advocate for patients with access-to-care issues.
 2. Work collaboratively with managers, discharge planners, and other providers to ensure optimal utilization of all system resources for surgical patients.
 3. Utilize consultants and ancillary services when medically appropriate.
 4. Utilize case management services and other available services to ensure that prior to procedures appropriate prior authorizations are obtained.
 5. Prescribe formulary medication when possible and medically appropriate to ensure that necessary medications will be obtainable by patients.
- II. Demonstrate an attention to patient safety.**
 1. Recognize medical errors when they occur, including "near misses."
 2. Utilize available systems to report medical errors in an effort to improve medical care in the future as part of the culture of safety.
 3. Utilize appropriate and available protocols, including checklists and other error-avoidance strategies, to maximize patient safety.

Practice Based Learning and Improvement

- I. Continually assess surgical knowledge and practices and utilize clinical experiences to stimulate self-directed learning**
 1. Formulate relevant, searchable, clinical questions.
 2. Utilize evidence-based resources to investigate clinical questions that arise when caring for surgical patients.
 3. Utilize clinical practice guidelines when caring for surgical patients.
 4. Identify areas for further learning and improvement based on feedback and self-assessment.
 5. Demonstrate an attitude of self-improvement by seeking out and being receptive to feedback.
 6. Participate in the education of students and other members of the health care team.