Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III for USC students and beginning May 1st for non-USC students. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**REPORT TO:** Surgery Clerkship Office, GNH 9240, at 8:30 am on first day.

**PREREQUISITE:** Surgery Clerkship

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year
Rotations scheduled: to begin on any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 4

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**SUPERVISION:**
30% Residents
30% Fellows
40% Faculty

**DESCRIPTION:**
This clerkship will introduce medical students to the diagnosis, preoperative preparation, operative treatment, postoperative care and follow up of cases referred to USC University Hospital, a tertiary care facility. The patient population includes all aspects of adult CT surgery including heart and lung transplantation. Students on this clerkship will participate in daily rounds, assist in surgery, attend surgical conferences, and see patients in an outpatient setting.

**EVALUATION:**
Students will be evaluated on their effort, proficiency, professional behavior and participation during rounds and in the operating room. All CT surgery faculty will evaluate the individual student and the faculty preceptor will summarize overall performance in the student evaluation form.

*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy*
In order to ensure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official holidays) can be allowed during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.
Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.