

PLASTIC SURGERY

Credit: Selective C or Elective

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

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Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-served basis

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

1. Discuss pathophysiology, variable anatomy and surgical techniques related to flaps.
2. Discuss indications and choice of breast reconstruction.
3. Discuss prevention and treatment of decubitus ulcers.
4. Develop expertise in variety of wound management options.

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REPORT TO: Call LAC page operator to page plastic surgery fellow prior to beginning of rotation to determine where to meet on first day.

SUPERVISION:

60% Fellows

30% Faculty

10% Residents

PREREQUISITE: Surgery Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotation scheduled: to begin on any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

This Plastic surgery clerkship will introduce the medical student to the broad realm of reconstructive plastic surgery and wound care management. This includes decision-making, preoperative preparation, operative treatment, postoperative care and follow-up. Participation will be concentrated in daily patient care rounds, assisting in surgery, attending surgical conferences, and outpatient care.

EVALUATION:

No formal written or oral tests given. Student's performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. Participation during rounds and in the operating room is heavily weighted. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form.

***Selective Attendance and Illness Policy**

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted 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.