

SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE

Credit: Selective A or Elective

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

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Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st for USC students and beginning May 1st for all non-USC students. All 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

DURATION: 4-6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: to begin on any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes (on a case-by-case basis)

PREREQUISITES: Surgery Clerkship

INSTRUCTION:

25% Independent Study
25% Other (Focused Library Research)
20% Attending Rounds/Small group discussion
20% Supervised Patient Care
10% Lectures

DESCRIPTION:

This surgical critical care rotation will introduce the medical student to the peri-operative management of trauma and non-trauma emergency surgery patients. The patient population exposure is a wide range from trauma surgery, general surgery, ENT, and other surgical subspecialties. Participation will be concentrated in detailed management of ICU patients and daily hospital rounds.

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 direct patient care 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**

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Discuss ventilator management, hemodynamic monitoring, and of acid-base balance.
2. Describe and perform central line placement.
3. Discuss support of the cardiovascular system: use of pressor, use of isotropic agents, and controversies in resuscitation fluids.
4. Discuss sedation and pain control.
5. Discuss the management of organ donors.
6. Discuss the important of learning in a cooperative multidisciplinary care environment.
7. More effectively deal with families in crisis.

Daily Schedule:

7:00 a.m. - Daily ICU rounds
9:30 a.m. - Daily ICU teaching rounds
Mondays at Noon - Core curriculum
Wednesdays at Noon - Journal club
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - Staff Rounds

Call Schedule: No call

SUPERVISION:

50% Residents
30% Fellows
20% Faculty

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.