

## THORACIC FOREGUT SURGERY

**Credit:** Selective C or Elective

**Location:** USC University Hospital

**Revised:** 1/26/2009

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

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Describe surgical physiology and ICU care.
2. Discuss diagnosis and management of esophageal and pulmonary diseases.
3. Describe surgical anatomy of the chest and foregut.
4. Demonstrate appropriate bedside clinical presentations and communication skills.
5. Demonstrate appropriate acquisition and interpretation of clinical data.

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**SUPERVISION:**

40% Residents  
30% Fellows  
30% Faculty

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

**PREREQUISITE:** Surgery Clerkship

**DURATION:** 4 or 6 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year

**Rotations scheduled:** to begin on any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 4

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**DESCRIPTION:**

This Thoracic-Foregut surgery clerkship will introduce the medical student to the diagnosis, preoperative preparation, operative treatment, postoperative care and follow-up cases referred to a tertiary care hospital. The patient population has thoracic and foregut diseases, such as lung cancer, gastro-esophageal reflux disorder, and esophageal cancer. A large proportion of the operative cases are performed laparoscopically, thoracoscopically, and endoscopically. Participation will be concentrated in daily hospital rounds, assisting in surgery, attending surgical conferences, and outpatient care (at the USC Healthcare Consultation Center).

**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 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.