

## TRAUMA

**Credit:** Selective C or Elective

**Location:** LAC + USC Medical Center

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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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**REPORT TO:** Surgery Clerkship Office, GNH 9241, at 8:30 am

**PREREQUISITE:** Surgery Clerkship

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** May and June only

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

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 2

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes, on a case-by-case basis

**DESCRIPTION:**

This Trauma surgery clerkship is an intensive medical student experience in the diagnosis, preoperative preparation, operative treatment, postoperative care and follow-up of patients in a Level 1 Trauma Center. The patient population is a combination of blunt and penetrating trauma, with heavy ICU experience. Participation will be concentrated in daily hospital rounds, assisting in surgery, attending surgical conferences, and outpatient care. Students are expected to perform at the level of an intern.

**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

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Complete primary and secondary survey of trauma patients.
2. Produce list of differential diagnosis on a variety of symptoms following trauma.
3. Describe mechanisms and frequencies of different injuries.
4. Establish diagnostic and therapeutic plan for trauma patients.
5. Communicate effectively with families and relatives of trauma patients.
6. Suture simple and complex lacerations.
7. Participate in multiple trauma operations.
8. Understand the ethics and economics of trauma.
9. Decide on trauma surgery as a career choice.

**SUPERVISION:**

50% Residents  
40% Faculty  
10% Fellows

he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.