

TUMOR/ENDOCRINE

Credit: Selective C or Elective

Location: Norris Cancer Institute and Hospital

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

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Identify current screening methods for tumors treated by surgical oncologists (breast, sarcoma, melanoma, colorectal, hepatobiliary, foregut) and describe a diagnostic workup of the tumors.
2. Describe current staging systems of surgical tumors.
3. Discuss the role of clinical trials in the practice of surgical oncology.

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

SUPERVISION:

80% Residents

20% Faculty

PREREQUISITE: Surgery Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: to begin on any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

This clerkship will serve as an introduction to the surgical care of patients with malignancy, especially complex problems involving a multidisciplinary approach or extensive operative intervention. The patient population primarily have diagnoses of pancreato-biliary cancer, breast disorders, and melanoma. The student functions as a sub-intern with close supervision by house staff and faculty. The student will also attend multidisciplinary conferences dealing with oncologic patients.

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.