

GI SURGERY

Credit: All

Location: USC University Hospital

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

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Describe morbidities associated with morbid obesity.
2. Describe the biology of weight loss surgery.
3. Manage colorectal and pelvic disorders.
4. Describe the presentation and management of splenic disorders and adrenal disorders.
5. Manage various types of hernias.

SUPERVISION:

40% Residents

30% Faculty

30% Fellows

DESCRIPTION:

This GI 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 is a wide range of general surgery, including bariatric, colorectal, pelvic floor, splenic, adrenal, and hernia surgery. The majority of the operative cases are performed laparoscopically. 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.