Applications will be accepted beginning March 1st of Year III

PREREQUISITE: Surgery Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year, except mid-Dec to Jan 1st.


NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: On a case by case basis

SUPERVISION: 40% Residents
30% Fellows
30% Faculty

CALL SCHEDULE: No night call

DESCRIPTION:
The 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 on daily hospital rounds, assisting in surgery, attending surgical conferences, and outpatient care (at the USC Healthcare Consultation Center).

EVALUATION:
Students will be evaluated on their effort, proficiency, professional behavior, and participation during rounds and in the operating room. All Thoracic-Foregut faculty will evaluate the individual student and the faculty preceptor will summarize overall performance on the student evaluation form.

*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy*

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted 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.