

THORACIC FOREGUT SURGERY

Credit: All

Location: USC University Hospital

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Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st 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: 4

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

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.

SUPERVISION:

40% Residents
30% Fellows
30% Faculty

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.