

TUMOR/ENDOCRINE

Credit: All

Location: Norris Cancer Institute and Hospital

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Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-serve 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. 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.

SUPERVISION:

80% Residents

20% Faculty

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.