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

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Describe physiology and pathophysiology of common surgical problems and developmental anomalies in the pediatric population.
2. Identify the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric surgical emergencies.
3. Determine differences in surgical care and presentation between neonates, infants, and children.
4. Observe ethical and psychosocial aspects of treating the pediatric population.

SUPERVISION:
40% Fellows
35% Residents
25% Faculty

DESCRIPTION:
The student will function in patient care situations under the direct supervision of the Pediatric surgery Fellow. The student will be an integral part of the resident-attending staff team, which provides care to all inpatients and outpatients in the Division. The elective will provide the student insight into the management of infants and children with diseases that require surgical intervention. Emphasis is placed on total management of the pediatric surgical patient.

EVALUATION:
The students are assigned pertinent topics for their study and are supervised by fellows, residents and the attending staff. The progress of the student in basic science, disease entities, and patient evaluations will be observed. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form. Students who have problems will be counseled as needed.

*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.