

## **SURGICAL SUBSPECIALTY REQUIRED 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ROTATION COURSE OVERVIEW**

Clerkship Director: Sean Harbison, MD

Clerkship Duration: 4 weeks

### **Course Description**

This 4-week clerkship is designed to provide students with the opportunity to see patients in surgical subspecialty care settings. Students hone their skills in the performance of focused histories and physical examinations, and participate in the development of a plan for the patients. Students will be exposed to, and participate in patient care for those individuals who require surgical subspecialty evaluation or intervention. Students will participate in procedures under direct supervision and up to the limit of their abilities. The subspecialty disciplines offered include Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Urology, Otorhinolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, and Cardiothoracic Surgery. Students rotate for two, two week 'mini-blocks' through the disciplines outlined in order to have a broad experience. Students will work closely with residents and faculty in the ambulatory and inpatient setting and participate directly in patient care. In addition, there are workshops in select areas including detailed examination of the musculoskeletal system, suturing/splinting and lecture series focused on pertinent topics within each discipline.

Sites for the clerkship include specialist settings in numerous locations including Temple University Hospital, Abington Medical Center, Crozer Chester Medical Center, St. Lukes Medical Center, Geisinger Medical Center, and West Penn Medical Center.

### **Goals and Objectives**

It is expected that students will participate in the care of patients requiring surgical subspecialty evaluation and intervention. Through this experience, students will gain knowledge and understanding of clinical and pathophysiological processes commonly treated by surgical subspecialists in a variety of disciplines. Students will participate in procedures commensurate with their ability and under supervision. For a group of students, this rotation will serve as an entre to further training in a given subspecialty discipline.

### **Educational Methods**

Clinical experience, direct patient care, clinical skills workshops, lectures. Students may be required to make a short presentation on a pertinent topic.

**Evaluation**

Evaluation in this course is based upon faculty assessment of clinical performance. Clinical evaluations will be submitted by faculty using the one45 system at the conclusion of the rotation. There is no oral or written examination.

**Grading**

The clerkship is graded Honors, High Pass, Pass, Fail.