

SURGERY CLERKSHIP YEAR 3

Clerkship Director: Sean Harbison, MD

Clerkship Duration: 8 weeks

Medical students will achieve the following competencies:

- Learn the fundamental pathophysiologic basis of clinical general surgery
- Understand and become familiar with the care of the patient requiring surgical intervention in the pre-, peri-, and postoperative period
- Observe and participate in the care of patients who need and who have had surgery
- Bedside procedures and basic intraoperative skills

During the 8-week General Surgery Clerkship, students are assigned to two, four-week rotations on two of five different surgical services which comprise components of general surgery. Students have a choice of rotating on two of the following services: General, Trauma, Transplant, Vascular, and Colorectal surgery services. There is overlap across both sites and services in terms of the breadth of clinical experiences on each service. For example vascular and transplant services provide overlapping care and surgical interventions. Thus students on a given service will experience a broad range of clinical entities.

Clinical settings used to provide students with adequate exposure to patients and a wide breadth of surgical problems include Temple University Hospital and five additional sites. Three sites are clinical campuses of Temple University School of Medicine (West Penn Hospital, Geisinger Medical Center, St. Lukes Hospital) and two additional are well-established affiliates (Abington Memorial Hospital, Crozer Chester Medical Center).