

SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

GENERAL SURGERY SERVICE

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MEDICAL (M-S) AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENTS (PA-S)

1. Rotating Medical-S and PA-S will be expected to do histories, complete physical exams and present assigned patients to the staff general surgeon, who will confirm findings. They will then record their findings and direct the work-up.

2. Under direct supervision, learn the workings of:

- a. Hemorrhage shock and basic trauma management
- b. Delayed primary closure.
- c. Wound infection.
- d. Skin and soft tissue lesions.
- e. Hemorrhoids.
- f. Anal fissure/fistula
- g. Cellulitis.
- h. Thrombophlebitis.
- i. Benign and malignant breast disease
- j. Hernia.
- k. Perirectal Abscess.
- l. Chest injury.
- m. Closed abdominal injury.
- n. Lymphadenopathy.
- o. Appendicitis.
- p. Gastrointestinal bleeding.
- q. Closed head injury.
- r. gallbladder and biliary tract disease
- s. colorectal cancer and colon screening procedures
- t. inflammatory bowel disease
- u. pancreatitis
- v. bowel obstruction
- w. gastroesophageal reflux disease

3. Under direct supervision, learn to do the following procedures:

- a. Apply/change dressings.
- b. Install/remove drains.
- c. Phlebotomy and peripheral intravenous catheter placement
- d. I&D abscess.
- e. Excise thrombosed hemorrhoids.
- f. Assist with anoscopy/proctoscopy.
- g. Use sterile procedures.
- h. Scrub, glove and gown.
- i. Divide and ligate bleeding.
- j. Suture ligate bleeders.

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- k. Set up suction apparatus.
 - l. Excise skin lesions.
 - m. Chest tube placement.
 - n. Assist with central line and arterial line placement
 - o. Bleeder catheterization.
 - p. NGT placement.
4. Under direct supervision, first or second assist in surgery.
 5. Attend morning report, conferences, first or second assist in surgery.
 6. Take General Surgery first call with staff every third night.
 7. A General Surgery staff physician will countersign all medical documentation.
 8. Inpatient orders and care will not be provided without staff counter signature.
 9. If qualified, provide BCLS, ACLS, ATLS or PALS is necessary.

Student

Date