

Surgical Care – Six rotations of 4 weeks, 80% inpatient and 20% ambulatory, approximately 20 students per rotation. This clerkship focuses on the development of the fundamental principles in the surgical care of patients.

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USF Program-Wide Competencies	Clerkship Specific Objectives
<p>Understanding needs and uniqueness of patients. Utilization of empathy, honesty, and integrity in providing care.</p>	<p>The student will maintain regular attendance. The student will maintain a professional appearance. The student will bring tools expected for the rotation to clinical sites. The student will be able to utilize supervision and feedback effectively. The student will relate to patients empathetically. The student will establish physician/ patient rapport. The student will be able to enlist support and cooperation of the patient's family.</p>
<p>Scientific approach to medical management and decision-making.</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of common surgical problems; etiology, pathogenesis and diagnostic studies of the disease; an understanding of surgical treatment; familiarity with various surgical procedures; expected outcomes and complications; how to take an accurate medical history that contains all relevant information.</p>
<p>Formulation of effective diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive care plans.</p>	<p>The student will be able to order appropriate tests to help narrow the differential diagnosis. -The student will be able to incorporate assessment results into diagnostic formulation based on history and physical findings. The student will be able to formulate possible biological, psychological and social factors relating to the etiology of the illness or symptoms. The student will be proficient in the work up for surgical and gynecological diseases. The student will be able to plan an appropriate regimen of care.</p>
<p>Collaboration with others on the health care team and an understanding of system based practice.</p>	<p>The student will be familiar with institutional resources and effectively utilize institutional resources. The student will be able to collaborate effectively with other professionals and staff members.</p>
<p>Attitudes and values: exemplifying</p>	<p>The student will reliably attend to the care of his/her patients</p>

professionalism and patient advocacy.	
R eflection and renewal: commitment to self analysis, lifelong learning and the teaching of others.	The student will pursue independent study of topics related to Surgery and Gynecology.
E thics: utilization of principles governing ethical medical practice.	The student will be able to assess a patient's capacity to make medical decisions on their own behalf. The student will learn the decision making hierarchy that applies to patient care in the state of Florida.
S kills: competent performance of skills and tasks.	The student will be able to gather historical information from patient regarding their illness. The student will be able to conduct a focused and reliable physical exam. The student will be able to identify appropriate requests for consultation and/or referral. The student will be able to prepare a clear, concise and thorough written presentation of a patient's history and physical exam.