

## **Plastic Surgery (Bay Pines VAH )**

### PGY1 – 2 separate one month rotations

Goal: The resident will gain experience and knowledge in the management of plastic surgery patients, particularly the supporting principles of surgery in general, with particular emphasis on issues/problems in plastic surgery, hand surgery and wound care.

#### **PATIENT CARE**

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the plastic surgery patient including pre-operative evaluation, general operative principles, and post-operative care.
- b. Able to prescribe medication for post-operative pain after surgery.
- c. Demonstrate proficiency in performing basic procedures pertinent to plastic surgery, hand surgery, and wound care, including minor OR procedures, “skin” cancer excision, laceration/incision closure, trigger finger release, skin “grafting” wound debridement, chronic wound care, splinting (upper and lower extremity), wound dressing placement, acute wound care, and wound infection care.

#### **MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE**

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the plastic surgery patient including diagnosis, pre-operative evaluation, general operative principles, post-operative care, and non-operative care.
- b. Demonstrate clinical thinking and problem solving.

#### **PRACTICE BASED LEARNING/IMPROVEMENT**

- a. Demonstrate progression in obtaining knowledge in the work-up, operative principles, and post-operative management of the plastic surgery patient.
- b. Utilize information sources to learn/improve knowledge based on clinical situations.
- c. Demonstrate ability/willingness to teach skills/knowledge to others.
- d. Use evidence from scientific studies.

#### **INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

- a. Communicate clearly with patients, their families, and the medical staff.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge and skills to communicate and coordinate care for both inpatients and outpatients.
- c. Demonstrate listening skills.

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

- a. Demonstrate sensitivity to culture, age, gender and disability.
- b. Ensure involvement in the post-operative care of patients and create a positive public image.
- c. Acknowledge the anxieties of patients and their families and answer questions and allay anxiety.
- d. Appreciation for and engage in discussions of critical issues/situations.
- e. Exhibit compassion, respect, sensitivity, and commitment in their daily approach to patient care.
- f. Demonstrate ethical practice that advocates patient care.

## SYSTEMS BASED PRACTICE

- a. Understand when it is appropriate to seek help through appropriate consultation with colleagues both within and beyond the specialty of plastic surgery.
  - b. Demonstrate an appropriate understanding and appropriate utilization of the electronic patient information system.
  - c. Gain an appreciation for and skills in coordinating ancillary services for continuity of patient care including outpatient nursing care, social services, nursing home setting care, and at home care.
  - d. Understand practice within a large health care system.
  - e. Work within a team.
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- a. cosmetic patients and acquired conditions.
  - b. Become competent in the management of cutaneous and soft tissue malignancies including sentinel lymph node biopsy.
  - c. Become competent in the techniques of flap reconstruction, both local pedicled flaps and free tissue transfer.
  - d. Demonstrate ability and willingness to teach skills/knowledge to others.