

Plastic Surgery/Melanoma/Breast/Cutaneous Oncology (HLM - 4 months)

PGY 2

Goal: The resident will gain experience and knowledge in the management of patients with cutaneous cancer, breast cancer, sarcoma, and various difficult general cancer reconstructive problems. The resident will demonstrate a general understanding of the pre-operative evaluation and operative principles applied to these patients.

PATIENT CARE

- a. Experience and knowledge in the general management of cutaneous oncology and breast cancer including diagnosis, pre-operative work-up, general operative principles, post-operative care, and non-operative care.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of the diagnosis and operative planning including cancer protocols, operative timing, adjuvant therapies, and proper ongoing evaluations.
- c. Provide post-operative instructions and provide a mechanism for patients to address post-operative problems.
- d. Demonstrate proficiency in performing basic procedures pertinent to breast/cutaneous oncology issues/problems.

MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the breast/cutaneous oncology surgery patient including diagnosis, pre-operative evaluation, general operative principles, post-operative care, and non-operative care.
- b. Demonstrate critical thinking.

PRACTICE BASED LEARNING/IMPROVEMENT

- a. Demonstrate progression in obtaining knowledge in the work-up, treatment, and post-operative care in cutaneous oncology and breast cancer patients.
- b. Utilize information sources to learn/improve knowledge based upon clinical situations.
- c. Demonstrate ability/willingness to teach skills/knowledge to others.
- d. Demonstrate use of information technology.

INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- a. Communicate clearly with patients, their families, and the medical staff.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge/skills to communicate and coordinate care with a multi-disciplinary oncology team.
- c. Demonstrate listening skills.

PROFESSIONALISM

- a. Ensure involvement in the post-operative care of patients and create a positive public image.
- b. Acknowledge the anxieties of patients and their families and answer questions and allay anxiety.
- c. Gain an appreciation for and engage in discussions of critical issues/problems.
- d. Exhibit compassion, respect, sensitivity, and commitment in their daily approach to patient care and sensitivity to culture, age, gender, and disability.

SYSTEMS BASED PRACTICE

- a. Understand when it is appropriate to seek help through appropriate consultation with colleagues.
- 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.
- d. Understand, appreciate, and participate within the structure and function of the oncology care team and utilize all members to improve and deliver care in an efficient and effective manner within a healthcare delivery system.
- e. Demonstrate ability to practice cost effective care and ability to be an advocate for patients.