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Course Goals

- 1. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to be able to recognize the impact of the global and local health care system and its impact on patient outcomes.
- 2. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to develop familiarity with the clinical evaluation of patients with surgical disease including understanding the pertinent elements of the patient history and physical examination.
- 3. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to communicate complex medical and personal information with patients, families, and all members of the health care team.
- 4. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge necessary to exemplify the highest level of professionalism both in typical daily activities of a surgery intern and during times of stress and high patient volumes.
- 5. Develop the attitudes and skills necessary for self-reflection that leads to improvement in practice.
- 6. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to formulate a differential diagnosis and treatment plan for surgical patients.
- 7. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge necessary to use evidence-based medicine in clinical decision-making.
- 8. Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to better understand the pathophysiology of surgical disease and how the pathophysiology relates to the clinical presentation and treatment of surgical patients.
- Develop the attitude, skills, and knowledge to gain experience with the spectrum of diagnostic and treatment options available to surgical patients.

Clinical Learning Objectives

Clinical

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- 1. Identify when to use an interpreter.
- 2. Demonstrate collaborative decision-making with patients.
- 3. Demonstrate effective communication with other physicians and health care providers.
- 4. Utilize the EMR to obtain and document relevant patient information.

Interprofessional Collaboration

- 1. Interact respectfully with all members of the health care team, consultants, and fellow physician providers.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of interdisciplinary team members, consultants, and health care resources and how the impact the care and outcomes of a patient's hospital stay.

Medical Knowledge for Practice

- 1. Explain the evaluation and management of common surgical conditions in adult patients.
- 2. Explain the pathophysiology of surgical disease and how the pathophysiology relates to the clinical presentation and treatment of surgical patients.
- 3. Gain experience with the spectrum of treatment options available to surgical patients including medical optimization along with open/laparoscopic surgical interventions.

Patient Care

- 1. Practice caring for a volume of patients similar to that of an intern in general surgery.
- 2. Participate in and describe the limitations of a the sign-out/hand-off process.
- 3. Develop an early-manager level plan for newly admitted patients.
- 4. Recognize the implications for surgical intervention versus watchful management in patients with acute and/or chronic disorders.
- 5. Interact with relevant surgical and medical consultants to form an appropriate medical plan during the post-

- operative period.
- 6. Develop an appropriate plan for post-operative patients.
- 7. Gather essential and accurate information about patients and their conditions through history taking, physical examination and review of the medical records.

Personal and Professional Development

- 1. Actively seek out feedback based on recognized deficiency in clinical performance.
- 2. Demonstrate receptiveness to feedback about clinical performance and changes practice based on this input.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

- 1. Discuss the clinical course of patients, active clinical issues, and new events or studies.
- 2. Locate and assimilate evidence-based studies relevant to the patients' clinical situations.
- 3. Recognize the utility and interpretation of common studies used in the evaluation of surgical patients including laboratory testing and imaging studies.

Professionalism

- 1. Demonstrate a level of professionalism when working the number of hours of a resident in general surgery.
- Demonstrate responsibility for obtaining and reporting all data relevant to patient care without the assistance of house staff.

Systems-Based Practice

1. Recognize systems-based error and evaluate likely cause.

Didactic Learning Objectives

CAPE: Difficult News and Informed Consent

- 1. Conduct a challenging communication scenario, such as breaking bad news, negotiating end of life and goals of care discussions, or actively participating in challenging patient/family meetings.
- 2. Obtain informed consent from a standardized patient in the CAPE in a way they can understand.

Case Presentations

1. Develop and present one or more comprehensive patient case presentations at the weekly GI Surgery Conference.

Mid-Point Feedback

1. Discuss an example utilizing feedback; the circumstances regarding the situation; how the feedback and outcome changed behavior; and self-reflection surrounding the feedback.

Quality Improvement Project

- 1. Identify a medical error that is secondary to a systems error, clearly identify the error, evaluate where the system failed, and offer a solution to prevent the error from recurring.
- 2. Identify challenging situations and develop a quality improvement (QI) plan to rectify these situations or issues.