

Surgery Research Elective Instructions For First and Second Year Students

The Surgery Research elective is an opportunity for you to participate in a research project that you may have interest in. In order to receive credit, there are some things we will need from you to process your paperwork.

I. Approval of Rotation:

- a. You will need to fill obtain a request form from the Dean's office and get the appropriate signatures.
- b. Once you have signed and your preceptor has signed, you will need to turn it on to the surgery Medical Student Coordinator along with a brief summary and your preceptor's name, phone number, and email address. ***Your summary should include what the expected outcome you are looking for and what the project will include.***
- c. The Medical Student Coordinator will submit it to the Clerkship Director for approval.
- d. The Medical Student Coordinator will send it to the Dean's office for approval.
- e. The Medical Student Coordinator will contact you to let you know your request has been accepted, needs more information, or not approved.
- f. Once approved and signed by all parties, the Medical Student Coordinator will send you a copy of your completed signed form.

II. Completion of Rotation:

- a. You will need to submit a 2-4 page report to include the following topics and information:
 - i. Attendings name and contact information.
 - ii. Hours worked.
 - iii. Background of the process you are studying and the question you are trying to answer.
 - iv. Description of your actual research experience.
 1. Were charts reviewed?
 2. Were patients enrolled?
 3. What information did you examine?
 4. Did you undertake a statistical analysis?
 5. Which methods were utilized?
- b. If you have preliminary data, you should try to write an abstract.
- c. Submit a plan for eventual submission and presentation of your work.