

SURGERY ELECTIVES

Surgery electives are an opportunity for you to participate in a research project or participate at a community site or elective we do not offer. In order to receive credit, there are some things we will need from you to process your paperwork.

Approval of Rotation:

- You will need to fill obtain a request form from the Dean's office and get the appropriate signatures.
- 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 (use the Teaching Plan as a guide):
 - Preceptor/Community Elective: Your summary should say what you will be doing and how it will fulfill your surgery requirements.
 - Research Elective: Your summary should include what the expected outcome you are looking for and what the project will include.
- The Medical Student Coordinator will submit it to the Clerkship Director for approval.
- The Medical Student Coordinator will send it to the Dean's office for approval.
- The Medical Student Coordinator will contact you to let you know your request has been accepted, needs more information, or not approved.

Completion of Rotation:

- Preceptor/Community Elective: You will need to submit a 1-2 page report along with your skills card. Your report should include the following topics and information:
 - Preceptor/Attendings name and contact information
 - Hours worked
 - Patient Care
 - History and Physicals you did
 - Presentations
 - OR Time
 - Call
- Research Elective: You will need to submit a 2-4 page report to include the following topics and information:
 - Attendings name and contact information.
 - Hours worked.
 - Background of the process you are studying and the question you are trying to answer.
 - Description of your actual research experience.
 - Were charts reviewed?
 - Were patients enrolled?
 - What information did you examine?
 - Did you undertake a statistical analysis?
 - Which methods were utilized?
 - If you have preliminary data, you should try to write an abstract.
 - Submit a plan for eventual submission and presentation of your work.