Rotation: Plastic Surgery (PGY1)

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Schedule:  http://www.surgery.medsch.ucla.edu/resident/call_schedules.html
Under the “Plastic Surgery” section, click on the month of your rotation.

Description of Rotation
The Plastic Surgery rotation will consist of 4 weeks at the PGY1 level. Emergency Medicine (EM) residents provide care to patients with Plastic Surgery or Orthopedic Hand Surgery complaints. Residents encounter a wide variety of injuries and pathology, including serious upper extremity fractures, infections, burns and other complex wounds cases requiring skin grafting. EM residents are provided the same opportunities and have the same responsibilities as PGY1 General Surgery residents assigned to the rotation. All activities are performed under the supervision of Plastic Surgery or Hand Surgery fellows and attending physicians. This rotation provides the unique opportunity for EM residents to work closely with a senior member of the Plastic Surgery service.

Responsibilities
The team consists of the PGY1 EM resident and the Plastic Surgery Chief Resident under the supervision of the Plastic Surgery attending physician. The PGY1 EM resident takes all the first calls for consults, ED admissions, and floor issues. The Plastic Surgery Chief Resident on call and the attending physician are available at all times for staffing cases and supervision.

Duties include:
1) Admitting new patients (completion of initial history and physical examination and writing admission orders.
2) Daily rounds on admitted patients with the resident team and attending physician.
3) Provision of care for admitted patients.
4) Discharging inpatients.
5) Seeing patients in the Plastic Surgery and Hand clinics.
6) Performing minor procedures in clinic.
7) Assisting in surgical procedures in the Operating Room.
8) Participation in all educational activities offered to the General Surgery and Plastic Surgery residents on service.
Goals and Objectives
The measurable competency objectives for the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Plastic Surgery rotation are as follows:

A. Patient Care
   1. Perform wound close on simple lacerations.
   2. Perform wound closure on moderate and complex lacerations with assistance.
   3. Interpret plain films of hand and upper extremity radiography identifying relevant anatomy and fractures.
   4. Recognize and initiate management of common facial fractures with assistance.
   5. Perform reduction of common upper extremity dislocations with assistance.
   6. Manage patients with decubitus ulcers.
   7. Manage patients with hand infections.
   8. Harvest and apply split thickness skin grafts with assistance.

B. Medical Knowledge
   1. Understand the indications for operative and conservative management of upper extremity fractures.
   2. Understand the basic principles of wound healing as related to traumatic injuries.
   3. Understanding the indications for skin grafting.
   4. Discuss and compare skin and connective tissue.

C. Practice Based Learning
   1. Accesses medical literature to answer clinical questions to support decision making and shares with team.
   2. Apply scientific evidence to decision making.
   3. Obtain feedback from supervising faculty.

D. Professionalism
   1. Responds promptly and appropriately to clinical responsibilities including but not limited to calls and pages.
   2. Models appropriate professional behaviors in supervising and teaching medical students.
   3. Learn communication techniques with patients and families of non-English speaking patients of different cultural backgrounds.

E. Interpersonal and Communication Skills.
   1. Be able to work effectively as an interdisciplinary team member on the Plastic Surgery service with fellows, medical students, Internal Medicine consulting services, Emergency Department consulting services, clinic and operating room staff.
   2. Communicate the plastic surgery operative plan with patient, family, nurses, and operating room staff.
   3. Learn effective communication techniques during periods of stress in order to decrease patient and family anxiety.

F. Systems Based Practice
   1. Participate in teaching and organization of the educational weekly plastic surgery conference.
   2. Be able to coordinate multispecialty and multidisciplinary care including discharge planning, social service, rehabilitation, and long term care of patients on the plastic surgery service.
   3. Understand how the health care organization affects surgical practice in a variety of settings including the Veterans Administration, University and County hospitals.
4. Maintain complete medical records, operative notes, staff sheets and notes, patient database cards, and other patient care related documentation in a timely, accurate, and succinct manner.

**Assessment:**

Monitoring of the accomplishment of the stated objectives will be performed using the following methods:

1. **Global Rating:** end of rotation evaluation of resident performance with respect to the stated objectives by faculty, other team resident members, students, and nursing staff.
2. **Patient Survey:** Patient satisfaction will be assessed by patient surveys with a focus on competencies such as communication skills and professionalism.
3. **Residents will receive informal, formative feedback during the rotation from Plastic Surgery Chief Residents and Attending Physicians.**