

Conference Attendance Policy

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PURPOSE

To clarify required conference attendance for Dept of Surgery residents during their clinical years

PERSONS INVOLVED

Categorical & Preliminary General Surgery Residents.

PROCEDURES

The Department of Surgery has mandatory weekly education time for residents Thursday mornings from 7:00AM-12:00PM and Friday mornings from 7:00AM-8:00AM. This time is protected from any clinical obligations. During this time, residents should forward the Service Pagers to the designated individuals (Table 1). If residents' Thursday morning educational activities end prior to 12:00PM, then residents are able to utilize the remaining time for personal and professional development. If residents need to leave the hospital, then they need to confirm coverage for their service in their absence. Residents rotating on the trauma service are not permitted to leave the hospital. Residents rotating at Lurie Children's must return to service once their required educational activities conclude. The conference schedule will be confirmed a month in advance so that residents may schedule personal activities without conflict. If any changes are made to the schedule that would extend the required conference time within a month of the date, an email will be sent informing the residents of the changes and residents may then request to be excused if they have a previous engagement. Program leadership will determine whether the resident may then be excused from the added conference.

Required conferences include M&M, core curriculum, research lectures, simulation skills labs, grand rounds, and any other stated conferences distributed on a weekly basis.

The Department of Surgery (DoS) requires that residents attend the department's educational conferences during a clinical year. Attendance is documented through New Innovations QR code sheets and all residents must check in for themselves and be present for the entire conference. Attendance data is calculated twice per year. Residents who are present at less than 75% of any required teaching conference over the course of a year will be given low scores on their professionalism milestone evaluations. Absences are allowed for time away on vacation, fellowship interviews, illness, or patient emergencies. Residents on authorized medical or maternity leave are excused from conference attendance.

If a resident is unable to attend conference for other reasons outside those listed above they may contact program leadership and request an excused absence (in writing via email). The request will be reviewed within 3-5 days and the resident will be notified of the decision. Requests must be submitted at least 1 week in advance. For additional rotation specific conferences please refer to the rotation's learning objectives document. Please see the listing below for your conference attendance expectations.

Rotation Requirements

You are required to attend every scheduled education session in person if you are on any of the following rotations: Blue, Mueller, FLS/Endo, GI/MIS, Nagle, Transplant, Colorectal, Endocrine, Thoracic, Vascular, Breast, Trauma, Plastics, SICU days, Surg Onc

Night Float/ SICU nights – you are required to attend Grand Rounds, M&M, and resident lectures that end by 8am

CDH & Electives – excused from everything except skills lab

Cook County- excused from everything

VA – required to watch conferences via Zoom link and attend skills labs in person

Lurie – excused from everything except named lectures, skill labs, RATL & Quality Improvement

Table 1

Service Rotation	Floor Pager should be forwarded to:	Consult Pager should be forwarded to:
Surg Onc	Marissa Avila	Danielle Basinger
Colorectal	Brittany Leano	Brittany Leano
McGee	Marissa Avila	Marissa Avila
GI/MIS	Valerie Uryga	Dr. Ezra Teitelbaum
Thoracic	Jamie Kessler	Jamie Kessler
Vascular	Ask fellow which APN will cover	Ask fellow which APN will cover
Transplant	In-patient APP on call	In-patient APP on call
Blue	Jen Surowic	Dr. Daniel Davila
Mueller	Dr. Kyle Mueller	Dr. Kyle Mueller
Breast & Bethke	Breast fellow on call	Breast fellow on call
Endocrine	Valerie Uryga	Valerie Uryga
SICU	SCC fellow on service	SCC fellow on service
Trauma	Brittany Cook	Brittany Cook
Plastics	Plastic Service Pager (5-3000)	Plastic Service Pager (5-3000)