PA Surgical Residency Training Objectives Colorectal Surgery Service - Gold

Patient Care

The PA Surgical Resident on the Service should demonstrate the ability to:

- Evaluate pre-operative patients with complex colorectal issues (ex: colon cancer, rectal cancer, and diverticulitis).
- Manage ward/postoperative patients.
- Prioritize patient acuity.
- Manage ward emergencies (arrhythmia, hypoxia, shock, etc.).
- Prioritize clinical responsibilities.
- Plan discharge.
- Perform (or have experience with) the following ward procedures:
 - NG tube placement.
 - Dobhoff placement.
 - Chest tube placement.
 - Wound Debridement.
 - Appendectomy.
 - Colectomy.
 - Lysis of adhesions.
 - Common Ano-rectal procedures (i.e. hemorrhoid banding, repair fistula).
 - Cholecystectomy, laparoscopic.
 - Cholecystectomy, open.
 - Hernia repair.
 - Incision closure.
 - Laceration repair, complex.

Medical Knowledge

The PA Surgical Resident should understand:

- Basic Science principles (ex: metabolism, wound healing).
- General Surgery principles (ex: acute cholecystitis).
- GI Surgery principles (ex: diverticulitis, colon cancer).
- General Medicine principles (ex: infectious disease).
- Radiographic studies: indications and interpretation.

Practice Based Learning and Improvement

The PA Surgical Resident should demonstrate the ability to:

- Evaluate published literature in critically acclaimed journals and texts.
- Apply clinical trials data to patient management.
- Participate in academic and clinical discussions.
- Teach medical students and physician assistant students.
- Attend conferences.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

The PA Surgical Resident should demonstrate the ability to interact with the following persons professionally:

- Patients;
- Family members;
- Nursing staff; and
- Other members of the care team.

Professionalism

The PA Surgical Resident should:

- Be receptive to feedback on performance.
- Be attentive to ethical issues.
- Be involved in end-of-life discussions and decisions.
- Be sensitive to gender, age, race, and cultural issues.
- Demonstrate leadership.

Systems Based Practice

The PA Surgical Resident should:

- Be aware of cost-effective care issues.
- Be sensitive to medical-legal issues.
- Have information technology/computer resources available