

Physician Assistant Training Objectives

Duke Urology Surgery Service

Patient Care

The PA Resident on the Urology Surgery Service should demonstrate the ability to:

- Evaluate pre-operative patients
- Manage ward/postoperative patients
- Prioritize patient acuity
- Manage ward emergencies (ex: obstructive hematuria, postoperative bleeding)
- Prioritize clinical responsibilities
- Plan discharge

Perform (or have exposure to) the following procedures:

- ABG
- Peripheral line/Phlebotomy
- Post-op drain care
- Catheter placement
- Catheter management
- SPT placement
- SPT management
- PCN management
- Ureteral stent management
- Cystoscopy
- TURBT, assist
- Prostatectomy, assist
- Nephrectomy, assist

Medical Knowledge

The PA Resident on the Duke Urology Surgery Service should understand:

- Basic Science principles (ex: wound healing)
- Urologic principles (ex: GU malignancies)
- Trauma principles (ex: bladder injury/IVP indications)
- General Medicine principles (ex: pyelonephritis)
- Pharmacologic principles (ex: narcotic management)
- Radiographic studies: indications and interpretation

Practice Based Learning and Improvement

The PA Resident on the Duke Urology Surgery Service 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 Resident on the Duke Urology Surgery Service should demonstrate the ability to:

- Interact with Patient/Family
- Interact with nursing staff
- Interact with Patient Resource Manager and Social Workers
- Interact with OR staff
- Interact with Consult Service
- Interact with Attendings
- Interact with Junior House staff
- Interact with Senior House staff

Professionalism

The PA Resident on the Duke Urology Surgery Service 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 Resident on the Duke Urology Surgery Service should:

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