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