Physician Assistant Resident Training Objectives
Orthopaedic Surgery Service

Patient Care
The PA Resident on the Orthopaedic Surgery Service should demonstrate the ability to:
• Evaluate pre-operative patients
• Manage ward/postoperative patients
• Prioritize patient acuity
• Manage ward emergencies (arrhythmia, hypoxia, myocardial infract, shock, etc.)
• Prioritize clinical responsibilities
• Plan discharge

• Perform the following procedures
  • Ankle/Brachial Index (ABI)
  • ABG
  • Peripheral line/Phlebotomy
  • Above knee amputation (AKA), assist
  • Below knee amputation (BKA), assist
  • Debridement
  • Extremity traction/splint, assist
  • Pelvic stabilization, assist
  • Halo placement, assist

Medical Knowledge
The PA Resident on the Orthopaedic Surgery Service should understand:
• Basic Science principles (ex: metabolism, wound healing)
• General Medicine principles (ex: back pain)
• Orthopaedic Surgery principles (ex: lumbar prolapse)
• Trauma Surgery principles (ex: pelvic fracture)
• Pharmacologic principles (ex: narcotic management)
• Radiographic studies: indications and interpretation

Practice Based Learning and Improvement
The PA Resident on the Orthopaedic 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 Orthopaedic 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 Orthopaedic 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 Orthopaedic Surgery Service should:
• Be aware of cost-effective care issues
• Be sensitive to medical-legal issues
• Have information technology/computer resources available