Physician Assistant Training Objectives
General Surgery OR

**Patient Care**
The PA Resident on the General Surgery OR Rotation should demonstrate the ability to:

- Evaluate pre-operative patients
- Perform postoperative evaluation
- Prioritize patient acuity
- Keep an accurate log of all procedures and OR cases
- Report each morning to the Resident meeting in order to be assigned cases
- Prepare the following documents:
  - Procedure Notes
  - Postoperative Orders
  - Operative Reports
  - Postoperative progress notes
- Operating Room:
  - Sterile Technique
  - Draping
  - One and two-handed knots with silk
  - Common instrument terminology
  - First and second-assist in a variety of General Surgery cases including:
    - Colorectal
    - Laparoscopic
    - Trauma
    - Oncologic
    - Transplant

**Medical Knowledge**
The PA Resident on the General Surgery OR rotation should understand:

- Basic Science principles (ex: wound healing)
- General Surgery principles (ex: acute cholecystitis).
- GI Surgery principles (ex: perforated ulcer).
- Trauma principles (ex: bladder injury/IVP indications)
- Pharmacologic principles (ex: narcotic management)
- Radiographic studies: indications and interpretation

**Practice Based Learning and Improvement**
The PA Resident on the General Surgery OR rotation 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 OR rotation 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 Housestaff
• Interact with Senior Housestaff

**Professionalism**
The PA Resident on the General Surgery OR rotation 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 General Surgery OR rotation should:

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