Title: Surgical Oncology Selective

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Students per session: 2

Description: Students on the Surgical Oncology Selective participate in all aspects of inpatient and outpatient care in the diagnosis and management of surgical oncology patients. Surgical management of breast cancer, malignant melanoma, thyroid and parathyroid disease and other soft-tissue neoplasms are emphasized.

Integration of Disciplines: The biologic basis of cancer is crucial to the understanding of the disease processes that will be encountered in this Selective. Weekly sessions with medical oncologists will be an integral part of the Selective. In addition, formal didactic sessions with basic science tumor biologists are planned.

Goals of the Selective: This Selective gives students an opportunity to concentrate on the treatment of malignant melanoma, carcinoma of the breast, soft tissue neoplasms, head and neck tumors, and surgical treatment of thyroid and parathyroid disease. Students participate in the daily management of patients, thereby acquiring an in-depth knowledge of the issues in diagnosis and treatment.

Objectives of the Selective:
- Perform a focused physical exam of the skin, breast, axilla, and neck
- Describe appropriate treatment options and decision algorithms
- Recognize the interdisciplinary nature of surgical oncology
- Formulate long-term follow-up of patients with various malignancies
- Differentiate the types of breast cancer and understand the implications on treatment and prognosis
- Interpret radiographic findings relevant to surgical oncology

Key Responsibilities of the student while on Selective:
- The student will participate in the inpatient and outpatient management of patients as well as in the Operating Room.
- The student will attend Surgical Oncology and related multidisciplinary oncologic conferences.
- The student will provide care under the supervision of the faculty and house-staff assigned to the Surgical Oncology Service.

Didactic Program: A specific reading program will be provided for the students and there will be weekly meetings with senior surgical faculty members to discuss issues in Surgical Oncology and specific clinically related problems regarding patients encountered during that week. Daily teaching rounds will be held with the student. The Selectives Director will be responsible for overseeing the student’s clinical and didactic schedule. It is expected that the student will meet with her/his Selectives Director each week at a minimum.

Method of Evaluation: Students will be evaluated by attendings with input from surgical house staff rotating through surgical oncology. The Selectives Director will give formal feedback to the student on her/his performance. Evaluation will be based upon the level of knowledge displayed by the student on a daily basis, the depth of his or her reading, and the clinical performance as evaluated by the residents and faculty.