

University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Saigon, Vietnam
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Elective: General Surgery

Site: University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Saigon, Vietnam.

Role: Medical student, Year 4.

Description:

The learner will take the role of a junior member of the surgical team. Under supervision, the learner will be responsible for the work-up and management of patients with surgical problems. This involves new admissions through the emergency room and ward consults. For those admitted, the learner will follow the patient and be actively involved in all steps of their care including history and physical examination, investigation, diagnosis, treatment, management, and disposition.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge

- Develop an understanding of surgical problems from a variety of subspecialties, focusing on etiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment, and management.
- Develop and problem-based approach to diagnosis and differential diagnosis of surgical problems.
- Develop a reasonable understanding of specific problems associated with those of the specific country.
- Improve competency in surgical consultations.

Communication

- Obtain histories through a Faculty translator.
- Learn basic Vietnamese.
- Present cases to the remainder of the team.

Collaborator

- Work with other members of the extended health care team to effectively deliver best healthcare possible.

Advocate

- Learn about local, regional, and national campaigns for the prevention of specific surgical problems.
- Increase development of global citizenship.

Manager

- Assist with triaging of patients.
- Understand resource allocation in a foreign medical system.

Scholar

- Present interesting cases at rounds.
- Apply literature/evidence in decision-making.

Professional

- Develop cultural sensitivity and competency throughout the medical process.