SURGERY – GENERAL 1 & 2

Goal: To develop in the PGY-1 resident:

1.) the ability to make a pre-operative assessment of patients presenting with elective or acute surgical problems, assist with the operative treatment and the post-operative management of these patients.

2.) the ability to make appropriate requests for surgical consultations.

Objectives: In the following competencies the resident should display …

Patient Care

... the skill to assess patients who present with acute surgical problems and make an appropriate diagnosis.
... the skill to assist in the preparation of patients presenting for surgical treatment of problems.
... the skill to assist the surgeon in the operative theater.
... the skill to provide routine care for the stable post-operative patient.
... the skill to provide non-operative supportive care for patients with common surgical problems (e.g., wound care, burn care).

Medical Knowledge

... the knowledge of operative treatments of common surgical illnesses.
... the knowledge to define risks and benefits of operative interventions.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

... the skills to locate, evaluate, and apply the medical literature appropriately.
... the skills to access and use information technology appropriately.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

... the skill to present pertinent information to patients, peers, staff, consultants, et al.
... a caring, courteous, compassionate demeanor to patients, families, staff, and peers.
... the ability to function cooperatively in a “team” setting.

Professionalism

... reliable and dependable characteristics when executing assigned duties.
**Systems-Based Practice**

… the ability to coordinate care with health care managers and other providers.

… the ability to act as an advocate for quality patient care in addition to assisting patients in dealing with the complexities of medical systems.