

REQUIRED CONFERENCES

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Teaching conferences directed to the surgical residents include **Surgical Grand Rounds, Matrix Conference, Basic Science Conference, Journal Club, Ethics Conference and Visiting Professor Case Conference**. Attendance is mandatory for residents on all rotations. Please note that Thursday mornings (7-11 am) will function as our education day. **The residents are freed from all clinical duties (i.e., protected time) to enable them to attend the conferences.** Conference attendance is monitored through the use of a sign-in sheet at each conference. **Attendance at 80% of the conferences is considered mandatory.** For any unexcused absences the first month, the resident receives a memo from the program director. Continued unexcused absences, will result in a formal meeting with the program director and can lead to a resident being placed on probation. The administrative chief resident or the residency coordinator are responsible for collecting the sign-in sheets for resident conferences.

Tuesday Visiting Professor Case Conference (4-5 PM - DOS Conference Room)

Wednesday Grand Rounds (7-8 AM - ECC A and B)

Wednesday Ethics Conference (7-8am-ECC A; first wed of October, January, May)

Wednesday Journal Club (7-8am-ECC A; first wed Sept, Nov-Dec, Feb-April)

Thursday Basic Science (7-8 AM – ECC B)

Thursday Matrix (8-9 AM – ECC –B)

Thursday Skills Lab (9-11 AM – Skills Center)

Basic Science conferences are held weekly from August to June to provide the fundamentals of basic science as applied to clinical surgery. Topics include:

- wound healing
- hemostasis
- management of the acute abdomen
- work-up and management of GI bleed
- hernias
- shock
- trauma
- surgical microbiology and surgical infections
- Endocrine and exocrine pancreatic disease
- thyroid and parathyroid disorders
- gastrointestinal physiology
- esophageal motility disorders
- benign and malignant esophageal neoplasms
- benign and malignant colorectal disease
- metabolic response to injury including burns
- inflammatory bowel disease
- immunobiology and transplantation
- applied surgical anatomy
- surgical pathology.

PGY-4 and 5 residents are the primary instructors. Each session will have a faculty moderator that has expertise in the topic being presented. Residents will be given a quiz at the beginning of each conference. The faculty member will go over the responses to the quiz at the end of the conference. There will be an

intense ABSITE review between December and January of each year. A review of missed questions from the previous year's ABSITE exam will also be covered during these sessions.

Visiting Professor Case Conference are held on Tuesday afternoons when we have a visiting speaker for Grand Rounds. The Chief Residents will have the set schedule. Cases are presented by residents and the discussion is led by the visiting professor. All residents are required to be there unless you are post-call.

Surgical Grand Rounds are held weekly between September and June.

Attendance at this conference by residents is mandatory. A variety of topics pertinent to surgeons are presented throughout the year utilizing attending physicians and visiting professors. National and International leaders in Surgery are often invited to give "State of the Art" lectures.

Multidisciplinary Tumor Board conferences are held throughout the week to discuss the management of newly diagnosed and recurrent cancers. Separate conferences are held to discuss the major primary organ sites, e.g., breast, colon/rectum, thoracic, hepatobiliary, and endocrine tumors. Participants in these conferences include general and specialty surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, medical and radiation oncologists, and support personnel. Resident attendance at these conferences is encouraged and is required for residents that are on the specific services that have these site specific conferences. Residents may be asked to present cases at these conferences.

Journal Club is held the first Wednesday of the month instead of Grand Rounds (alternates with Ethics conference-please see monthly schedule). Interns and residents are assigned articles each session to present to the group on specific topics. An attending is assigned to moderate the session and lead the discussion.

Ethics Conference is held on Wednesday morning (alternating with Journal Club). Faculty from the Bioethics Department will be giving lectures. In addition there will be reading assignments from the American College of Surgeons Bioethics Curriculum.

The Matrix Conference is a major teaching conference for the residents and staff of the Department of Surgery. Resident attendance at this conference is mandatory. Through this conference structure, the goals of maintaining quality assurance and maximum resident education will be met. Please see **Appendix 1** for details on the Matrix conference. PGY-3, 4, and 5's are required to ensure case lists, all complications and interesting cases are turned in weekly.