

# **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION**

As a surgical resident, one of your responsibilities is education and mentorship of the Year 3 and 4 medical students from the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and other medical schools. Your responsibility toward the students increases with seniority, thus the Chief Resident is expected to have a leading role in the experience of the student. This includes maintaining the highest level of professionalism and teaching during rounds, in the operating room, in clinic, and while on-call. In fact, as a Chief Resident, it is highly encouraged that a weekly hour be dedicated to didactic teaching with your student(s).

## Year III Medical Students

Third-year medical students rotate 3 weeks at a time in our hospital. During this time, it is expected that they perform as an integral member of your team. This includes following a maximum of 4 ward patients and 1 ICU patient at one time. They are expected to pre-round, write daily progress notes, and be involved in the operating room. In addition, the students are allowed to perform minor procedures (e.g., suturing, knot-tying, central line placement, etc.) when under the direct supervision of a resident or surgeon who is competent in performing the procedure themselves. We encourage the students to follow the patients on whose surgery they scrubbed in. By the end of their rotation, students are expected to have a resident or attending sign off on 3 H&Ps, 3 progress notes, and a short list of procedures. The students will have a printed card for this purpose.

In return, it is expected that the Chief or Senior resident that runs morning rounds use this time to teach the medical student. In addition, teaching in the operating room, whether it be anatomy or physiology, is highly encouraged. When on call, it is expected that the consult resident, not the intern, have the primary role with the medical student. Students on call should be called to all Trauma activations as well as all consultations for surgery. It is the Chief or Senior resident's responsibility to ensure that the student not be relegated to the intern or to performing an excessive amount of scut work.

Students are on call with the Trauma team every 4-6 days. They are given a schedule in advance and are expected to be in-house for their call, with a maximum of 30 hours consecutively in the hospital. Medical student call rooms are located in the basement. Students are assigned one day off per week, but are expected to participate in patient care on weekends if it is not their day off. In addition, the medical students are mandated to attending "Doctoring," which is a full day course at UCLA's campus held every other week on a Tuesday or a Thursday. The students are not to come to the hospital during their Doctoring session. The students are also mandated to attend classes every Wednesday at the UCLA campus, so they are not expected to arrive at our hospital until 11am on Wednesdays.

Student evaluations will be sent to all residents who had contact with the student, except interns. Timely and accurate completion of the evaluations on the ESS website is expected (<http://ess.medstudent.ucla.edu/>).

To know who your student is, how to reach them by pager, what their on call schedule is like, what policies must be followed, and other details, please visit the Cedars-Sinai Department of Surgery website's link to the Medical Student Education Program (<http://www.csmc.edu/11332.html>). For any questions or concerns related to the medical students, please directly contact Dr. Shirin Towfigh, the Director of Medical Student Education (310-423-8353 or [shirin.towfigh@cshs.org](mailto:shirin.towfigh@cshs.org)).

### Year IV Medical Students

Fourth-year medical students rotate 3-4 weeks at a time in our hospital. During this time, they are held to high standards and are expected to function at the level of an intern. This includes following a maximum of 6 inpatients and 3 ICU patients at one time. Their privileges are similar to the Year III medical students, and the residents are expected to teach them daily either during rounds, the operating room, or while on call (see above for details). The Chief resident or Senior resident on the service is responsible for the mentorship of their student, as most of them are considering a career in general surgery.

It is important to note that the rotation experience for the Year IV student is different with each service, as many do not include overnight in-house call, though they are still required to be involved in patient care on the weekends. They are expected to remain on pager, however, in cases of emergencies related to their patients or of educational importance. In addition, the student is expected to follow an education calendar of conferences in order to maximize their experience with us. The details of their service-specific responsibilities and the education calendar can be found on the Department of Surgery website's link to the Medical Student Education Program (<http://www.csmc.edu/11332.html>).

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