



CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Surgical Subspecialty Acting Internship

Academic Year: 2022 - 2023

Duration of Acting Internship (# of weeks): 4 weeks

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CLERKSHIP OVERVIEW

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MISSION STATEMENT OF ACTING INTERNSHIP:

To provide an intensive inpatient experience that focuses on primary patient care responsibilities with supervision and direct reporting to attendings and upper-level residents. Acting interns are expected to function at the level of a PGY-1 with appropriate supervision and support.

GOALS OF THE SUB-SPECIALTY ACTING INTERNSHIP:

The Surgery acting internship will provide an environment where a 4th year student can function as a junior resident in an inpatient surgical sub-specialty. This intensive clinical experience will allow a student to participate in the preoperative management of the surgical patient and provide increased intern level clinical responsibilities more independently. Students should participate in direct patient care of admitted patients, perform assessments and consultations, attend, and participate in all conferences, take call as required, participate in outpatient clinics, and assist on operative procedures.

CLERKSHIP POLICY OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVES OF CLERKSHIP:

By the end of the acting internship students will be able to:

Clerkship Objective	MD Program Objective
Create prioritized differential diagnoses and management plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clinical Reasoning 1 (I.D.1)● Medical Decision Making 1 (I.E.1)
Display focused and appropriate history, physical, oral, and written communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● History Taking 1 (I.A.1)● Physical Examination 1 (I.B.1)● Communication Skills 2 (I.F.2)● Communication Skills 5 (I.F.5)
Function as effective team player with all the members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teamwork 1 (III.C.1)
Effectively manage a surgical patient from initial presentation, to surgical workup, to operative management, and to postoperative care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clinical Reasoning 1 (I.D.1)● Medical Decision Making 1 (I.E.1)● Medical Decision Making 2 (I.E.2)● Communication Skills 2 (I.F.2)
Recognize personal limitation in knowledge and skills and identify appropriate resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Self-awareness and commitment to Self-improvement 1 (III.A.1)● Self-awareness and commitment to Self-improvement 2 (III.A.2)
Share information effectively with medical team, patient, and family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Communication Skills 2 (I.F.2)● Communication Skills 4 (I.F.4)● Communication Skills 5 (I.F.5)● Teamwork 1 (III.C.1)

Take primary responsibility for the patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clinical Reasoning 1 (I.D.1) ● Clinical Reasoning 2 (I.D.2) ● Medical Decision Making 1 (I.E.1) ● Medical Decision Making 2 (I.E.2) ● Communication Skills 2 (I.F.2) ● Communication Skills 5 (I.F.5) ● Teamwork 1 (III.C.1)
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CLINICAL EXPERIENCES – NARRATIVE DESCRIPTIONS

ENT: - This intensive clinical experience will allow a 4th year student to perform the clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on in an inpatient surgical team. Students will assume direct care of admitted patients, perform assessments and consults on patients in the emergency room, attend all team and program conferences, and scrub-in to assist on surgical procedures. Acting interns will join residents to evaluate urgent consults, perform full H&Ps on new admissions, and participate in emergency operations

Neurosurgery: - This intensive clinical experience will allow a 4th year student to perform the clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on in an inpatient neurosurgical team. Students will assume direct care of admitted patients, perform assessments and consults on patients in the emergency room, floors and ICU, attend all team and program conferences, outpatient clinic on a weekly basis, and scrub-in to assist on surgical procedures. Students will take overnight calls 1-2 times per week. Overnight, acting interns will evaluate urgent consults, perform full H&Ps on new admissions, and participate in emergency operations.

Orthopedic Surgery: - During their Acting Internship students will take on the full clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on an inpatient surgical team. Students will be expected to participate in morning and afternoon rounds of the inpatient service, participate in the hospital resident clinic as well as play an active role as an assistant in the operating room. The student will learn pertinent anatomy, pathophysiology of orthopedic conditions, options of treatment and management of emergency, inpatient, and outpatients with orthopedic problems. Students will also be expected to participate in emergency room consults and gain further exposure to emergency orthopedic care. Students will attend daily 7 am morning didactic lectures and weekly Case Conference and Grand Rounds during their elective block. The students will be expected to prepare for surgical cases with attention to the pertinent anatomy and basic principles of orthopedic surgery.

Plastic Surgery: - This clinical experience will allow 4th year students interested in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery to perform the clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on in an inpatient surgical team. Students will assume direct care of admitted patients, perform assessments and consults on patients in the emergency room, attend all team and program conferences, outpatient clinics, and scrub-in to assist on surgical procedures. Students will take overnight call with appropriate supervision, acting interns will evaluate urgent consults, perform full histories and physical examinations on new admissions, and participate in emergency operations

Urology: - This clinical experience will allow 4th year students interested in Urologic Surgery to perform the clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on in an inpatient surgical team. Students will assume direct care of admitted patients, perform assessments and consults on patients in the emergency room, attend all team and program conferences, outpatient clinics, and scrub-in to assist on surgical procedures.

Vascular Surgery: – This intensive clinical experience will allow students to perform the clinical roles and responsibilities of an intern on an inpatient surgical team. Students will be exposed to the full range of vascular surgery, including interventional radiology and non-invasive laboratory techniques, as well as scrubbing in the operating room. Students will be intimately involved in the postoperative management in the recovery room and in the intensive care unit. They will also attend the weekly department-wide case conference and resident vascular

conferences. Students will spend two weeks on rotation at The Mount Sinai Hospital main campus and two weeks at Mount Sinai West. A call schedule will be arranged for availability for vascular emergencies.

EXPECTATIONS – ELECTIVE VS ACTING INTERNSHIP

ACTION	ELECTIVE STUDENT	ACTING INTERNSHIP – PLASTIC SURGERY
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take call	No	Yes (home call)
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

ACTION	ELECTIVE	ACTING INTERNSHIP – NEUROSURGERY
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take overnight call	No	Yes
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

ACTION	ELECTIVE	ACTING INTERNSHIP – ENT
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take overnight call	No	No
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

ACTION	ELECTIVE	ACTING INTERNSHIP – ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take overnight call	No	No
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

ACTION	ELECTIVE	ACTING INTERNSHIP – UROLOGY
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take overnight call	No	No
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

ACTION	ELECTIVE	ACTING INTERNSHIP – VASCULAR SURGERY
Assume care of admitted patients	Direct supervision Not Front Line Provider	Indirect supervision (Front Line Provider)
Perform assessments and consults on patients in the ED	Direct supervision	Indirect supervision
Take overnight call	No	Yes
Attend Outpatient Clinic	+/-	Yes
Attend Team and Program Conferences	Yes	Yes
Scrub in to Assist on Surgical Procedures	Yes	Yes

CLERKSHIP SCHEDULE & HOURS:

ORIENTATION DAY REPORTING:

Report to the Clerkship Coordinator at 9:00am for further instruction.

GENERAL CLINICAL SCHEDULE (SAMPLE):

Schedules vary by specialty and site

Typical sample daily schedule (6 days / week, 1 day / week off):

5:30-6:00 AM Morning Rounds

7:00-8:00 AM Morning conference (1-2x a week)

8:00 – 6:00 PM Surgery / Clinic / Inpt Consultations / Inpt Patient care

CONFERENCES:

- **ENT:** Department conference Wednesdays 7-8am and Thursdays 7-8am, Resident education conference Wednesdays 8-9am
- **Neurosurgery:**
- **Orthopedic Surgery:** Department conference Wednesdays 6:30-8:30am, Daily resident educational conference 7-8am
- **Plastic Surgery:** Wednesdays 7-8am department conference, Friday's 7-8am Resident educational conference
- **Vascular Surgery:** Tuesdays 7-8am department conference, Friday's 7-8am Resident education conference, Every other Monday 6-7PM Vascular Journal Club
- **Urology:** Department conference Wednesdays 7-8am, Resident education conference Wednesday 8-9am and Thursdays 6:45-7:45am

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- Emergency Room and Hospital Consults – Independent and with resident, reporting to senior residents
- Inpatient rounds – 2 hours per day
- Scrub in and assist on surgical procedure
- Team conferences – minimum of 2 hours per week
- M&M and Grand Rounds - 2 hours per week
- Inpatient care of patients
- Outpatient clinic – 1-4 hours per week

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

- Clinical performance evaluations
 - Chief Resident(s)
 - Attending(s) of choice

GRADING/COMPONENTS OF ASSESSMENT & CRITERIA FOR PASSING:

- Clinical performance evaluation (Chief Resident) -50%
- Clinical performance evaluation (Attending) -50%

CLERKSHIP GRADE SUBMISSION DETAILS

Start Date	End Date	Pod	Grades Due (6 wks from end date)
7/5/22	7/29/22	1	9/9/22
8/1/22	8/26/22	2	10/7/22
8/29/22	9/23/22	3	11/4/22
9/26/22	10/21/22	4	12/2/22
10/24/22	11/18/22	5	12/30/22
NO CLERKSHIPS		6	
1/9/23	2/3/23	7	3/17/23
2/6/23	3/3/23	8	4/14/23
4/10/23	5/5/23	10	6/16/23

REMEDICATION:

Students who do not meet the requirements for a passing grade will undergo remediation as determined by the Clerkship Director on an individual basis. Remediation may include: repeating the entire acting internship or a part of the acting internship, attending weekend rounds, and completing written assignments.

RECOMMENDED CLERKSHIP READINGS/TEXTS:

- **Vascular Surgery:** Rutherford's Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy 9th Edition

Student Resources and Policies

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE REQUEST POLICY



Absence Requests should be submitted *at least* 4 weeks in advance of the first day of the clerkship (this does not pertain to illness or death in the family). It is the responsibility of the Clerkship Director to approve excused absences. More information about Attendance Standards can be found in the Student Handbook online, or by clicking [this link](#).

To request clerkship absences, students must complete the *Year 3 & 4 Absence Request Form*, by scanning the QR code.

Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

The COI policy ensures that a provider of any health services to a medical student has no current or future involvement in the academic assessment of, or in decisions about the promotion of that student. This applies to all faculty, residents, other clinical staff, and current or prior clinical or familial/intimate relationship with that faculty. Students and educators may submit the names of any individual with whom they have a conflict of interest to the Clerkship Director. The Clerkship Director will reassign any student. The reason given for the reassignment is duality of interest; the nature of the specific duality of interest situation need not be identified.

While the primary responsibility for reporting COI sits with each educator, students can also report potential conflicts of interest. **Students should report a possible COI to the Clerkship's Director and Coordinator.** Reports should be made *at least 4 weeks in advance* of the first day of the clerkship.

Special Accommodations

The Icahn School of Medicine is committed to providing equal access to learning opportunities to students with documented disabilities. To ensure access to this class, and your program, please contact the Disability Officer, Christine Low, to engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting accommodations.

More information can be found online at <http://icahn.mssm.edu/education/students/disability> or by contacting the Disability Officer: christine.low@mountsinai.org

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1-800-853-9212 To report legal, ethical, quality, behavioral or practical concerns

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