

Department of Surgery Policy on Credit for Sub-Internship Rotations

Sub-internships differ from standard rotations in that the learning objectives fall under two separate but equally important categories 1) gaining knowledge, skills, and experience related to the clinical specialty and 2) developing competency in core practical skills required of a house officer, (i.e. caring for inpatients, evaluating and admitting patients to the service, and taking call). A sub-I is expected to perform as closely as possible to the level of a PGY 1. To ensure that the department of surgery sub-I rotations satisfy these objectives, the following criteria must be met:

1- The rotation must include DAILY experience in the care of inpatients, to include rounds, notes, orders, and participating in the coordination of the patients' care. The average daily inpatient census of the service (including inpatients being followed in consultation) should be no less than 3.

2- The rotation must include call for the student at the same level as the most junior resident on the service who takes overnight call. This can take the form of either in-house call at least once/week or home call if the service does not require residents to stay in-house. If the sub-I pulls home call, he or she **MUST** be contacted by either pager or cell phone and **MUST** participate in the evaluation of new patients in either the emergency department or on the wards in consultation.

3- Specialties currently approved for sub-internship credit include any of the following done at military treatment facilities with residency training programs in that specialty: general surgery, vascular surgery, SICU (any derivative i.e. Burn, Neuro, etc) , orthopedic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery, or urology. Request for sub internships done at facilities without training programs, or in surgical specialties other than those listed above must include a Surgery Sub internship Compliance form filled out by the faculty member responsible for the student's grade. Without this form, the rotation will count for elective clerkship credit only. The form can be downloaded at the Department of Surgery website: surgery.usuhs.mil, Click on Student Information and look under MS IV section.

4- Sub interns will be required to maintain and submit to the department of surgery at the completion of the rotation, a log of inpatients cared for and **new** patients evaluated in either the clinic, emergency department or as inpatient consultations. Recorded information should include patients diagnosis, care setting (i.e. ward, clinic, ICU, ED, etc), level of service responsibility (i.e. primary or admitting service, consulting service), and number of days the student cared for this patient (i.e. rounded and wrote notes / orders etc). To earn credit for a sub internship, a minimum of 8 new patients should be evaluated with at least half of those coming from the inpatient setting (i.e. patients not seen in clinic). Please record all patient encounters however as this will help us decide whether or not to continue to offer the rotation as a sub internship. An Excel spreadsheet that can be used to record this information can be downloaded at the Department of Surgery website: surgery.usuhs.mil, Click on Student Information and look under the MS IV section