MEDICAL STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Welcome to pediatric surgery with the Division of Pediatric Surgery and San Antonio Pediatric Surgery Associates. During this rotation, you will be exposed to the wide variety of surgical pathology that makes pediatric surgery a unique specialty within general surgery. Pediatric surgery encompasses many different areas of surgery, and our practice offers a large clinical load of both common and uncommon pediatric surgical diseases. San Antonio Pediatric Surgery Associates consists of six pediatric surgeons, and you should feel free to scrub on cases with any of us at any of the hospitals where we have cases. The pediatric surgical attending staff includes:

Dr. Barry R. Cofer       Dr. Frank M. Robertson
Dr. John J. Doski        Dr. Robert P. Thomas
Dr. Joseph N. Kidd, Jr.  Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick

Responsibilities
1. Students rotating on Pediatric Surgery should participate in the care of all of the pediatric surgical patients at Santa Rosa. Students may also participate in any cases under our care at other hospitals.
2. Students will be supervised by the general surgery residents on rotation at Santa Rosa and will be assigned to surgical cases by the senior surgery resident.
3. Night call will not be required, but opportunities will be made available to the student to participate in operative procedures at night and on weekends, if desired.
4. Students will be asked to present a formal patient presentation during their rotation. Guidelines for this presentation are outlined separately.
5. A surgical skills lab will be conducted during your rotation to familiarize you with surgical technique, instrumentation, and the operating room environment.
6. Students will be provided with a list of suggested study topics and learning objectives.
7. Attendance at all medical student lectures/conferences held at UTHSCSA will continue to be mandatory. Attendance at selected Santa Rosa conferences of surgical importance will be strongly encouraged.

Grading and Evaluation
The department of surgery will be given a written evaluation of your performance at the end of your surgery clerkship, which will contribute to your overall surgery rotation evaluation. In writing your evaluation, we will solicit the opinions of all of the pediatric surgery staff with which you have participated, and your evaluation from our service will represent a composite of those impressions.

You will be generally evaluated under the following areas:
   1. General fund of medical and surgical knowledge and willingness to learn
   2. Professionalism, appearance, attitude, responsibility
   3. Technical abilities
   4. Interaction with patients, families, and other medical professionals
   5. Suitability for further training

Conferences
2. Surgery Grand Rounds – Monday, 7:30 AM, UTHSCSA (mandatory)
3. Pediatric Tumor Board – 4th Wednesday of each month, 12:00 PM, Santa Rosa outpatient center conference room, 5th floor.
4. Pediatric Surgery Staff rounds – daily.

We hope that your experience on pediatric surgery will be useful to your career. We are sincerely interested in your experience, and will welcome any constructive criticism that you may have that may improve the quality of the rotation. You should also feel free to contact me at any time should you have any problems during your rotation.

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