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SCOPE OF PRACTICE
PGY – 1-6

PGY1

• Complete history and physical on each patient admitted as assigned by the attending surgeon.

• Participate in daily ward rounds.

• Assist operating surgeons and senior residents in the operating room in performing surgery under the supervision of the attending surgeon.

• Provide on-call coverage for adult surgery patients as scheduled.

• Order laboratory and radiological studies on patients admitted to the inpatient service when indicated as discussed with the attending staff on daily rounds.

• Make consultations as appropriate to the nutrition and social services for total patient care needs under the direction of the attending and senior resident housestaff.

• Establish daily treatment plans for patients on the inpatient service including the Intensive Care Units (ICU) where appropriate under the supervision of the senior residents and attending surgeons.

• Perform daily evaluation on inpatients with physical examination, review of laboratory tests and nursing records.

• Perform specific procedures under supervision as listed in the e-value list of privileges.

• Dictate discharge summaries.

☐ Dictate operative notes when the operating surgeon under the supervision of the attending staff.

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• Participate in weekly outpatient clinics under the supervision of the senior residents and attending staff.

• Additional specific duties for each Service are listed in the Departmental Goals and Objectives.

PGY2

• Perform daily ward work including evaluation of inpatients, including ICU patients, and assist in the operating room when required.

• Make diagnostic and treatment plans for ICU and ward patients under the supervision of the senior residents and the attending staff.

• Perform specific operations under the supervision of the attending surgical staff as deemed appropriate by the attending surgical staff.

• Perform emergency department assessment of the trauma patient.

• Perform specific procedures under supervision as listed in the e-value list of privileges.

• Additional specific duties for each Service are listed in the Departmental Goals and Objectives.

PGY3

• Establish and coordinate diagnosis and treatment plans for all patients under the supervision of the attending surgeon on Transplant Surgery.

• Lead daily ward rounds on Transplant Surgery.

• Supervise student activities and junior housestaff on Transplant Surgery.

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• Perform specific procedures under supervision as listed in the e-value list of privileges.

• Perform specific operations under the supervision of the attending surgical staff as deemed appropriate by the attending surgical staff.

• Additional specific duties for each Service are listed in the Departmental Goals and Objectives.

PGY-4

• Round on all plastic surgery inpatients every day.

• Assess progress of patients and identify real or potential problems.

• Review patients’ progress with attending physicians daily and participate in management decisions.

• Coordinate care plan for each patient with other services.

• Supervise residents, interns, and medical students who are rotating on the plastic surgery service.

• Assume on-call responsibilities as required by the on-call schedule for a given time period.

• Respond to pages in a timely fashion.

• Be responsible for accurate and timely histories and physical examinations on all plastic surgery patients.

• Deliver care in the operating room to a level commensurate with their skill, training, experience, and attending surgeon wishes.

• Dictate operative notes when asked to do so by attending physician.
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• Prepare and deliver didactic presentations in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Chief Resident.

☐ Attend all plastic surgery conferences unless detained by emergency patient care responsibilities.

PGY-5

• Perform all duties listed for junior plastic surgery residents in any given situation, if necessary.

• Respond to consultation requests by other services in a timely manner and develop plan of care for treatment

• Develop independent surgical plans for patient care and coordinate with senior residents and attendings

• Improve upon microsurgical skills through increased involvement in microscope cases

• Manage the inpatient rounding teams and inpatient care of surgical patients, while adequately communicating with the supervising attending.

PGY-6 Chief Resident

• Perform all duties listed for junior plastic surgery residents in any given situation, if necessary.

• Supervise junior plastic surgery residents in performance of their duties.

☐ Organize the conference schedule for the Division of Plastic Surgery.

• Assume increasing responsibility in the operative and perioperative care of patients, while communicating closely with the attending surgeons.

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• Prepare and deliver didactic presentations for the Department of General Surgery and the Division of Plastic Surgery.

• Evaluate all patients admitted to the plastic surgery service, as well as all patients consulted upon by the plastic surgery service.

• Prepare the resident on-call schedule.

Goals and Objectives for the Plastic Surgery Residents

• Management of splints, dressings, and other techniques in wound healing.

• Application of planning and surgical performance of scar revision techniques such as Z-plasty, W-plasty, and dermabrasion.

• Treatment for patients with scar resulting from dysfunction or disfigurement.

• Surgical and pharmacological treatment of hypertropic scars.

• Application of splints, casts, dressings, and topical agents to optimize wound healing.

• Elective incisions to achieve maximal aesthetic benefit.

• Surgical procedures for repair of tendon and nerve.

☐ Treatment of fractures with casting and reduction techniques.

• Participate successfully in surgical procedures, the harvest of free tissue transfer, and microvascular and microneural junctures in the laboratory and clinical setting.
• Participation in alloplastic reconstruction: i.e., trunk, breast and facial skeleton.

• Appropriate utilization of local anesthesia.

• Knowledge of the skin technically and the elevation of skin grafts and skin flaps.

• Resection of benign and malignant skin lesions appropriately.

• Management of patients with burns on an outpatient basis.

• Minor and major injuries to the face: i.e., the facial skeleton, eyelid, ear, nose and lips.

• Simple and complex wound closures of the head and neck.

• Planning and surgical repair of nasal fractures, mandibular fractures, orbital fractures, and maxillary fractures.

• Design and execution of aesthetic operative procedures: face-lift, brow-lift, rhinoplasty, aesthetic breast surgery and suction lipectomy.

• Evaluation and closure of simple wounds of the upper extremity.

• Evaluation and treatment of upper extremity infections.

• Management of nerve injuries to the upper extremity.

☐ Management of nail bed and fingertip injuries.

• Skin grafting and flap closure of defects of the upper extremity.

• Treatment of closed and open fractures of the upper extremity.
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- Evaluation and treatment of patients with nerve compression syndromes of the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with Dupuytren’s in the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with tendon injury (primary and secondary).
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with nerve injuries in the upper extremity.
- Aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast which includes augmentation mammoplasty, reduction mammoplasty, and breast cancer reconstruction.
- Reconstruction of traumatic and postoperative defects of the chest (thoracic surgical wound complications, abdominal wall dehiscence).
- Anatomic knowledge of lower extremity for participating in the operative design of lower extremity defects and their special requirements to include weight bearing.

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