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PGY-1

• 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 Rotation Goals and Objectives

PGY-2

• 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 Rotation Goals and Objectives.

PGY-3

• Establish and coordinate diagnosis and treatment plans for all patients under the supervision of the attending surgeon.
• Lead daily ward rounds.

• Supervise student activities and junior housestaff.

• 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 Rotation Goals and Objectives.
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PGY-4

All conducted under attending supervision

- Performs preoperative and postoperative (including ICU) patient assessment and management under close supervision by senior residents and attendings.
- Assists in the operating room.
- Performs straightforward coronary artery bypass and valve procedures.
- Performs routine endoscopic procedures.
- Performs most noncardiac thoracic operations.
- Assists in the procurement of organs for transplantation.
- Participates in daily ICU and ward rounds with resident-student team.
- Establishes diagnosis and treatment plans for thoracic consultations under the supervision of senior residents.
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- Performs routine diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including thoracentesis, pericardiocentesis, insertion and removal of chest tubes; insertion and removal of intra-aortic balloon pump, removal of pacing wires, insertion of Swan-Ganz catheters and central lines, etc.
- Performs insertion of pacemakers.
- Additional specific duties for each service are listed in the Rotation Goals and Objectives.

PGY-5

All conducted under attending supervision.

- All duties of PGY-4 resident plus the following:
- Supervises preoperative and postoperative assessment and management of the entire cardiothoracic service.
- Coordinates operating room assignments for both himself and lower residents.
- Supervises PG-6 resident, general surgical residents on the service, medical students, and other health personnel.
- Performs most adult heart procedures, except for most complex.
- Performs parts or all of straightforward closed congenital heart and relatively simple open congenital heart procedures.
- Performs all types of endoscopies.
- Performs most noncardiac thoracic cases.
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- Assists and performs both the procurement of organs for transplantation and their implantation.
- Supervises daily ICU and ward rounds.
- Additional specific duties for each service are listed in the Rotation Goals and Objectives.

**PGY-6**

*All conducted under attending supervision.*

- All Duties of PGY-4 & 5 residents plus the following.
- Supervises preoperative and postoperative assessment and management on the entire cardiothoracic services.
- Performs various administrative duties including resident on-call scheduling, OR scheduling, clinic assignments, etc.
- Reviews all medical student workups and relates assessment to the students.
- Supervises medical student and physician assistant activities.
- Performs most procedures on which he scrubs, except for the most complex.
- Serves as teaching assistant to junior residents on straightforward pulmonary procedures, pacemakers, endoscopies.
- Additional specific duties for each service are listed in the Rotation Goals and Objectives.

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