

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Department of Surgery

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PGY-6 – PGY-8

PGY-6

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.
- 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.

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PGY-7

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All duties of PGY-6 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.
- Assists and performs both the procurement of organs for transplantation and their implantation.
- Supervises daily ICU and ward rounds.

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PGY-8

All conducted under attending supervision:

All Duties of PGY-6 & 7 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.