Educational Mission Statement
University of South Carolina
Department of Surgery

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Educational Mission Statement

Department of Surgery, USC
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The faculty of the Department of Surgery is committed to:

a. provide an atmosphere where surgical trainees can mature into competent general surgeons
b. assisting each trainee in achieving their maximum potential
c. provide a broad based educational environment that will prepare the trainee for independent surgical practice, an academic career, or further fellowship experience
d. facilitate the educational process through programs of mentoring, counseling, providing constructive feedback and direction
e. function as role models for residents and students
f. stimulating academic creativity
g. treating residents with respect and courtesy

The faculty of the Department of Surgery expects the resident trainee to:

a. assume the responsibility for his/her own education
b. accept the educational process as the first priority
c. commit to assist their colleagues and medical students with their educational activities
d. view the process of surgical education as a privilege
e. treat patients, colleagues and ancillary health care workers with respect and dignity
f. abide by the standards, rules and responsibilities established by the Department
g. display the characteristics of honor, candor and selflessness in all dealings
h. develop, refine and demonstrate the characteristics of professional behavior

The General Surgical training program is structured to:

a. insure that the trainee has adequate exposure to all components of the practice of traditional general surgery
b. provide an educational venue that allows the trainee to pursue any career path, private practice, academics or fellowship training, at the high level of performance expected of a board-certified specialist
c. provide the opportunity for self-assessment, introspection and review
d. allow the trainee to learn the fundamentals of basic science as applied to clinical surgery

Specific educational objectives are found in the Surgical Resident Curriculum, 4th Edition, 2002, provided to each resident and the modifications of the objectives for several surgical specialties prepared by the Department. In addition, rotation specific objective are to be provided to each resident at the commencement of each rotation and will form a component of the resident’s performance evaluation at the conclusion of the rotation.

Statement of Educational Principles
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