

# Surgery

## Structure:

1 week - Surgical Skills  
3 ½ weeks - General or Trauma  
3 Days - Anesthesia  
1 Week - Orthopedics  
1 Week - Otolaryngology (ENT)  
1 Week - Selective

## Call:

Take call 1 time a week until 11 pm while on General Surgery. Might take call during selective depending on which one you take.

## Rounds:

Pre-rounds consist of getting vitals on your patients (ask if you should write notes when you pre-round). Rounding with the team is different on every service but usually involves briefly seeing the patient with the rest of the team and helping with dressing changes. Rounds go very quickly as the team attempts to get all the work and orders done before heading off to the OR, so there is usually not a lot of pimping. Occasionally you will round in the afternoon with the attending. Expect more pimping on these rounds.

## Typical Day:

Once again this will vary greatly from service to service but in general you will come in early (6:00-6:30) to pre-round on your patients, then you will then round with the team. Most days the team will “run the list” over breakfast. Then there are cases in the OR which you split up among the students on the service. You are always welcome to come in and watch any case you want. Ask the attending or resident doing the case if you can scrub in. How much you do in the OR depends on the surgeon, the complexity of the case, and your willingness to learn - so speak up and ask if you can help close, ask about why they're doing something, just show interest. If there are no cases or you're not in one you can help the resident do stuff on the floor like put in NG tubes, take out sutures, put in lines, etc. On clinic days you will see patients on your own in the clinic and then present to the attending. You will usually come in to round 1 day each weekend during your selective and general surgery rotation. Lectures are from 4-5PM and are **mandatory** (must sign in). You can usually go home after lecture.

## Books

*Surgical Recall* – best book for pimping questions, although not great for the shelf exam.