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**UT Surgery Education Programs
for Medical Students**

University of Texas School of Medicine San Antonio

The Department of Surgery is committed to providing the best educational environment for its students. To this end, we have created several unique programs for exposure to the various aspects of surgery. These include clinical, research, and mentorship opportunities.

MS2 Clerkship Readiness Elective

Second year medical students are often anxious about embarking on their 3rd year surgery clerkships. To help prepare students for these experiences, we developed two MS2 electives. *Clinical Knowledge for the Surgical Clerkship* (ELEC 5046) includes 10 didactic sessions covering case presentations & preparation, pre- and post-op care, rounding, writing notes, working in the trauma resuscitation room, and student and resident panel Q&A. *Clinical Knowledge and Surgical Skills* (ELEC 5045) includes these 10 didactic sessions plus four additional technical skills sessions covering suturing, knot-tying, sterile technique, central lines, airway management, and laparoscopic camera navigation.

ER / OR Elective

The ER elective serves to expose MS1s and MS2s to the emergency department by rotating within the division of Trauma & Emergency Surgery; the OR Elective provides an opportunity for MS1s and MS2s to observe the workings of the operating room and see surgical procedures. The mission of these programs is to provide clinical exposure prior to the third year so students are best prepared for clerkships.

Surgery Boot Camp Elective

Once the surgical internship begins, the overwhelming number of responsibilities and requirements placed on the intern often make learning new information and tasks difficult. For 4 weeks during the fourth year, a surgical "Boot Camp" provides students an opportunity to learn and develop basic surgical skills in a less stressful environment and prepare for their surgical internships. In addition, students can increase their confidence in basic technical, administrative, and patient care skills before the surgical internship. For more information, please contact Matthew

Medical Student Research Opportunities

For more information on finding a surgery faculty research mentor, please contact Mike Corneille, MD, Trauma, at corneille@uthscsa.edu.

Medical Student Summer Research Stipend

The Medical Dean's office provides funds to support medical students engaged in research projects with UTHSCSA faculty during the summer break after the first year. Summer stipends will be awarded for 5-8 weeks of full-time research in an amount equal to \$250.00 per week.

Stewart M. Johnson Student Surgical Society

The SSS is an educational association founded to foster the development and growth of our UT School of Medicine medical students. The Society also provides information to members and promotes student participation in departmental affairs. Activities include guest speakers, OR/ER and suture workshops, 3rd year preparation, scrub workshops, residency interview prep, and social events.

Senior Awards

UT Surgery offers four awards to MS4 students pursuing surgical careers; awards are presented just prior to graduation. The J. Bradley Aust, MD, award is given to the student with the highest shelf exam score during the MS3 clerkship. The Basil A. Pruitt Jr., MD, award recognizes one student for outstanding research achievement during his or her medical school career. The Department of Surgery Merit Award is offered to the all-around outstanding medical student who pursues a surgical career. The Virginia Johnson Award includes a certificate and monetary award and is offered to an exceptional female medical student who seeks a surgical career.

Sponsored trip to the American College of Surgeons Annual Conference

The Department of Surgery will provide a \$1000 stipend for one MS4 to attend the October ACS conference each year. Students are chosen based on an essay and a faculty member recommendation.



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