

Surgical Oncology & Breast Surgery

SU 406.99

General Information

COURSE CHAIR: Farin Amersi, MD

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STUDENTS / PERIOD: max 1 min 1

DURATION: 3-4 weeks

Electives at Cedars-Sinai start in May. Please visit our [VSAS](#) catalog for dates and to submit your application.

Requirement(s)

1. USMLE Step 1 Score
2. Two Letters of Recommendation

Description

This sub-internship is intended to provide the student with in-depth knowledge of surgical oncology as a multi-disciplinary specialty. The student is expected to function at the level of an intern, including pre-operative assessment of the patient in the clinic setting, participation in the operating room, and post-operative care of the patient either in the intensive care unit or on the wards. The student is involved in formal bedside presentations, journal club presentations, and case presentations, which are teaching sessions that are held weekly or bi-weekly. In addition, the student is expected to gain in-depth knowledge by attending various multi-disciplinary conferences, such as Tumor Board and pathology conferences.

Course Objectives

1. Take an accurate, focused patient history as it relates to their malignant disease, including risk factors, precipitating factors, and family history.
2. Ability to perform a focused breast exam.
3. Ability to concisely make a patient presentation at the bedside and in the clinic setting.
4. Knowledge of common malignant disorders, their biology, and their surgical and adjuvant therapies. These include breast, melanoma, stomach, endocrine, colon, etc.
5. Knowledge of gender and age-specific preventative measures for patients at high risk for breast and other endocrine malignancies.
6. Knowledge of appropriate use of imaging modalities, such as ultrasound, MRI, CT scan to diagnose or follow-up on different malignancies, such as breast, pancreas, stomach, etc.
7. Knowledge of appropriate bedside procedures to diagnose common benign and malignant breast disorders, including ultrasound, fine needle aspiration, core needle biopsy, stereotactic biopsy, etc.

Course Objectives (Cont.)

8. Knowledge of the indications and risks of minimally invasive surgery for malignant diseases.
9. Evidence-based knowledge of treatment recommendations for breast cancer, stomach cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, melanoma, etc.
10. Knowledge of breast and auxiliary anatomy.

Student Experiences

COMMON PROBLEMS/DISEASES

- Breast cancer
- Benign breast disorders
- Pancreatic cancer
- Melanoma
- Thyroid cancer
- Colon cancer
- Genetically-linked malignant disorders
- Sarcoma

INPATIENT: 70%

OUTPATIENT: 30%

CONSULTATION: 10%

PRIMARY CARE: 90%

CLOSE CONTACT WITH

- Full Time Faculty
- Clinical Faculty
- Fellows
- Residents
- Interns

Additional Information

ON-CALL SCHEDULE & WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:

In-house call once per week

One day per week off

Student is expected to participate in weekend rounds for routine patient care.

NOTE: Training will take place at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai subsidiaries, or other facilities with affiliation arrangements with Cedars-Sinai.