

GENERAL SURGERY

RESIDENT INFORMATION

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Overview of Rotation

The General Surgery Service at North York General is a busy community-based rotation in which you will have exposure to:

- Emergency/Acute Care Surgery
- Elective Benign General Surgery
- Hernia and Advanced Hernia
- Breast
- Colorectal
- Surgical Oncology
- Minimally-Invasive
- Endoscopy

We do not always have a full complement of residents. As well, we often will have one Family Practice resident who generally works with Dr. Neelesh Jain. The staff generally sees their patients every day and is usually actively involved in their management. In addition to residents we will have occasional medical students doing elective or core rotations.

Residents will generally get out of the rotation what they put in. This is not a rotation where you want to hide. If you are not working hard it will be obvious and your ITER will be reflective. The rotation is much more of apprenticeship than other places you will rotate. You will develop a close relationship with the attending surgeons.

We don't expect the residents to do "all the scut work" but at the same time we expect the residents to be engaged and active in the rotation and in all aspects of patient care. The clinical volume at NYGH is great and residents should avail themselves and make the most of the opportunity.

Schedule

Requests for vacation and conference leave as well as on-call requests will be honoured where possible. All requests should be e-mailed to peter.stotland@nygh.on.ca as soon as possible ahead of the rotation. The call schedule will be assigned by the Administrative Chief Resident that is assigned centrally by the General Surgery Postgraduate Office. You will be asked for call requests, vacation/conference/personal leave and information about academic half-days or other required program time-off.

Preceptor Assignment

At the start of the rotation, each resident will be assigned to 2 or 3 staff surgeons. This will be according to their area of interest and the discretion of the attending surgeons.

We have teaching rounds twice per week on Mondays at 0700 – 0750 and Wednesday from 0730 - 0845. Two sessions per month are GI tumour boards (MCC); the others are topics relevant to practice.

Breast MCC Rounds are held every Tuesday at 0700.

Teaching sessions usually are not held within the summer months. In addition to NYGH teaching sessions you are obligated to go to your University Teaching sessions on Thursday mornings.

If there are other teaching sessions at some of the University Hospitals which you want to attend, let your staff know and it will not be a problem.

Assessment

Formal resident evaluations will occur at the exit interview, and at the midway point of the rotation. Evaluation will be with Drs. Feinberg and Stotland. Both meetings will include review of the CanMEDS competencies.

As part of your evaluation process there will be a 360° evaluation with input from nursing staff.

In addition to formal evaluation, the faculty will provide regular informal feedback. We strive to maintain a very open and collegial environment. Do not hesitate to ask for more feedback. We are utilizing electronic daily resident encounters as part of the evaluation. Ask your staff to complete them with you.

We would appreciate if you could share your operative log from NYGH with us for our records.