

**ELECTIVE NAME:**

Plastic Surgery

**COURSE NO:**

SUR 610

**PREREQUISITE:**

Required Surgery Clerkship

**INSTITUTION:**

Spectrum Health Butterworth  
Spectrum Health Blodgett  
Saint Mary's Health Care

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To introduce the student to the basic principles and techniques of plastic surgery.
- To assist the student in learning the basic pathophysiology of various plastic surgery disorders and illnesses including wound care, management and healing.
- To improve her/his skills in suturing, management and closure of wounds.
- To better understand the techniques related to patient care.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The elective Plastic Surgery Clerkship will incorporate the study of the basic disciplines comprising plastic surgery. These include cosmetic, traumatic (including burns), hand, reconstructive, and cancer ablative surgery. The elective will consist of focused study and will take place under the supervision of plastic surgery faculty. Activities will include preoperative evaluations, scrubbing in the operating room on surgery and following patients on postoperative care throughout the four week experience. The student will have the opportunity to improve their own manual skills during this plastic surgery elective. 90% Inpatient 10% Outpatient (students will accompany a resident on all outpatient experiences)

**ORIENTATION:**

When the student starts on a day with no didactic conference in the morning, they will be expected to meet the residents in the cafeteria (physicians section) at 7:00 am. The chief resident will orient the student by creating a case schedule (one week at a time) and giving each student a tour of the OR. Conferences will also be covered during this short orientation.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Q4 call and one full weekend home call (round on Saturday & Sunday) for a 4 week elective. All call will be taken with an intern. One case presentation at the Monday conference

**DIDACTIC SCHEDULE:**

Hand Conference – every Tuesday, 7:00 am, check monthly schedule for location

Basic Science Conference – every Monday, 4:00 pm, immediately following Chief Clinic

Grand Rounds – every Wednesday, 7:00 am, check monthly schedule for location

Journal Club – usually 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, Attendings' home on rotating basis; exact location with map/directions issued monthly

Walk rounds – to be scheduled

**EVALUATION:**

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship based upon clinical performance, completion of assigned/recommended reading assignments, and active involvement on the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations. \*Intern Equivalent