Y4 Surgery – Oncology / Hepatopancreaticobiliary (HPB)

Course ID: MED 997AS
Discipline: Surgery
Prerequisites: Year 4 standing
Available Sites: Detroit (Ascension St. John Hospital), Saginaw
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks, Detroit offers 4 week increment only

Description
The purpose of the Surgical Oncology/Hepatopancreaticobiliary (HPB) rotation is to prepare the student to recognize and treat commonly encountered problems related to cancer and the surgical role in the multidisciplinary cancer team. Students will gain exposure to the work-up, surgical management and follow-up of not only malignancy but also benign diseases of the liver, biliary system and pancreas.

Key Objectives
- To gain fundamental knowledge regarding the multidisciplinary approach to the cancer patient
- Comprehend the diagnosis and curative treatment of patients with neoplastic disease
- Gain exposure to complex surgery in the fields of surgical oncology and HPB surgery
- Describe the societal impact of cancer diagnoses on our local communities
- Through the regular attendance of morbidity/mortality conference and tumor board, seek ongoing improvement of medical knowledge and patient care practices.
- Describe the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach to the diagnosis and care of patients with neoplastic disease
- Comprehend the role of social workers, patient advocates, pharmacists and other medical professionals as it pertains to the surgical oncology service.
- Observe and gain experience in the delivery of a new cancer diagnosis to patients and their families
- Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively within a multi-disciplinary team

Assessment Method
College of Medicine standard elective assessment will be completed by supervising faculty at conclusion of elective clerkship.

Scheduling Information
Interested students should contact CMU College of Medicine Department of Distributed Clinical Education at CMEDDCE@cmich.edu.