Y4 Surgery - Colorectal

Course ID: MED 997AJ
 Discipline: Surgery
Prerequisites: Year 4 Standing
Available Sites: Saginaw
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks

Description
The purpose of the colorectal rotation is to prepare the student to recognize and treat commonly encountered problems of the colon and rectum. Students will gain exposure to the operative management of basic colon and rectal surgical problems, including, but not limited to: colon and rectal cancer, benign colon problems including colonic inertia, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, anorectal and pelvic floor disorder, and application of laparoscopy.

Key Objectives
- Evaluate and discuss common presenting signs and symptoms related to colon and rectal problems frequently seen by the practicing General Surgeon.
- Describe the operative management of basic colon and rectal surgical problems, including, but not limited to: colon and rectal cancer, benign colon problems including colonic inertia, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, anorectal and pelvic floor disorder, and application of laparoscopy.
- Recognition of recommended cancer screening and surveillance programs for colon and rectal patients.
- Demonstrate proficiency in common intern-level duties including nasogastric tube insertion, excision of thrombosed hemorrhoids, incision and drainage of perianal abscesses, and basic suturing.
- Develop clinical questions regarding care of the patient with a Colorectal condition.
- Be able to cite published guidelines for a Colorectal condition.
- Use self-assessment to identify limitations in medical knowledge in field of Colorectal surgery.
- Recognize the roles of the interprofessional team members involved in caring for patients with colorectal surgical conditions.
- Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills needed to interact with patients, medical staff, the treatment team, and peers.

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.