VA Salisbury

PGY I Core Competencies:

Medical Knowledge:
General Surgery knowledge should include the basics in examination and evaluation of patients with a broad spectrum of complaints and disorders encompassing general surgery. The resident is expected to understand the anatomy and physiology of appendicitis, benign anorectal disease, biliary stone disease, peptic ulcer disease and abdominal wall hernias.

Patient Care:
1. Manages oliguria systematically
2. Understands perioperative risk assessment including cardiovascular risk factors and the impact of impaired nutrition on the management of surgical patients
3. Performs inguinal hernia repair with appropriate level of supervision
4. Débrites wounds independently
5. Demonstrates systematic evaluation of an abdominal CT scan
6. The resident should develop a mastery of office procedures including biopsy and resection of soft tissue masses and skin biopsies
7. The resident should develop a mastery of benign anorectal disease.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of the skills necessary to function effectively in a rural-based practice setting.
9. Demonstrate the ability to understand how a surgical practice functions in a rural-based practice setting.

Practice Based Learning:
Familiarity with the literature regarding surgical management of common surgical maladies including areas of controversy is expected. Common surgical maladies include appendicitis, benign anorectal disease, biliary stone disease, peptic ulcer disease and abdominal wall hernias.

The resident is expected to gain familiarity with the NSQIP database and its implications on the care of patients in the VA system.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills:
The residents should begin to develop good patient and family interaction skills.

Professionalism:
1. The residents should begin to develop time management and organizational skills.

2. Each resident will spend one day per week in the clinic to participate in pre-operative assessment and post-operative follow-up as part of the VA's continuity of care experience.

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**Systems-Based Practice:**
The resident should present at the Multidisciplinary Solid Tumor Conference as assigned.