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TRILLIUM HEALTH CARE CENTRE Goals and Objectives for General Surgery Trainees

General Surgery residents will generally complete a 2-3 month rotation on the service. The General Surgery service at The Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre offers a rich exposure to key areas of General Surgical care, including learning opportunities in:

- Acute Care Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- Hepatobiliary Surgery

The following Goals and Objectives are detailed for General Surgery residents and organized by CanMeds roles.

Medical Expert:

Knowledge

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of acute appendicitis.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of intestinal obstruction.
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of gall stone disease.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of gallstone pancreatitis; indications for ERCP, timing of surgery.
- 5. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of hepatobiliary disease.
- 6. Demonstrate an understanding of the management of acute presentations of abdominal wall, inguinal and femoral hernia.
- 7. Demonstrate an understanding of the screening criteria for colorectal cancer.
- 8. Demonstrate proficiency in the diagnostic workup and management of colorectal cancer.
- 9. Understand the principles of surgical treatment of patients with gastric neoplasms.
- 10. Understand the principles of source control for surgical infections.

Technical Skills

Commensurate with the trainee's level of experience:

- 1. Demonstrate the ability to achieve hemorrhage control in the bleeding patient.
- 2. Demonstrate a growing comprehension and proficiency of the operative management of appendicitis (including perforated).
- 3. Demonstrate a growing comprehension and proficiency of the operative management of cholecytitits (including acute).

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- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of basic laparoscopic and psychomotor skills.
- 5. Demonstrate the safe mobilization of the colon and completion of a bowel anastomosis.
- 6. Demonstrate proficiency with the technique small bowel anastomosis.
- 7. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods used for completing a laparoscopic colon resection.
- 8. Demonstrate proficiency in procedures required to achieve source control in surgical infections [e.g. peritonitis, necrotizing soft tissue infections].
- 9. Demonstrate the technique of total mesorectal exicision.
- 10. Demonstrate the technique of end and loop stoma formation.
- 11. Demonstrate the safe completion of a fistulotomy.

Manager

Commensurate with the trainee's level of experience:

- 1. Demonstrate proficiency in the pre and post-operative care of patients undergoing elective and/or emergency surgery.
- 2. Demonstrate proficiency in obtaining informed consent for emergency and elective surgery.
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to interact effectively at interprofessional and multidisciplinary rounds.
- 4. Demonstrate proficiency in the management of postoperative complication after major laparotomy.
- 5. Demonstrate the ability to work independently throughout all patient in-hospital experiences.
- 6. Demonstrate proficiency in the responsible allocation of hospital resources during patient care.
- 7. Ensure timely discharge of patients.

Communicator/Collaborator

Commensurate with the trainee's level of experience:

- 1. Demonstrate proficiency with completing the surgical checklist with the peri-operative team.
- 2. Demonstrate proficiency in communicating with consultant services and collaborate effectively with consulting services and allied professionals to ensure patient-centred care.
- 3. Demonstrate proficiency in consulting relevant services and incorporating relevant therapeutic plans into the overall plan of care for the patient.

Professional

1. Demonstrate proficiency in timely completion of medical records: OR dictations, discharge summaries, consult notes, death certificates.

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- 2. Enable resident team members to respect the PAIRO contract.
- 3. Engage in patient safety initiatives and identify opportunities for quality improvement in surgical care delivery.

Scholar

- 1. Demonstrate a curiosity and interest in the field.
- 2. Read around cases to expand scope of knowledge.
- 3. Demonstrate proficiency in presentation and discussion of level relevant topics at general surgery teaching rounds.
- 4. Maintain an acceptable attendance record at multidisciplinary rounds (i.e. Tumour Board, Colon)

Health Advocate

- 1. Demonstrate proficiency in ensuring diagnostic tests are completed in a timely fashion.
- 2. Demonstrate proficiency in organizing resources to enable patients to be safely discharged from hospital in a timely fashion.