GENERAL ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

Course Number: ORSU G810
Course Director: Michael M. Sridhar, MD
Institution: Greenville Health System
Location: Greenville, South Carolina
Length of Rotation: 4 weeks
Periods Offered: June-November
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Number of Students: 4 per rotation
Prerequisite: Preference given to senior students who are interested in pursuing an orthopaedic residency

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad exposure to orthopaedic surgery. Attention will be given to basic adult and pediatric orthopaedic pathology, including general affections of the musculoskeletal system, arthritis, deformity management, trauma, neoplasms, general spine problems, infection, and metabolic disease. The student will be assigned to a team consisting of orthopaedic residents and faculty members. Completion of medical history and physician examination on assigned patients as well as assisting in the formulation of a treatment plan will be among the responsibilities of the student. Participation in the preoperative evaluation, surgical treatment, and postoperative management will be expected. In addition to daily rounds, the student will participate in regularly scheduled orthopaedic conferences and clinics. The four week rotation will be organized to ensure access to focused experiences in orthopedic trauma, pediatric orthopedics, total joint arthroplasty and orthopaedic hand surgery.

Instructional Methodology:
The student will be working in the 710-bed Greenville Memorial Hospital, an acute care hospital, and serves as the major tertiary referral center for the Upstate of South Carolina as well as Western North Carolina and Northeastern Georgia. The hospital also serves as the major Level I Trauma Center for this region. You will be exposed to a variety of orthopaedic problems including orthopaedic trauma, athletic and industrial injuries. All orthopaedic conferences held within the training program will be required for the student to attend. Call schedules will be arranged so that the student will be on in-house call approximately every fifth night and one weekend during the month of rotation. Call room facilities are available. All Accreditation Commission Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), duty hour requirements will be adhered to for the students on the rotation just as they are for the residents.