

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER SAN DIEGO  
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA 92134-5000**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**GENERAL SURGERY DIVISION  
GENERAL SURGERY DEPARTMENT**

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**LOCATION:** The clinical clerkship will be served in the General Surgery Department (Bldg. 3/4<sup>th</sup> floor) at the Naval Medical Center San Diego.

**PERIOD OF TIME:** Four weeks

**ROTATION:** Medical students will spend the rotation with one of the three general surgery teams that provide comprehensive inpatient, and outpatient, surgical as well as emergency/trauma care.

**EXPERIENCE:** Medical students rotate through General Surgery on a regular basis from Uniform Services Health Science University, University of California San Diego, and other institutions from around the country. They are assigned to a team to which they are responsible for the duration of their rotation. The number of students on a service varies, but the number is kept low to assure proper first-hand exposure and adequate attention to teaching. The student is expected to follow specific patients through their clinical courses from the clinic/ER, to the ward, to the OR, and afterwards for a very broad exposure. Each service sees a wide variety of General Surgery problems and the student takes call every third day with his/her respective team. This rotation has been used as a qualifying sub-internship.

Academic activities occur with daily teaching rounds, pre-op conference, and a weekly morning of lectures covering Morbidity & Mortality, Interesting Case, Grand Rounds, Tumor Board, and "Belly Board." The staff and chief residents regularly evaluate students with feedback given during and at the completion of the rotation. Each student is encouraged to keep a log of activities to allow documentation of their education experience. The students also complete a rotation evaluation prior to their departure.