

PLASTIC SURGERY
Department of Surgery

SCOPE OF PRACTICE
PGY-6 – PGY-7 – PGY-8

PGY-6

- Round on all plastic surgery inpatients every day.
- Assess progress of patients and identify real or potential problems.
- Review patients' progress with attending physicians daily and participate in management decisions.
- Coordinate care plan for each patient with other services.
- Supervise residents, interns, and medical students who are rotating on the plastic surgery service.
- Assume on-call responsibilities as required by the on-call schedule for a given time period.
- Respond to pages in a timely fashion.
- Be responsible for accurate and timely histories and physical examinations on all plastic surgery patients.
- Deliver care in the operating room to a level commensurate with their skill, training, experience, and attending surgeon wishes.
- Dictate operative notes when asked to do so by attending physician.
- Prepare and deliver didactic presentations in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Chief Resident.

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- Attend all plastic surgery conferences unless detained by emergency patient care responsibilities.

PGY-7

- Perform all duties listed for junior plastic surgery residents in any given situation, if necessary.
- Respond to consultation requests by other services in a timely manner and develop plan of care for treatment
- Develop independent surgical plans for patient care and coordinate with senior residents and attendings
- Improve upon microsurgical skills through increased involvement in microscope cases
- Manage the inpatient rounding teams and inpatient care of surgical patients, while adequately communicating with the supervising attending.

PGY-8 Chief Resident

- Perform all duties listed for junior plastic surgery residents in any given situation, if necessary.
- Supervise junior plastic surgery residents in performance of their duties.

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- Organize the conference schedule for the Division of Plastic Surgery.
- Assume increasing responsibility in the operative and perioperative care of patients, while communicating closely with the attending surgeons.
- Prepare and deliver didactic presentations for the Department of General Surgery and the Division of Plastic Surgery.
- Evaluate all patients admitted to the plastic surgery service, as well as all patients consulted upon by the plastic surgery service.
- Prepare the resident on-call schedule.

Goals and Objectives for the Plastic Surgery Residents

- Management of splints, dressings, and other techniques in wound healing.
- Application of planning and surgical performance of scar revision techniques such as Z-plasty, W-plasty, and dermabrasion.
- Treatment for patients with scar resulting from dysfunction or disfigurement.
- Surgical and pharmacological treatment of hypertrophic scars.
- Application of splints, casts, dressings, and topical agents to optimize wound healing.
- Elective incisions to achieve maximal aesthetic benefit.
- Surgical procedures for repair of tendon and nerve.

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- Treatment of fractures with casting and reduction techniques.
- Participate successfully in surgical procedures, the harvest of free tissue transfer, and microvascular and microneural junctures in the laboratory and clinical setting.
- Participation in alloplastic reconstruction: i.e., trunk, breast and facial skeleton.
- Appropriate utilization of local anesthesia.
- Knowledge of the skin technically and the elevation of skin grafts and skin flaps.
- Resection of benign and malignant skin lesions appropriately.
- Management of patients with burns on an outpatient basis.
- Minor and major injuries to the face: i.e., the facial skeleton, eyelid, ear, nose and lips.
- Simple and complex wound closures of the head and neck.
- Planning and surgical repair of nasal fractures, mandibular fractures, orbital fractures, and maxillary fractures.
- Design and execution of aesthetic operative procedures: face-lift, brow-lift, rhinoplasty, aesthetic breast surgery and suction lipectomy.
- Evaluation and closure of simple wounds of the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of upper extremity infections.
- Management of nerve injuries to the upper extremity.

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- Management of nail bed and fingertip injuries.
- Skin grafting and flap closure of defects of the upper extremity.
- Treatment of closed and open fractures of the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with nerve compression syndromes of the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with Dupuytren's in the upper extremity.
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with tendon injury (primary and secondary).
- Evaluation and treatment of patients with nerve injuries in the upper extremity.
- Aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast which includes augmentation mammoplasty, reduction mammoplasty, and breast cancer reconstruction.
- Reconstruction of traumatic and postoperative defects of the chest (thoracic surgical wound complications, abdominal wall dehiscence).
- Anatomic knowledge of lower extremity for participating in the operative design of lower extremity defects and their special requirements to include weight bearing.