

SURGERY

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The main objectives of the Department of Surgery are to relate the principles of the basic sciences to clinical practice and to impart the details of patient care in light of modern physiological and pharmacological knowledge. Emphasis is on understanding of the deranged metabolic processes occasioned by surgically treatable disease and physical trauma, the translation of these into recognizable symptoms and signs and the rational correlation of therapy with these basic disturbances. Surgery is taught as only one aspect of patient care and emphasis is placed on the relationship of the surgeon to other personnel who form part of the health care team. As part of their education, students are part of the resident care team and are assigned patients for study.

With the unusually broad spectrum of diseases treatable by surgical methods present in the Wayne State University affiliated hospitals, students have contact with oncological, vascular and gastrointestinal problems. Students obtain a wide clinical experience at Detroit Receiving and Harper University Hospitals. During their third year, they may also select to rotate to one of the other affiliated hospitals such as Henry Ford Hospital, Oakwood Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, St. John's Hospital and Medical Center, VA Administration Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital.

Students are encouraged to participate in experimental and clinical research programs with staff supervision during their senior elective periods and summer vacations. The program is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to develop career interests in surgery at an early stage in their education.

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